

Calendar

Dec. 5

• YHS basketball vs. Lowell, (girls @ 6 p.m., boys @ 7:30 p.m.)

Dec. 6

• CG basketball @ North Bend (girls @ 5:15 p.m., boys @ 6:45 p.m.)

• CG swimming, duel meet vs. Marshfield @ Daugherty Pool, 4 p.m.

• Elkton Tip-Off Classic (ND girls vs. Tri. Lake @ 3 p.m., ND boys vs. Tri. Lake @ 4:30 p.m., Elkton girls vs. Hos. Chris. @ 6 p.m., Elkton boys vs. Hos. Chris. @ 7:30 p.m.)

Dec. 7

• CG wrestling, Perry Burlison Classic @ Cascade H.S., 9 a.m.

• Elkton Tip-Off Classic (ND girls vs. Hos. Chris. @ 1 p.m., ND boys vs. Hos. Chris. @ 2:30 p.m., Elkton girls vs. Tri. Lake @ 4:30 p.m., Elkton boys vs. Tri. Lake @ 5:30 p.m.)

• CG boys basketball vs. NPIRE (Australia), 5:30 p.m.

• YHS basketball vs. N. Clack. Chris., (girls @ 2 p.m., boys @ 3:30 p.m.)

The culture of hazing

Community’s role in identifying and preventing the problem

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(Editor’s note: This is part two of a series taking a look at the culture, causes and possible solutions associated with hazing incidents. Our objective is to continue the important community conversation that was sparked following the recent hazing incident at Cottage Grove High School this past September and reported on in The Sentinel on Oct. 30.)

Despite decades-long efforts to combat drunk driving, date rape, hate crimes, misogyny and a laundry list of other social ills, many still continue to plague American society. How, then, can a community to contain the scourge of hazing in locker rooms?

The first step in tackling any issue, big or small, is understanding the problem and correcting pervasive misunderstandings that exacerbate and perpetuate the problem. Forty-six states have already taken initial steps in doing so over the past 40-plus years by defining what hazing is and isn’t and creating laws with clear defini-

tions and consequences. In 2019, six states - Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, New Mexico, Alaska and Hawaii - still have no anti-hazing laws on their books.

Oregon revised statute 163.197 variously defines hazing as a practice that may involve one or more of: whipping, beating, branding, striking, electronic shocking, subjecting to sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement to small or enclosed spaces and any other form of physical brutality. It also includes the practice of forced consumption of food, liquid, alcohol, controlled substances or any other substances that adversely affect the victim’s health. An amendment signed by former Governor Ted Kulongoski in 2009 added the stipulation that compliance by the victim does not absolve the perpetrators of guilt.

As evidenced by the strides made in the aforementioned social ills, the passing of laws is a tacit recognition that for morality to change, laws must not simply follow suit, but lead the way. While slavery was made illegal in the United States with Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, there was a more than 100-year buffer

period before the Voting Rights Act was passed.

“Change comes with a change in culture — what is acceptable and what is not acceptable — on a team,” says David Westol, a hazing expert for Limberlost Consulting Inc. “Those dynamics are set in place by the athletic director, the coaches and university administrators.”

Oregon, like many other states, has taken necessary steps to provide a legal definition of hazing and to criminalize the practice, but Westol and Elkton head football coach Jeremy Lockhart know that such laws are the beginning, rather than the final piece of the puzzle.

“You set the tone immediately,” said Lockhart about creating expectations for young players. “Speaking extensively with our athletic director ... that was the mindset, building a new culture for this program and this community. One that has reciprocal respect between coaches and players, opposing teams and all those factors in between.”

Lockhart also emphasizes a consistency in how the system is implemented, a con-

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An ‘I’ in ‘wrestling’, but not in ‘team’



PHOTO BY JOSHUA LEACH/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Head coach Rich Herzog (red shorts) coaches his team. Herzog and his assistants hope to break the belief of wrestling as an individual sport as they enter 2019 with a strong overall squad.

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Youth and leadership. That’s how head coach Rich Herzog and assistant coach Christina Kent described their team this year. Returning a handful of seniors from runs at the state tournament--including one from her run at a national title--this Lions wrestling team wants to

dominate the mat.

“The girls last year won a couple of tournaments,” Kent said. “I’d like to see us repeat that this year ... the team last year won the [4A] Special District [3] Championship. I’d like to see us do that again.”

Herzog has plans to grow the Lions’ representation in the state tournament, too.

“We had a couple state placers last

year, took seven to State, which is getting bigger for us,” Herzog said. “I think we’re going to be that number or a little bigger this year.”

The biggest strength for the team this year?

“Camaraderie,” Herzog said. “They’re a family team...they lay around on each other when we’re at the tournaments and

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A fresh start in Eagle country

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New head coach Lourie Hall (far right) coaches her team before the season in YHS’ newly revamped gym.

It will be a season of new beginnings for Yoncalla High School basketball.

After a \$170,000 upgrade to the gym - replacing a warped floor and installing brand new electronic bleachers - the boys’ and girls’ basketball teams will start their 2019-20 seasons with new coaches at the helm.

On the boys’ side, the Eagles have a unique - and welcome - addition to the ranks of area head coaches as Lourie Hall takes over for last season’s head coach Darwin Terry. While men coaching girls’ teams has been common since the game’s inception, women have found it much more difficult to break into the ranks of head coaches.

“I know they’ve gone through a couple different coaches the past few years,” Hall said before a team practice. “I know I’m

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Athlete of the Week



This week’s athlete of the week is CGHS junior Adelle Kent. Kent is a member of the wrestling and volleyball teams, but will miss the season after having surgery on her right ACL.



Despite her injury, Kent has stayed involved with CGHS athletics, acting as the team manager and aide for volleyball and wrestling.

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Introduction to big game hunting classes in Tualatin

Come learn the basics of big game hunting in one of four classes ODFW is offering in December in Tualatin. Each two-hour class will cover what and where to hunt, what licenses and tags you need, and how to select the right weapons and other gear.

Best bets for weekend fishing

• Crabbing in the bays has been fair to good.

• Anglers have been reporting a “lights out” rockfish bite, when ocean conditions permit.

• Anglers can still find holdover trout in waterbodies that have been stocked throughout the year.

• While colder temperatures make fish a little finicky, anglers can target native redband trout in the Crooked, Metolius, Deschutes, Blitzen, Klamath, Chewaucan and Wallawa rivers.

Check out the zone reports for specific locations in your area.

Umpqua River, Mainstem: bass, fall Chinook

Chinook fishing is winding down in the lower river, but there are often some fall Chinook caught in the

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