

Calendar

Oct. 24

- CGHS boys soccer @ Marist, 6:30 p.m. (final game)
- CGHS girls soccer vs. Marist, 6:30 p.m. (final game)

Oct. 25

- CGHS football @ Junction City, 7 p.m. (final game)
- NDHS football vs. Mapleton, 7 p.m. (final game)
- EHS football @ Yoncalla, 7 p.m. (final game)

Lions tame Falcons, playoffs in reach



Freshman Aldo Rea (23), seen here against Marshfield, scored three goals against Elmira last Tuesday.

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The Lions are so close they can practically taste the playoffs.

Cottage Grove (7-4 overall, 4-2 league) made the trip north and defeated the Elmira Falcons (2-8, 0-6) last Tues., Oct. 15 by a score of 3-1. The victory kept the Lions alone in second place in the Sky-Em league and they will secure a top-two finish with just one more win.

Elmira came out hard on defense, moving five, six and even seven players into the defensive half to prevent Cottage Grove from scoring. It worked early as the Falcons held the Lions scoreless for nearly the entire first half, scoring one themselves against a lackluster first-half defensive effort from Cottage Grove.

“There’s nothing they did that I wasn’t expecting,” Cottage Grove head

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CG boys soccer nominated for sportsmanship award

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With the season winding down - and the playoffs on the horizon - the Cottage Grove boys soccer team may have a potential cherry to put on top of an already successful year.

Head coach Vern Stewart was informed last week by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) that his team had been nominated for the OSAA’s annual Sportsmanship Award.

According to an email from the OSAA’s Associate Director Kelly Foster, the award is part of a “recognition program that gives OSAA sport officials the opportunity to highlight the positive sportsmanship that they see on the field.”

While the email says that the nomination came specifically from a “recent match ... where the varsity boys soccer program exhibited the great qualities that the OSAA looks for in teams, programs and communities,” Stewart believes his team exhibited those qualities throughout the 2019 season.

“It’s hard for me to pinpoint [what spurred the nomination] because my guys always have sportsmanship in mind,” Stewart said. “That’s one of our biggest things that we work on as a team is to make sure that simple things get done, like picking up your opponent if he gets knocked down. If somebody’s hurt, you kick the ball out.

“You do the kinds of things that go beyond the game and beyond just playing because, after all, we’re all just humans and sportsmanship is something that’s kind of lacking in the world, as far as I’m concerned.”

Before the season began, in an interview with the *Sentinel*, Lions team captain and senior defensive stalwart Fernando Soto-Cruz said his goal for the season was, win or lose, he wanted their opponents to “remember Cottage Grove.” While an extra win may have been picked up here and there throughout the season, nomination for an award like this is proof that the Lions will be remembered by more than just their opponents in 2019.

Victories, goals and championships are always desired, but no matter how this season finishes for Cottage Grove, they’ve made their community proud along the way.

“It’s not the destination, it’s the journey that counts. And I know that’s kind of cliché, but it’s true,” Stewart said.

Loss can’t dampen Homecoming spirits



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(Top) The Lions tear through the Homecoming banner as they emerge from halftime. (Bottom left) Jacob Dunn (1) has been the Lions’ most consistent player this season and they had some luck moving the ball on Friday with him at QB. (Bottom right) Grace Myler and Justin Francis are crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Oakridge run game steamrolls Elks

Warriors backs combine for over 400 yards rushing

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Elkton certainly wanted a win to cap off Homecoming week. 415 pounds worth of Oakridge running game had different ideas.

Despite a tight early first quarter, the Oakridge Warriors (3-4 overall, 1-3 league) defeated the Elkton Elks (2-4, 0-4) 60-20, earning their first league victory since 2015 behind 468 total rushing yards and six touchdowns from senior quarterback/running back Derrick Cano and junior running back Jabaar Edwards.

Oakridge jumped out to an early 20-8 lead in the first

quarter behind their bruising rushing attack, but Elkton had the ball near the goal line with a chance to pull within one score. The Elks fumbled, the Warriors recovered, and Oakridge didn’t look back for the final three frames. Turn-

overs remained a bane for Elkton throughout the game.

“We shot ourselves in the foot with turnovers,” Elks’ head coach Jeremy Lockhart said after the game. “Again, giving

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Derrick Cano (20) and Jabaar Edwards (28) were too much to handle for an Elks’ defense that was chasing them downfield all game.

Athlete of the Week



This week’s athlete of the week is Elkton’s junior tight end and defensive end Ben Bowen. Bowen had 114 receiving yards, a touchdown and led the team on defense.



Bowen hauls in a pass against Oakridge.
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ARTWORK AND WINE BENEFIT OREGON’S FISH AND WILDLIFE

ODFW’s annual fish and wildlife art show is Saturday, Nov. 2, 1 - 4 p.m. at Duck Pond Cellars, 23145 Hwy 99W, Dundee where the winery will release its new Conservation Cuvee Pinot noir.

HUNTING SEASONS ARE IN FULL SWING

And the recent cold, wet weather should improve many hunts.

General season coast buck is open and Cascade buck reopens this Saturday. The cool, wet weather should have bucks moving around more.

Cold and wet are preferred conditions for duck hunting, which is open statewide.

Goose hunters also can plan to spend a day in the field this weekend.

Upland bird seasons – pheasant, quail, forest grouse, chukar and partridge – are open across the state. The number of grouse tails and wings being deposited in westside collection barrels suggest a strong season is underway.

BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND FISHING

This week’s rain should get salmon moving and trout on the bite.

This week’s rain should get Chinook that have been holding in the north coast estuaries on the move upriver.

This week’s forecasted rain should pull Chinook out of the tidewater of the Coos and Coquille and send them on their way upriver.

Coho season is well underway on the Sandy and Clackamas rivers, and they have begun moving into the North Santiam.

Several waterbodies in the Willamette and SW zones are being stocked with trout this week.

Fall can be some of the best trout fishing of the year in the central Oregon lakes and reservoirs. The cooler temperatures have sent most of the crowds home, and put trout on the bite as they feed aggressively to prepare for winter.

Coho and fall Chinook are starting to arrive in the Umatilla in good numbers.

Steelhead are starting to move into the John Day River.