

## Calendar

**Mar. 12**

• CGHS girls basketball: OSAA state quarterfinal, #8-seed Cottage Grove vs. #1-seed Philomath, 1:30 p.m., @ Forest Grove High School

## ODFW REGIONAL RECREATION REPORT

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### REGISTER NOW FOR APRIL TURKEY HUNTING CLINICS

There are clinics for both youth and adults. At all of them, participants will learn about scouting, calling and camouflage, and get some hands-on coaching in archery and shotgun skills. These popular clinics fill fast, so register soon.

- Youth Turkey Hunting Clinics, April 4 at White River Wildlife Area near Tygh Valley and at Denman Wildlife Area at Central Point.
- Adult Turkey Hunting Clinics, April 10 and 11 (sign up for one) at EE Wilson Wildlife Area near Monmouth.

Learn more and register at <https://myodfw.com/workshops-and-events>.

### APPLY FOR YOUR 2020 BIG GAME HUNT

Every year you say you're going to apply early to avoid the last minute rush. Time to make it happen, though technically you have until May 15. There are several ways to apply.

### ADD A PREMIUM HUNT APPLICATION TO YOUR SHOPPING CART

You could draw an additional deer, elk or pronghorn tag. Premium Hunts are your chance to draw a second tag in addition to your controlled or general season tag. Application deadline is May 15, but you don't have to wait 'til then to apply. Learn more at <https://myodfw.com/articles/premium-big-game-hunts>.

### BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND FISHING

- March can be a great month for trout fishing in the Holy Water, the stretch of the upper Rogue between the hatchery and the Lost Creek Lake spillway.
- Anglers continue to catch some steelhead in the mainstem Umpqua, in spite of unseasonably low water levels.
- Kokanee anglers have reported some early season activity deep in Green Peter Reservoir.
- The Deschutes, Crooked, Fall and Metolius rivers have good spring fishing for native redband trout.
- Several waterbodies are scheduled to be stocked this week, including: Plat I Reservoir, Johnsons Mill Pond, Eel Lake, Bradley Lake, Ben Irving Reservoir, Loon Lake, Saunders Lake, Cooper Creek Reservoir, Expo Pond, Reinhart Park Pond, Galesville Reservoir and Powers Pond.

**COTTAGE GROVE RESERVOIR:** trout, warmwater species  
 Was last stocked the week of Feb. 24 with 4,500 large, 1 pound rainbow trout.

Cottage Grove Reservoir is south of Cottage Grove and is open to fishing all year. Lakeside boat ramp is now open.  
**DEXTER RESERVOIR:** trout  
 Was last stocked the week of Feb. 24 with 2,000 large, 1 pound rainbow trout.

**DORENA RESERVOIR:** trout, warmwater  
 Will be stocked again this week with 1,500 trophy-size rainbow trout.

## Ladd wins Sky-Em player of the year



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**Matty Ladd, seen here shooting free throws in the Lions' playoff matchup with Madras, was a force in the paint on both sides of the ball this season.**

*Eight Lions boys and girls make it on to 2019-20 All-League lists*

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On top of earning a coveted spot in the final eight of the state tournament, the Sky-Em girls basketball all-league lists were unsurprisingly littered with Lions.

At the end of every regular season, league coaches vote on end-of-year honors. Last week, they released the final tally for the 2019-20 Sky-Em season and the league champions were rewarded by having every one of their five starters named to an all-

league team.

Junior Matty Ladd, sophomore Gracie Arnold and senior Ema Gardner — Cottage Grove's three imposing six-footers — took three of the five places on the first-team list with Ladd also being named the league player of the year.

"I think it was well-deserved and the coaches in the league believe that, too," said head coach Steve Eastburn of his star junior.

"She's a real defensive presence for us with her size and a rebounding force. She just takes care of a lot of stuff for us."

Ladd built on her resume she began last year when she also earned

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## CG prevails, makes it to final eight



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(Clockwise from top left) The team celebrates making it to the state quarterfinals after the sound of the final buzzer; Senior Ema Gardner (right) hugs junior teammate Alexia Riggs after the team achieved a major goal for the 2019-20 season; Cottage Grove was able to use their height and length advantage to take down a feisty, but undersized Madras team.

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For the first time since their 2010 state championship run, the Cottage Grove Lions girls' basketball team is headed back to the state quarterfinals.

On Friday, Mar. 6 the eighth-ranked Lions (19-6 overall, 9-1 league) took on visiting ninth-ranked Madras (15-9, 7-3) in the OSAA 4A round of 16, winning the matchup 60-43, despite a third quarter scare, and cementing their place in a Mar. 12 quarter-

final matchup with top-ranked Philomath (24-1, 12-0).

For the upperclassmen on the team, a return trip to the state championship for the first time in a decade was a longstanding goal. Though the path forward is a difficult one, there was a palpable excitement in the Cottage Grove gym after the girls made one of their primary goals a reality.

"It's been our goal since freshman year," said senior Megan Schatz. "We had many opportunities our sophomore and junior

years, but now we have the team to do it and we're actually going this time so it feels good."

The Lions size advantage — centered around post players Matty Ladd, Gracie Arnold and Ema Gardner — was immediately apparent and their dominance in the post helped Cottage Grove jump out to a 27-17 halftime lead. After two quarters, it looked like the game was more or less in the bag.

The White Buffaloes, however, would

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## NDHS girls bounced in 1A quarterfinals

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After a narrow loss in their first meeting of the season, the sixth-ranked North Douglas girls' basketball team was looking forward to a rematch with third-ranked Perrydale in the 1A state quarterfinals. 32 minutes of basketball later, the Pirates had made it abundantly clear who the better overall

team was.

The Warriors (24-5 overall, 11-0 league) made the long trek to Baker, Ore. last Wed., Mar. 4 as one of the final eight teams remaining in the OSAA 1A classification. Perrydale — who defeated North Douglas 44-40 in their Jan. 10 matchup in Drain — proved too much for the Warriors to handle in a convincing 51-34 victory.

The Warriors were eliminated from championship contention and consequently lost to eighth-ranked Mohawk (24-6, 14-0) in double overtime in the consolation semifinals. Perrydale went on to lose to St. Paul in the semifinals before defeating Joseph 56-39 in the third-place game.

"The bottom line is we were scared," said North Douglas

head coach Jody Cyr. "I don't exactly know why, but we played scared. It was just an ugly, ugly basketball game."

That ugliness mostly came in the form of turnovers as Perrydale pressed the Warriors and forced 20 turnovers in the first half and a whopping 36 throughout the entire game. Despite an inability to consis-

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## Athlete of the Week



*This week's athlete of the week is North Douglas senior Nicki Derrick who helped lead the Warriors to the state quarterfinals in Baker, Ore.*



Derrick averaged 17 points per game in the Warriors' two tournament games and was subsequently named to the all-tournament second team.

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