

# Leaps and Bounds

**Note:** Game times and dates are subject to change

## April 29

- ND/Yonc baseball at Sutherlin JV 4:30 pm
- Elkton track & field at Rogue River 4 pm
- Yonc. track & field at Rogue River 4 pm

## April 30

- CG baseball at Siuslaw 3/5 pm
- CG Softball at Siuslaw 3/5 pm
- Elkton baseball hosts Oakland 2 and 4:30 pm
- Elkton softball hosts Oakland 2 and 4:30 pm
- N. Doug. softball hosts Days Creek Noon and 2 pm
- Yoncalla softball at Monroe 2 and 4:30 pm
- CG Track & Field at Siuslaw Showcase 4 pm

## May 1

- ND/Yonc baseball at North Bend JV 1 and 3 pm
- N. Doug. softball hosts Bonanza Noon and 2 pm
- Elkton softball hosts Monroe 4:30 pm

## May 4

- CG Baseball at Marist 5 pm
- CG Softball at Marist 5 pm
- Elkton baseball hosts Glendale 4:30 pm
- ND/Yonc baseball at Ump. V. Chr. JV 4:30 pm
- N. Doug. softball hosts Lowell Noon and 2 pm
- Yoncalla softball hosts Days Creek 4:30 pm



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**T**he Yoncalla track and field team was on the road at Mapleton High School April 21, where the Eagles' boys team won in team scoring with 109 points, followed by Triangle Lake (89), Mapleton (60), Crow (52) and Mohawk (34). In the girls' division, Yoncalla placed second with 74 points. Triangle Lake won the team title (127). Mapleton was third (67), followed by Crow (32), Siletz Valley (26) and Mohawk (22).

## Cottage Grove sinks Pirates, unable to land Falcons

BY JON STINNETT  
 FOR THE SENTINEL

Sometimes progress happens in fits and starts, and it doesn't always show up on the scoreboard. Despite a tough afternoon for the Lion baseball team on Tuesday, Manager James Berry still found a lot to like about Cottage Grove's improvement thus far in this short season.

The Elmira Falcons came to

town, and while the final score showed a lopsided loss for the Lions, Cottage Grove was able to load the bases in the final two frames, threatening to make it a much closer ball game.

"In general, I like the direction we're headed," Berry said after the game, highlighting a gutsy pitching effort by junior Logan Lowrey and the fact that the Lions showed life on offense.

Lowrey pitched well early,

walking none and notching two strikeouts in the first. Elmira plated two runs in the second, three in the third and two more in the fourth.

Cottage Grove got its offense going in the bottom of the fourth as Christian Spear hit a hard grounder up the middle. The throw from the Elmira shortstop pulled their first baseman off the bag, allowing Spear to wind up at second. He'd later score on a field-

er's choice on a ball hit by freshman Deegan Hutchins.

Elmira responded with two runs in the top of the fifth to lead 9-1, but the Lions didn't give up. Freshman Peyton Glenn stroked a single to right-center field. Glenn later scored after a dropped third strike allowed Carter Parsons to reach base. Two errors by Elmira helped the Lions load the bases,

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## Lady Lions bring out big bats against Pirates

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Midway through this six-week season, the Lions know what they've got to offer on the softball field and what they need to do to be competitive in the Sky-Em League. On Tuesday afternoon, they did almost enough to fend off the visiting Elmira Falcons.

Elmira jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, but the Lions answered with two runs of their own in the bottom of the frame. Cottage Grove blanked the Falcons in the second inning, and senior Kiley Woodard smacked a single to start a Lion rally in the

bottom of the second. Next, Olivia Joseph reached on an error. Woodard later scored on an RBI sacrifice by Emma Hitt to put the Lions up 3-1.

Cottage Grove stretched its lead to 4-1 on a moonshot homerun to left field by Kayla Challburg. A pair of overthrows to first base by the Lions kept an Elmira rally alive in the fifth, however, and the Falcons scored 5 runs in that inning to take a four-run lead. The Lions rallied to tie the score in the top of the sixth, but Elmira plated two more runs to win, 8-6.

Senior Kailey Cox pitched an admirable complete game for the Lions. Despite three errors on

the afternoon, Coach Danielle Challburg said that she and her partner, Coach Kris Challburg, let the Lions know that they'd played their best softball to date against Elmira.

"We're just trying to compete, and we're peaking at the right time," Challburg said. She said that the Lions will focus on taking care of the ball going forward, knowing that the hits will come — Cottage Grove had scored 30 runs in its three games prior to Tuesday night.

"We know what our players are doing; now we just need to refine it," she said. "We're focusing in because we've got Marist coming

up, and we know what we've got to do."

The Lions had traveled to the coast for a wild doubleheader against the Marshfield Pirates on Friday. The first game found Cottage Grove rattling off 14 straight runs to win, 19-14. The second game, though, featured developments that Challburg called a "debacle" that certainly rubbed the Lions the wrong way.

Leading the game in the second inning, Challburg said Cottage Grove was informed by the umpire that the game would be called in the fifth inning due to

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## Athlete of the Week

*This week's athlete of the week is Jayce Clevenger of the Elkton baseball team, who helped lead the Elks to victory on the road at Creswell*



Elks senior pitcher Jayce Clevenger pitched 4 1/3 innings, striking out seven Bulldogs last week in a 18-10 win at Creswell.