

CHAMPION *from B1*

one to seize control from Chad Groves. The Coburg native of Williamson had to deal with several restarts and challenges. Still, despite the pressure, he kept his cool and went on to score his first 2021 win at Cottage Grove and in KMJ Performance Oregon State competition as well as Shaw Race Cars Western Region action. His last win was on September 6th, 2020, at CGS.

Klamath Falls' Nick Trenchard, in the Rich and Nicky Biehn owned machine, was a close second over third finishing Jake Mayden of Springfield. The rest of the top five would be made up of fourth place Chad Groves and Springfield pilot Steven Sturdevant in fifth. Williamson and Trenchard would tie for the most points accumulated; however, the tiebreaker went to Williamson due to having a better finish of one position in the

feature.

In the Royalty Core IMCA Northern Sport Mods main event, Jason Ferguson was the car to beat for most of the race.

Originally from Meridian, California, but now calling nearby Yuba City home, Ferguson was at the front until lap seventeen. Unfortunately for Ferguson, that is the circuit in which Daniel Ray took over at the reigns.

The Springfield driver remained there until lap twenty in which Dustin Comer got around him. Comer, also out of Springfield, briefly lost the lead on lap twenty-five to Jorddon Braaten, only to regain it the next trip around the flag stand.

Dustin Comer remained the frontrunner the balance of the distance to score his third Cottage Grove Speedway and KMJ Performance Oregon State win. The last time he visited victory lane was on May 29th.

Central Point chauffeur Braaten was second, with the third spot going to Daniel Ray. Atwater, California traveler Chase Thomas placed fourth while Matt Sanders, from Brookings, ended his fifth.

Braaten would win his second career, but first, since 2018, Freedom Cup title by a healthy fourteen markers over Matt Sanders. Veneta veteran Kevin Ropchan won the lone consolation feature earlier in the program.

Cottage Grove Speedway's next quarter-mile clay oval race will be Saturday, July 10.

It is billed as Ladies Night, so all ladies 18 years or older get into the races for free.

Six classes will inhabit the pit area included the Todd's Auto Body Sprint Cars, IMCA Modifieds, Late Models, Royalty Core IMCA Northern Sport Mods, Street Stocks, and IMCA Sport Compacts.

For more information, check out the track website or Facebook page.

KICK OFF *from B1*

son at CGS. Lemon was a respectable second followed by Kyle Alberding, from Roseburg, in third. Medford's Dave Hibbard placed fourth over fifth finishing Junction City veteran Shane Forte.

The IMCA Modified main event saw an equally exciting race. Chad Groves paced the field in the early goings.

However, from Bend, Groves would bicycle hard after a lap two restart with his left side of his race car lifting into the air and then slamming down into the ground.

Under the next caution, Groves would come to a halt and would report to the pit area. Medford's Mark Wauge would be the new frontrunner.

Despite several cautions, Mark Wauge successfully navigated the quarter-mile clay oval. But, in the closing laps, he would be caught by Nick Trenchard, of Klamath Falls. Trenchard seized the coveted top place posi-

tion on lap twenty-two.

Seventeenth starting Trenchard scored the feature win for his first win of the season at Cottage Grove, in the KMJ Performance Oregon State, and in the Shaw Race Cars Western Region. It is his first win since July 4, 2020, at Diamond Mountain Speedway in Susanville, California.

Mark Wauge was a strong second, followed by Coburg's Jesse Williamson, in third. The balance of the top five consisted of Jake Mayden from Springfield and Coquille traveler Ryan Baker in fourth and fifth.

Trenchard also was victorious earlier in consolation feature after starting dead last in that event.

For the Royalty Core IMCA Northern Sport Mods, it was utter domination courtesy of Matt Sanders. Before that, however, Prescott Valley, Arizona's Timothy Allerdings, took control of first place on the drop of the initial green flag.

Allerdings was to be overtaken on the third cir-

cuit by Kevin Williamson.

Williamson, from Coburg, remained at the helm until lap nine when Sanders obtained the point. From there on out, the Brookings-based chauffeur was practically untouchable the rest of the distance to win his first race of the season at Cottage Grove Speedway and in KMJ Performance Oregon State competition.

However, Sanders has scored three other victories in the Speedway Motors IMCA Weekly program. His most recent triumph is at Yreka, California's Siskiyou Golden Speedway on May 30th at the Billy Geyer Memorial.

Central Point's Jorddon Braaten ended his evening in second, followed by third-place finisher Timothy Allerdings.

Kevin Williamson was credited with fourth with fifth going to Atwater, California traveler Chase Thomas. Two consolation features were run with victories going to Yuba City, California's Jason Ferguson and Braaten.

