# SPORTS & RECREATION 81

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Cottage Grove

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The best season for crabbing is right now Fall is typically the best time of year to crab. Beginning in September, crabs will have filled out with more meat, and you'll find more crabs in bays and estuaries thanks to drier weather. Pick up some pointers about how to crab myod-

Sturgeon retention on the Columbia Four additional sturgeon retention days were added in the mainstem Columbia from the Wauna Powerlines up-

stream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River. Anglers can now retain

white sturgeon in this area on Saturday,

Sept. 18, Sunday Sept. 19, Wednesday

Sept. 22, Saturday Sept. 25, and Wednes-

day Sept. 29. Find more details by vis-

iting myodfw.com/recreation-report/

fishing-report/columbia-zone#STUR-

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fw.com/articles/how-crab.

Creswell trounces Central Linn, moves to 2-0



Jack Nguyen tries to make a move in space against multiple Central Linn defenders in Creswell's 34-12 victory on Friday.

North Douglas snaps losing streak to Days Creek

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The Bulldogs saw their first game in two weeks after a COVID-19 breakout at Coquille High School forced the Red Devils to cancel all athletic activities.

Central Linn Cobras this past

against Days Creek

Friday to see a second Bulldog victory this season.

games had given up an average of over 33 points per game while Creswell scored 40 in their first game against Harris-

nor Hanson and receiver Jack

Nguyen got the offense going for the Bulldogs as Hanson connected with Nguyen for 24 yards and Nguyen finished the drive with a 10-yard run to the outside for the score. Giving Creswell an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Central Linn had their turn to show off their triple-option scheme when

they possessed the ball.

The Cobras were able to rush for some first-downs to open their series but were quickly faced with a 3rd and 13 forcing

The Bulldogs managed to get past the offensive line en route to sacking the Cobra

See GAME B2

#### Clock is ticking for small stream anglers Trout fishing on many small streams

along the coast closes at the end of October. That's just six more weeks to enjoy fishing for resident and sea-run cutthroat trout before the season ends. Limited wild coho seasons open Sept.

Wild coho retention seasons will open Sept. 15 in the Tillamook, Nestucca, Siletz and Coos basins. See the regulation update sections at the top of the NW and SW zones.

#### Go high lakes fishing before the snow flies

Fall can be an excellent time to fish the high mountain lakes. Fish are trying to bulk up for the winter, the weather can be beautiful and the mosquitoes are dying down. The fishing can be good until snow starts to limit access. Learn more about fishing the high lakes at myodfw. com/articles/fishing-oregons-hike-lakes

#### Be ready for your hunt

A lot of planning goes into a successful hunt. Make sure you've checked all the boxes with the hunter's checklist: BUY YOUR TAG, if you haven't already.

Check the weather forecast. Chance of rain? Snow? Record high temperatures? Also make sure you're prepared for unexpected conditions (rain, snow).

Check the batteries in your GPS, flashlights, headlamps, two-way radios, etc. And make sure you have spares.

Sharpen your knives. A dull knife just encourages swearing. And you're more likely to cut yourself with a dull knife. More swearing.

Begin assembling your pack items use the checklist below as a guide.

Make last minute trip(s) to the sporting goods store. Seems like no matter how much gear you have, you need at least one more thing.

Let someone know where you're going, where you'll camp, what route you'll take there and back, how long you'll be gone, when you'll be back, and if and when you'll be able to check in (ex. will you be in cell phone range). This way if an emergency comes up at home, OSP will need to know how to find you.

The Cobras in their first two

Creswell hosted the winless

Creswell's quarterback Con-

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A battle of top 10 teams took place over the past week between fourth-ranked North Douglas and seventh-ranked Days Creek. In the past five matchups with the Wolves from Days Creek, North Douglas has a 1-4 record. A few games into the season North Douglas had to pause volleyball activity because of COVID-19 contact tracing but the Warriors are looking sharp early on this season, only losing one set in their

first four games.

The first set started out tight with a 6-4 lead for Days Creek but after serving the ball out of bounds North Douglas would capitalize and rolled right into a strong scoring streak.

The Warriors captured the lead at 7-6 in the first set after a big hit from Halli Vaughn followed by well-placed serves from Asia Ward to push the lead to 9-6. North Douglas continued to rattle off points forcing Days Creek to call a timeout

See GIRLS B2

## Cottage Grove races against top contenders at LCC

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Samantha MacDowell goes for the point in the Warriors' win

Cottage Grove runners Andrew Wiley and Brayden Russell paced each other this past weekend at the Northwest XC Classic.

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Cottage Grove traveled to Lane Community College (LCC) with 40 other schools for some exciting racing with top contenders from all classifications. The course consisted of two loops; with the teams starting on the soccer field, looping around the campus' baseball field and ponds twice to then finish on the infamous LCC blue

Cottage Grove's girls team received a boost with one of the top runners freshman Bella Keating returning to the team. Keating in her first race of the season ran a 22:07 placing inside the top 30, Kajsa Merz ran her best time of the season so far with 23:10.

Piper Youngmyr finished one second ahead of her teammate Allison Palluck with a time of 23:24 while Palluck hit a big personal best with her time of 23:25. Cora McClean also ran a personal best of 23:47 helping the girls team finish seventh with 191 points out of 16 total teams and all girls finished in the top 65.

Carter Bengston for the boys team shaved 10 seconds off his time from last week finishing inside the top 20. Ethan Peterson ran his best time of the season with a time of 17:56, Rafael Fields

See RACE B2

Halli Vaughn

gets ready to

send a serve

over to the

Days Creek

defense.

## Sports Calendar

### **Cottage** Grove Volleyball

 Cottage Grove vs. Elmira Sept. 28, 6:45 p.m.

#### Cottage **Grove Boys** Soccer

 Cottage Grove @ Junction City Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.

#### <u>Yoncalla</u> Volleyball

 Yoncalla vs. Glendale Sept. 23, 6 p.m.

#### Elkton **Football**

• Elkton vs. Yoncalla Sept. 24, 4 p.m.

## Athlete of the Week



This week's athlete of the week is North Douglas volleyball player senior Halli Vaughn. Vaughn contributed 7 kills, 4 aces, and 2 blocks in the Warriors' big win over Days Creek.



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