



SOPHIA EDELBLUTE/COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Children practiced their cheerleading routines in Coiner Park earlier this week as SVA launched its summer camps.

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the city, as sports were finally on the horizon.

Now, with the mask mandate lifted and cases dwindling by the week, SVA is back with their yearly summer camps.

July 10 marked the long-awaited return to these summer programs, as a volleyball camp was held at Riverside Church. The second session of volleyball camp is expected to be held on July 24 from 9 - 11 a.m. at the same location.

From July 12 to July 16, SVA put on a second program for their kids — a cheerleading camp. The camp is being held at Coiner Park, and the kids are slated to walk in the Bohemia Mining Days Grand Miners Parade on July 17.

A basketball camp is also in the works with the dates and locations still unknown.

“Having these summer camps available and just being able to see the smiles on these kids’ faces and the fun that they’re having and the

joy that it brings to them to keep them healthy is just awesome to see,” Epperson said.

While the pandemic forced many businesses and programs to re-strategize, SVA did little to no change on their summer camps. The strategy could be considered risky, but it’s paid off so far solely based on the feedback they’ve received.

“I don’t think there was a lot of change that we did this year based on what happened last year,” Epperson said. “We might’ve adjusted the cost a little bit just based on turnout, but we’ve had some positive responses from parents so far.”

Perhaps it’s this original flair that has allowed for a plethora of interest for these programs. In just a few weeks of camps, SVA has seen nothing but constant sign-ups and smooth sessions, foreshadowing a summer to remember in Cottage Grove.

In addition to these youth camps, SVA also offers weekly adult soccer

scrimmages. Games are held every Friday at 6 and 7 p.m., but on Aug. 6, games will be starting at 4 p.m. All scrimmages are held at Cottage Grove High School, and anyone over the age of 15 is welcome.

Between the camps, and weekly adult soccer league, it’s evident that SVA has re-created a happy and healthy lifestyle amongst its participants after a year-long hiatus.

Still, SVA is always in search of help with their camps and with their organization in general.

“We are looking for help with setting up and taking down our programs or even if anyone is interested in joining the board,” Epperson said. “Now is a great time to join. We have a nice central location reopening at the library and the city has been giving us lots of help as well. To register for anything, you can either go on our site or familyid.com.”

Go online to www.southvalleyathletics.org for more information.

LADIES from B1

the runner-up while third at the line being Randy Barley, from Albany. Rob Campos ended his evening in fourth over Eugene’s Chuck Christian, who got fifth.

K.C. Scott took control of the Royalty Core IMCA Northern Sport Mods field at the drop of the first green flag. Scott, of Springfield, remained the pacesetter until lap five. After that, Roseburg’s Jordan Henry was the new driver to pace the competition.

Henry would experience several slowdowns due to cautions, which put him under a massive amount of pressure to keep his lead on the restarts.

Five total stoppages occurred in the first 13 trips around the track. Despite the yellows, Jordan Henry kept his composure and kept blazing the trail even though he briefly lost the lead on one occasion but was rescued by a stoppage.

Jordan Henry held on to win his first career feature victory at Cottage Grove Speedway and in KMJ Performance Oregon State action. Henry is the seventh winner in 13 events at “The Grove” in 2021.

Dustin Comer of Springfield and Creswell’s Ray Bloom were second and third. Prescott Valley,

Arizona pilot Timothy Allarding posted a fourth-place result while Springfield’s Daniel Ray wrapped up the top five in fifth.

For the Street Stocks, Dexter-based driver Taunton Swaim led the opening legs. However, Graig Osborne overtook Swaim on the eighth circuit and didn’t look back once he obtained the position. Osborne, of Creswell, dominated the rest of the distance to win his fifth Street Stock win at Cottage Grove this season.

Taunton Swaim held on to second, with third being credited to Troy Chamberlain from Junction City. Keizer’s Anthony Prather and Mike Swaim, from Dexter, were the balance of the top five finishers in fourth and fifth.

Lastly, the IMCA Sport Compacts had a thriller of a race. Cottage Grove’s Kerry Cooper took the reigns on in the first few laps of the feature. Andrew Langan maneuvered his way around Cooper by lap five. However, by the time lap traffic came around Langan, of Jasper and in the Randy Kuhl entry, tried to get by the slower cars but was in the process of getting passed by Bradley Martin.

Martin, from Dexter, shot the gap to get by

Langan, but the two cars briefly got together, resulting in Martin getting upside down. On the restart, Langan could not continue for much longer as he was down power due to damage sustained from the earlier incident. Roseburg’s Ryan Dickenson obtained first place by the completion of the 14th circuit.

Dickenson conquered the field for the first time in Cottage Grove competition in 2021 and KMJ Performance Oregon State action. The IMCA Sport Compacts have had 10 races with five different victors. Opie Donaldson, from Dexter, wound up second, with third going to Kerry Cooper. Rex Eckley, also from Dexter, and Cottage Grove’s Tiffany Towns put in fourth and fifth place efforts.

Cottage Grove Speedway returns to racing on Friday, July 16, and Saturday, July 17, for the final two rounds of the 2021 Speedweek Northwest for 360 Sprints.

Support divisions on Friday are IMCA Modifieds and IMCA Sport Compacts, while Saturday is IMCA Modifieds and Street Stocks.

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