FISHING *from B1*

in portions of the Umpqua and North Umpqua Rivers, to allow fish to gather in these cooler areas without angling pressure.

Other targeted angling closures in portions of the Rogue and Illinois Rivers to allow for salmon and steelhead facing tough conditions to migrate without angling pressure.

Hyatt and Howard Prairie Reservoirs in SW Zone are lifting all bag limits on all species due to extremely low water conditions that are becoming unsuitable for fish.

"There is a tough summer and early fall ahead for fish, and we want to take steps to help them survive," said Shaun Clements, ODFW deputy administrator for inland fisheries. "We appreciate anglers following the regulations and being flexible with their plans to help fish this year."

This doesn't mean that all fishing has to stop," continued Clements. "Except for the Nehalem River, fishing will remain open the morning and early afternoon hours when water temperatures are cooler for fish

and people. There are many great fishing opportunities in high lakes, for warmwater fish like, bass, walleye, or crappie, and in lakes and reservoirs stocked with hatchery rainbow trout — though stocking plans may change due to the drought so remember to check the Recreation Report not the online schedule for the latest information."

Anglers are reminded to use best practices when fishing in areas that may require release of the fish:

Use appropriate gear and land fish quickly. The longer the fight, the less likely the fish will survive.

Avoid removing the fish from the water.

If taking a photo, cradle the fish at water level and quickly take the picture.

Remove hooks quickly and gently while keeping the fish under water.

Use long-nosed pliers or hemostats to back out a hook.

If a fish is hooked deeply, cut the line near the hook.

Revive fish (point them into slow current or move them back and forth until gills are working).

When possible, let the fish swim out of your hands.

TRAIL *from B1*

trails like Bohemia Park and Row River Park in close proximity, it's apparent that the goal is to create an interconnected web of trails to get around the Cottage Grove area more efficiently.

"Ultimately the trail could eventually extend from Cleveland Street to Bohemia Park connecting

with the trails in the park and TrailHead Park connecting to the Row River Trail," Stewart said. "Eventually city residents living in the southern portion of town could get on the trail and safely travel to the center of town."

The Coast Fork trail is scheduled to be completed by late summer with a total length of just over a mile.



Local Journalism Sustainability Act

117th Congress

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick & Rep. Dan Newhouse

America's Newspapers supports the passage of the Local Journalism Sustainability Act.

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act is a bipartisan bill that provides a pathway to financial viability for local newspapers, be them in print or online, through a series of three tax credits. Such publications were already facing financial hardships prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, which have only worsened over the last year.

Local Newspaper Subscription Credit

This credit will grow publications' subscription bases by incentivizing Americans to subscribe to local newspapers.

- Five-year credit of up to \$250 annually.
- Credit covers 80% of subscription costs in first year and 50% in subsequent four years.
 - o To receive full \$250 credit, a subscriber would have to spend at least \$312.50 in the first year, and \$500 each of the following four years.
- Credit can be used with non-profit publications if the publication is the non-profit's primary activity.

Local Newspaper Journalist Compensation Credit

This credit will provide publications the ability to hire more dedicated local news journalists to improve their newsroom coverage.

- Five-year credit of up to \$25,000 in first year and up to \$15,000 in subsequent four years.
- Credit covers 50% of compensation up to \$50,000 in first year, and 30% of compensation up to \$50,000 in subsequent four years.
- Journalist must meet a minimum of 100 hours of work per quarter to qualify as an eligible employee.

Local Newspaper and Local Media Advertising Credit

This credit will provide small business financial flexibility to spend on advertising in local newspapers and media.

- Five-year credit of up to \$5,000 in first year and up to \$2,500 in subsequent four years.
- Credit covers 80% of advertising costs in first year and 50% in subsequent four years.
 - o To receive full \$5,000 in first year and \$2,500 in subsequent four years, a small business would have spent at least \$6,250 and \$5,000 respectively.
- To increase flexibility, small businesses may utilize this credit to advertise with local television and radio stations, in addition to local newspapers.

Definition of Local Newspaper

For the purposes of this bill, local newspaper is defined as a print or digital publication if:

- The primary content of such publication is original content derived from primary sources and relating to news and current events.
- Such publication primarily serves the needs of a regional or local community.
- The publisher of such publication employs at least one local news journalist who resides in such regional or local community.
- The publisher of such publication employs not greater than 750 employees.

Definition of Local News Journalist

For the purposes of this bill, local news journalist is defined as an individual employed by a local newspaper who:

- Regularly gathers, collects, photographs, records, writes, or reports news or information that concerns local events or other matters of local public interest.

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