

Calendar

Mar. 4-7

• OSAA 1A Girls' Basketball State Championships @ Baker H.S. (radio coverage found at www.osaa.org/radio-network)

Mar. 6

• OSAA 4A Girls Basketball State Championship Round of 16: #8 Cottage Grove vs. #9 Madras, 6 p.m. @ CGHS

CG Speedway changes ownership



COURTESY PHOTO

Little is expected to change despite new ownership at CG Speedway and the season is set to get underway on Sat., Mar. 21.

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In operation since 1956, the Cottage Grove Speedway will enter its 65th year of operation under new, but familiar ownership.

In early February, current speedway general manager Heather Boyce finalized a deal with previous owner Jerry Schram to take over ownership of the beloved local institution. With the future of the speedway now set and under local control, racing fans can breathe a sigh of relief that spring and summer nights in the Grove won't quiet any time soon.

"It is nice having it back with a local owner, somebody that's here," said Boyce, who Schram hired as general manager in 2013 and has leased the facility from Schram since 2016. Her existing role and familiarity with the venue played a big role in her decision to purchase it outright.

"It just made sense to have this be the next step and purchase it and kind of be able to make it my own," Boyce said.

For racing fans — and fans of any sport or team for that matter — an ownership change can often portend further changes

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BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND FISHING

• North Coast Rivers are fishable and it appears to be a good year for winter steelhead. The Rivers are low and clear now, so anglers will need to adapt their tactics to find success.

• Anglers have been catching fish every day on the Alsea, Siletz and Siuslaw. Water conditions are low, but fishable, and should remain so the rest of this week and into the weekend.

• Anglers have been catching lingcod while fishing along the jetty in Coos Bay.

• Excess hatchery steelhead from the Eel Lake fish trap have been planted in Butterfield and Saunders lakes.

• Anglers willing to hike in below Graves Creek on the middle Rogue report that there are fish holding in the Canyon. Boat and bankies are picking up winter steelhead in the Galice Area more regularly.

• With dry weather in the forecast, fishing conditions on Quartzville Creek should be much improved by the weekend.

• It's a busy week for trout stocking in the mid and southern Willamette Valley, with the following waterbodies on the schedule: Junction City Pond, Walling Pond, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Dexter Reservoir, Cottage Grove Pond, St. Louis Ponds, Walter Wirth Lake and Alton Baker Canoe Canal.

• Anglers from the south coast reported good catches of lingcod several days last week. Limits of rockfish were caught as well.

• Central coast crabbing has been fair to moderate with weeks of improved weather and lower rainfall.

COTTAGE GROVE POND (ROW RIVER NATURE PARK POND): trout, warmwater species

Will be stocked again this week with 2,000 legal-size rainbow trout.

DEXTER RESERVOIR: trout

Will be stocked this week with 2,000 large, 1 pound, rainbow trout.

Dexter Reservoir near Lowell is visible from Hwy. 58. Boat and bank access is available from state and county parks. Parking and bank access are also available from the causeway near Lowell. Large-mouth bass and some smallmouth are also available to anglers in this reservoir.

DORENA RESERVOIR: trout, warmwater

Was last stocked the week of Feb. 3 with 2,540 trophy-size rainbow trout.

Warriors are Baker-bound



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(Clockwise from top left) Warriors players celebrate earning their trip to Baker after the final whistle last Friday; NDHS senior Nicki Derrick led the way with 11 points for the Warriors; the team leads their fans in a singing of their fight song after the victory.



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When asked about their goals before the start of the 2019-20 season, it was a uniform refrain from the members of the North Douglas girls' basketball team: "Get to Baker."

On Friday, Feb. 28 that goal became reality when the sixth-ranked Warriors (11-0 league,

23-3 overall) took down visiting 14th-ranked Powder Valley (9-2, 15-11) by a final score of 34-23 in the first round of the OSAA 1A state playoffs.

With the win, North Douglas punched their ticket to the state quarterfinals, to be held this weekend in Baker, Ore., where they will play third-ranked Perrydale in a rematch from an earlier game this season. While

the Pirates won that game 44-40, Warriors' head coach Jody Cyr is looking forward to the prospect of getting another shot at one of the top teams in the state.

"I'm super excited about that," Cyr said. "I've talked to their coach a lot this year and developed a pretty good relationship with him and it's kinda what we both wanted ... but we

shall see."

Before round two against Perrydale was set, however, the Warriors first needed to get through a sizable obstacle in Powder Valley, the runners-up in last year's state championship game.

The Badgers boast a roster of five players over 5 feet 10

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CGHS' Herzog wins title, Dunn second at state championships

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Between both boys and girls, the Cottage Grove High School (CGHS) wrestling team qualified seven wrestlers for last weekend's OSAA State Championships. At the end of two days of competition, two Lions were still standing and took their place on the podium.

The tournament was held last Friday and Saturday, Feb. 28-29 at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland and the Lions' performance was highlighted by a second consecutive state title for junior Raina Her-

zog in the 235-pound division and a second place finish for senior Justin Dunn in the boys' 152-pound class.

OSAA didn't hold a girls' state championship tournament until the 2018-19 season, but two years in and, at 235 pounds, Oregon has seen only one champion: Herzog.

Last year in a four-wrestler bracket, she only needed to win two matches on her way to the title, but evidencing the growth of the sport, Herzog needed three wins this year as the girls' bracket for each weight class grew to eight.

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With the same result as regionals, Raina Herzog (middle) defeated Elkton's Tayla Swearingen (left) in the 235-pound state title match.

Athlete of the Week



This week's athlete of the week is North Douglas senior guard Sofia Alcantar who helped lead her team to the state quarterfinals over the weekend.



Alcantar (white) almost single-handedly disrupted Powder Valley's gameplan with her defensive intensity in the second half of their playoff matchup.

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