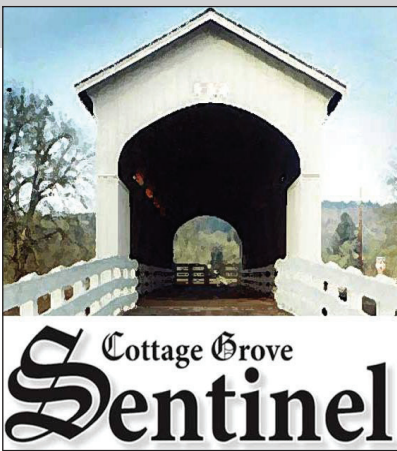




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BEST BETS FOR WEEKEND FISHING

- Coast cutthroat trout can be found in almost all rivers and streams along the coast. The Trask River historically has had the best numbers of fish. The Kilchis has the best bank access.
- Summer steelhead are available in the Nestucca and Wilson rivers.
- Bass fishing has been good just about anywhere in the Umpqua Basin recently. Anglers should consider places like Ford's Pond and Cooper Creek Reservoir.
- Bass fishing at Lost Creek Lake also can be very good this time of year.
- Places like Henry Hagg Lake, Detroit Reservoir and Foster Lake continue to boast good trout fishing because they have deeper, cooler waters for trout to retreat to during the warmer parts of the day.
- This is a great time of year to fish the high elevation, hike-in lakes. The fishing stays good throughout the summer.
- Anglers have been enjoying some very good trout fishing on several eastside lakes and reservoirs, including Yellowjacket, Delintment, Malheur, Anthony, Balm Creek and Fourmile.
- If ocean conditions permit, the ocean salmon season is open along much of the coast.

WEEKEND WATCHING OPPORTUNITIES

- Burrowing owls near Agate Lake in Jackson County.
- Sandhill cranes and their colts at the Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area.
- Mountain goats in the Strawberry Mountains, just above Little Strawberry Lake.
- Short-eared owls near Ladd Marsh.
- Mourning doves throughout the Rogue Valley.

TAKE A HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

Upcoming hunter education field days and traditional classes have resumed and are now being posted. For a list of upcoming classes visit <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunter-education-classes-field-days>.

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SLSD releases tentative fall plan

In an email to district families and staff last week, South Lane School District (SLSD) began outlining its education plans for Fall 2020 as they relate to the threat of COVID-19.

“We are very eager to have our students back with us in the fall,” Superintendent Yvonne Curtis wrote in the email.

“We know that students have missed out on valuable instruction due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have already begun comprehensive planning to be prepared when students return to school. We have created work teams with over 50 of our staff members to carefully plan how we will welcome back students in a manner that is safe, but that also provides quality instruction and learning opportunities.”

SLSD has formed three distinct work teams and they are as follows:

- Hygiene and Organization: This team will

focus on procedures, protocols, and conditions in each building and on buses to keep children and staff safe. This team is already working closely with county health officials.

- Social Emotional Needs: This team will focus on student wellness, and preparing students to meet the expectations of learning in the fall.

- Content and Delivery: This team will focus on teaching and learning, whether it is person, or distance learning.

In addition to these work teams, SLSD will also seek input from community leaders, community members, parents and students.

Throughout the summer, SLSD plans to periodically provide updates on the work of these 3 teams, and what the fall will look like for students, families and staff.

The Oregon Department of Education has

provided a guidance document to inform this first round of planning. They will provide an update every three weeks, which may require school districts to change their plans as they continue to study and learn about the impact of the coronavirus.

Fall 2020 Work Team Progress

Hygiene and Organization: This team is currently creating district-wide standards for health-related protocols that include social distancing, entry screening and procedures, face coverings, communication, and illness response. They are also preparing facilities to be safe for students and staff by setting standards for sanitization in all areas of a school (including playgrounds), setting safe capacity

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Celebrating the Fourth



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Many Cottage Grove residents celebrated the evening of July 4 (above, top right and bottom right) this year from their front lawns, using residential streets as staging grounds for their stockpiles of store-bought fireworks. Block by block, families gathered outside to enjoy their neighbors’ displays in a series of citywide celebrations.

Meanwhile, Yoncalla (top left) went ahead with its annual Independence Day firework display, provided by nonprofit North Douglas Betterment. In keeping with social distancing guidelines, onlookers were asked to stay in their vehicles at designated parking areas as the display launched higher and wider than previous years, enabling residents to enjoy the show from their homes. “This year, more than ever, we felt it was important to celebrate our community spirit, our freedoms, and our country,” stated North Douglas Betterment Director of Development Jennifer Bragg.



Lions hire new football head

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With whispers swirling around the community for the past few weeks, Cottage Grove High School (CGHS) has now officially announced the hiring of a new head football coach.

“I’ve known for a couple of weeks,” said CGHS athletic director Matt Myers. “But I’ve just kind of been waiting to make sure that it was totally [done].”

After a lackluster year which saw the Lions go winless under first-year head coach Chad Smith, the Lions now put their hopes in the hands of Joe Polamalu who comes to Cottage Grove after six seasons as head coach of the Sandy Pioneers.

Notably, Polamalu brings

with him an illustrious family pedigree in the game of football. Coming out of Winston, Ore. Polamalu’s cousin is Troy Polamalu, retired eight-time pro bowler for the Pittsburgh Steelers, 2010 NFL Defensive Player of the Year, 2020 NFL Hall of Fame inductee, and an alumnus of Douglas High School and the University of Southern California.

But the football connections between the cousins are far from superficial as Joe Polamalu was a stand-out athlete himself – playing linebacker for the Oregon State Beavers from 1987-88 – and arrives in Cottage Grove with 12 years of head coaching experience at the high school level.

“We got somebody with

a lot of experience,” Myers said about the hire, and the experience doesn’t stop at football. Polamalu also has 18 years under his belt as a school counselor and will take over the position at Lincoln Middle School.

“He knows the drill. He’s dialed in. He’s a great hire and he was the one we were holding out for and really hoping for the last couple months and it worked out. We’re really happy.”

Polamalu most recently spent six seasons at Sandy High School (2013-2019) compiling a 29-30 overall record, though with the removal of one glaring down year – when the Pioneers went winless in 2015 – the record improves to 29-21

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