

Calendar

Jan. 23

• NDHS girls bball vs. Gervais @ 6:30 p.m.

Jan. 24

• CGHS bball @ Elmira (boys @ 5:45 p.m., girls @ 7:15)
• CGHS wrestling, Sky-Em Duels @ Marshfield
• CGHS swimming @ North Eugene @ 4:00 p.m.
• NDHS boys bball @ Umpqua Valley @ 7:30 p.m.
• Elkton vs. Yoncalla bball (girls @ 6 p.m., boys @ 7:30)

Jan. 25

• CGHS wrestling, Bay City Duels @ Marshfield
• NDHS bball vs. Days Creek (girls @ 6 p.m., boys @ 7:30)
• Yoncalla girls bball vs. Siletz Valley @ 6 p.m.
• Yoncalla boys bball vs. Umpqua Valley @ 730 p.m.

ODFW RECREATION REPORT

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HUNTERS HAVE JUST TWO WEEKS TO REPORT THEIR 2019 HUNTS

Hunters have until Jan. 31 to report their 2019 hunts. If you purchased a tag, reporting is mandatory even if you didn't hunt or harvest an animal. REGISTER YOUR NEW HUNTER FOR A HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS/COURSE

Hunters 17 years old and younger need to complete a hunter education course and field day before they hunt this fall. Traditional classes and field days are available now, and online courses can be taken anytime. Taking care of hunter education now will be one less thing to worry about as hunting season approaches. DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR A SPRING BEAR TAG IS FEB. 10

The controlled spring black bear season opens April 1. BEST BETS FOR FISHING *Think winter steelhead and ice fishing (not necessarily together)*

- This will be a good weekend for steelhead fishing on the north and mid coasts. Recent rains have brought more fish into the rivers. While several rivers are still running high, they are on the drop and should be fishable later this week and into the weekend.
- In the Rogue, the first winter steelhead are starting to move upriver. A few have been reported in the Galice area, and the wet weather should encourage more to move in.
- The North and South Umpqua should be dropping into shape for some steelhead fishing this weekend.
- It's getting to be prime time for winter steelhead on the Sandy, and fishing conditions for the weekend should be good.

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Lions dominate in league opener



PHOTO BY NICK SNYDER/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Lions' junior Matty Ladd battles Siuslaw senior Mia Collins for a rebound off of a missed Vikings' free throw.

Cottage Grove enters the Sky-Em season as the favorite to win the league title

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The Cottage Grove boys' basketball league opener against Siuslaw came down to the final seconds of overtime before it was decided. In the second game of the evening, it was a very different script.

In the first game of the 2020 Sky-Em girls' basketball season on Fri., Jan. 17, the Lady Lions (10-5 overall, 1-0 league) jumped out of the gates to a 17-3 first quarter lead over the visiting Siuslaw Vikings (1-14, 0-1) and never looked back. Cottage Grove eventually won the game by a final score of 63-31, completing step one of their quest to win a league basketball title.

Friday's victory came quite easily to a talented Lions roster, but for head coach Steve Eastburn the effort may need to be even better if the team wants to reach their ultimate goals.

"Solid win, but could've been better," Eastburn said. "We substituted a lot in the second

See LIONS 2B

CG falls short in OT thriller



(Left) Sophomore Carter Bascue skies up for the overtime tip-off against Siuslaw. (Top right) Senior Daetryl Berry filled in for an injured Landon Colburn. (Bottom right) Sophomore Jayden Cameron continues to impress in his second season with the Lions.

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In the world of sports, it's often difficult to feel encouraged after a loss, but that was exactly the case last Friday for the Cottage Grove boys' basketball team.

After struggling to a 4-10 record in their non-league sched-

ule, the Lions (4-11 overall, 0-1 league) were hoping to start the Sky-Em season with a bang on Fri., Jan. 17 against visiting Siuslaw (7-8, 1-0). At the end of an overtime period, Cottage Grove found themselves on the losing end, 56-54, but saw their path to improvement more clearly than at any point this season.

"The confidence in the locker room after the game was not shot. It's still there," said head coach Seth Hutchison after the game.

"They answered the challenge. Now, it's doing that for four quarters. That's been our biggest thing so far this year.

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BLM announces fee-free days for 2020

To encourage visitation and appreciation for America's public lands, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced that it will waive recreation-related visitor's fees during five 2020 Fee-Free Days. On these five days, recreation-related fees

for all visitors to agency-managed public lands across the nation will be waived.

"One of the greatest assets we have in this country is our public lands," says Deputy Director of Policy and Programs for the BLM, William Perry Pendley, exercising the

authority of the BLM Director. "With our fee-free days, we hope that Americans will get outside to enjoy these national treasures – the 245 million acres of public lands across our nation, most of which are in the West and Alaska."

The Fee-Free Days

for 2020 are: January 20 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day), February 17 (President's Day), June 13 (National Get Outdoors Day), September 26 (National Public Lands Day), and November 11 (Veterans Day).

See BLM 3B

Elk and deer winter migration underway

Sheriff's office urges motorists to use caution, be on the lookout during winter commutes

The Central Oregon Coast is experiencing its seasonal cold weather. Although the weather slows down our daily commute, we are not nearly as affected as wildlife, specifically elk and deer.

Natural food sources are lean in the upper elevations in the coast range during the winter as snow falls, covering the ground. This time of year with snow accumulation in the coast range and freezing temperatures periodically down to sea level, elk and deer may move to even lower elevations to find adequate food.

These additional movements often mean that the animals are crossing major roads both day and night which creates hazards to motorists. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office would like motorists and spectators to be mindful of the animal movements. If you see one deer cross in front of you, chances are there is another one behind.

Please take into account that the animals are often stressed due to additional migration in search of food. When spectating please keep a minimum distance of 100 yards from wildlife. If the animals begin to move from your presence, don't follow them. Oregon Revised Statute 498.006 does protect the chasing or harassing of wildlife.

For more information and tips, visit our web site at www.lincolncountysheriff.net and

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If one deer is visible from the roadway, there are probably others. Drivers should use caution.

Athlete of the Week



This week's athlete of the week is CGHS senior Zach Anlauf. One of only two seniors on the team, Anlauf brings relentless positivity and leadership to the 2020 Lions squad.



Anlauf was a big reason the Lions pushed Siuslaw to overtime on Jan. 17. He had 17 points and 16 rebounds.

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