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Crowd gives new energy to the Prefontaine Classic

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“The Prefontaine Classic is to track as the Masters is to golf.”

This was an insight shared by one of the hosts of the first and only press conference on Friday ahead of the first return of the Prefontaine Classic to Eugene in three years. If last weekend’s turnout was any indication, this insight rings true.

The newly renovated Hayward Field welcomed the biggest crowd since its new opening. It was the first meet after the Tokyo Olympics and had a plethora of star-studded athletes making their return to the Diamond League circuit post the Olympics.

Along with the return of Sha’Carri Richardson to the women’s 100m race after being left off the USA Olympic roster, Noah Lyles returned in the men’s 200m looking to bounce back after a tough Olympics.

Men’s Shotput

The most dominant man in shotput right now, Ryan Crouser, kept rolling on Saturday.

“I felt really good coming out here today and it’s always a challenge coming off a major championship. Like we just had Tokyo to travel and take a big sigh of relief then to refocus in,” said Crouser. “So, I was really happy with my execution coming off a major championship.”

Crouser had another casual first-place finish as he threw for a Diamond League record and a meet record of 23.15 meters (75.95 feet). The next closest was Brazilian Dar-

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Elane Thompson-Herah finishes the 100m in first and sets a Jamaican nation record.



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Ryan Crouser smashes the mens shot put field and takes home another 1st place finish (pictured above).

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Andre de Grasse takes the victory over a competitive mens 100m field (pictured right).



New rules, identities and faces highlight Yoncalla football ahead of 2021 season

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To say that the last year and a half hasn’t been kind to people all over the world would be an understatement.

Obviously, the longevity of the coronavirus has played into this, but thousands of people have lost their jobs, loved ones and much more due to the hardships of the past year and a half.

In a time that can easily be summed up as “expecting the unexpected,” no one can relate more to this than the Yoncalla Eagles football team. Since the pandemic hit, they’ve been forced to do things that no ordinary football team does.

After the cancellation of the fall 2020 high school football campaign, a six-game schedule was approved with no playoffs for teams all around

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Yoncalla ends practice with a competitive four on four scrimmage.

Thompson and Kress score ‘Week of Speed’ wins

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The Week of Speed motored its way into Cottage Grove Speedway on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Twenty-four Sprint Car teams, a part of the Interstate Sprint Car Series, and twenty-four Dwarf Cars were all on hand. It was the second race for both groups in their 2021 Speedweek.

Burlington, Washington’s Justin Youngquist took the reigns early in the twenty-five lap ISCS feature. Racing for car owners Matt and Lisa Dynes, Youngquist, was overtaken on the second lap by Eric Turner of Lake Stevens, Washington.

However, a few laps later, Youngquist was back in the top spot after the sixth circuit.



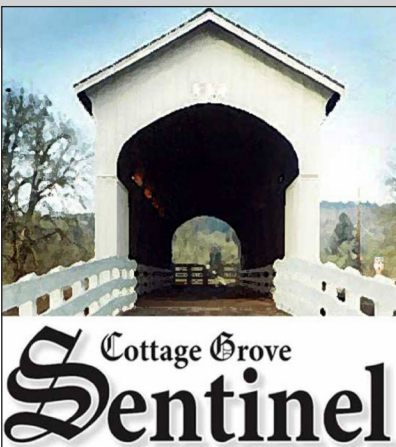
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Thompson celebrates his sixth career ISCS series victory this season.

Unfortunately, Youngquist would spin out on lap ten, resulting in the top place position going back to Eric Turner.

Shortly after the restart, Roseburg racer Steven Snawder was

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ODFW RECREATION AND FISHING REPORT

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Buy your big game tags before the hunt begins

If you’re hunting deer or elk during the general archery season, the last day to by your tag is Aug. 27. If you bought a Sports Pac, don’t forget to redeem your voucher for the actual tag you’ll need to hunt.

Best bets for weekend fishing

Both fish and the people who chase them will enjoy the cooler temperatures that have arrived. Here are some good bets for your weekend fishing:

Nehalem Bay has been the hotspot on the north coast for “summer” Chinook, an early returning stock of fall Chinook. On the lower Rogue, huge numbers of steelhead half-pounders are being captured by the seining crew at Huntley Park.

On the middle Rogue, current water temperatures are creating prime conditions for summer steelhead.

Albacore tuna have been in range of larger boats, and fishing has been good. Clammers will appreciate the series of early morning negative tides that starts this weekend.

Cutthroat trout fishing, both resident and sea-run, should be good on coastal rivers and streams.

The best salmon fishing right now might be ocean coho and Chinook.

Anglers targeting largemouth bass should consider these lakes: Selmac, Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Bradley, Butterfield, Tenmile, Henry Hagg and Lake of the Woods. Try throwing topwater lures early in the morning.

While trout stocking is over for the season, there are still fish around in lakes and reservoirs that were regularly stocked over the spring and summer. Look for these holdover trout in deeper water, near under water springs or where creeks flow in – all places where the water is usually cooler. If you’re taking your boat, check the status of boat launches before you go.

Check out the Beaver State podcast

The Beaver State Podcast looks at hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing in Oregon through conversations with Oregonians, ODFW staff and luminaries throughout the conservation world. You can subscribe through Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, Google Play Music or Spotify, or find a link on MyODFW.com. Western Oregon archery deer and elk

Deer and elk archery seasons open Aug. 28

Just a reminder that eastern Oregon archery deer is now a controlled hunt, and tags are valid only in the unit(s) identified for each hunt. Learn more about the 2021 deer and elk seasons.

Tips for preseason scouting

It’s not too early to begin your big game hunting season with some preseason scouting – access permitting. Spending time learning the terrain and surveying habitat before your hunt can make you a more efficient and effective hunter. And we have tips for making you a more effective scouter check out myodfw.com/articles/7-tips-make-most-your-preseason-scouting.

Athlete of the Week



This week’s athlete of the week is senior Cottage Grove High School volleyball player Gracie Arnold. She is continually proving to be a reliable teammate and player for the girl’s volleyball team.



Coach Ladd said, “Gracie is a strong presence on the court both in her skills and shining, positive attitude.”

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Sports Calendar

CG Football

- Jamboree against North Bend/Marist Aug.27, 6pm

CG Volleyball

- Jamboree against Elmira/Molalla Aug.26, 3pm

North Douglas Volleyball

- Jamboree @Mohawk High School Aug.27, 3pm

CG Boys Soccer

- Jamboree @Phoenix Aug. 27, time TBD

CG Girls Soccer

- Jamboree @Phoenix Aug. 27, time TBD