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Lions volleyball clinches Sky-Em title



(left) Gracie Arnold tries to close out the second set with a hit over the Siuslaw defense. (right) Dazjah Tinsley goes for one of her four kills in the Lions 3-2 win over Siuslaw.



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Earlier in the season, Lions volleyball had to come back down 2-0 on the road against Siuslaw, but would claw their way back to earn their first five-set victory of the season. Last Thursday's game

was just as close, but the stakes were even higher.

Cottage Grove hosted Siuslaw on senior night and with a chance to clinch their first league title since 2018. After another five-set classic, the Lions would emerge victoriously and earn the Sky-Em league title.

"I am so proud of them and their ability to stay mentally tough and positive and focus on a team mentality for that game," said Head Coach Abby Ladd. "So it was rewarding to win the game, but also rewarding to see that the things that we had focused on and worked on, come through

for us."

The Lions didn't play their best volleyball to start and the Vikings were able to take advantage as they held control of the first set.

Gracie Arnold and Izabell Senters had back-to-back hits

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Newport beats Cottage Grove in an offensive shootout

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The Cottage Grove football team was looking for a way to bounce back after running into the buzzsaw that was Marist.

The Lions traveled to Newport on Friday in hopes to get their first win on the road this season. However, Newport was searching for their first win of the season and would ultimately claim a 55-34 victory behind their tough rushing attack.

In the middle of the first quarter, Parker Nelson and Curtis Tucker guided the Lions' offense down the field deep into Newport territory. With the Lions' offense inside the 10-yard-line, Nelson scrambled right and looked for an open receiver, but his pass would be intercepted in the end-zone killing the drive for the Lions.

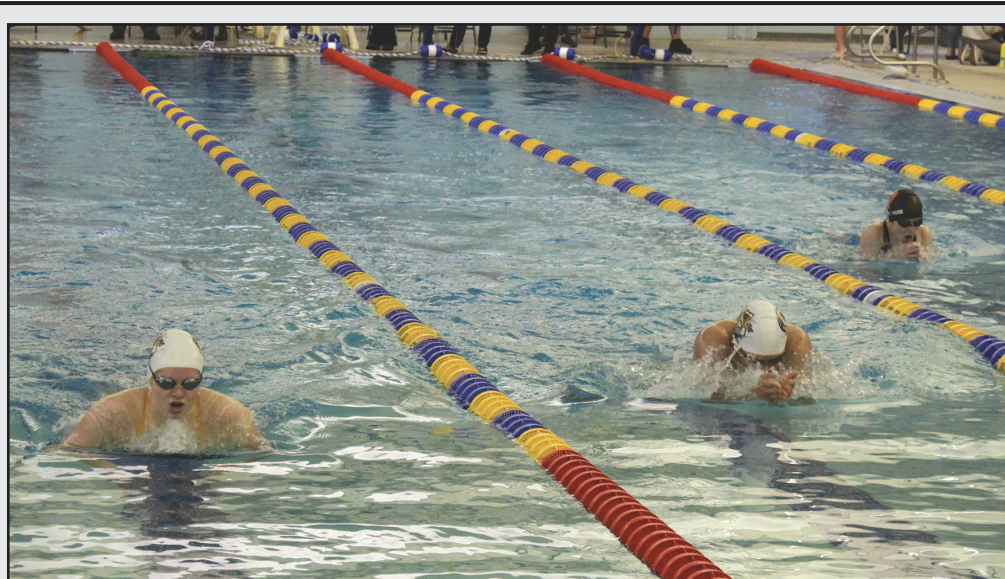
The first quarter ended 0-0 but the Cub's



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Hayden Peterson gets past a couple of Newport defensive players on his way for a big gain.

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The Cottage Grove swim team hosted many teams from the Willamette Valley over the past weekend for the Aqua Lions first home meet of the season. Some notable performers over the weekend included: Kalee Walter getting second in the 50 yard Butterfly and finishing first the 200 yard IM, Charles Clark second in men's 200 yard Butterfly, James Kelly finishing first in men's 200 yard IM and 100 yard IM. The boys and girls relay team both finished second in the 200 yard Medley relay races.

Creswell's defense keeps playoff hopes alive

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Creswell football traveled to Jefferson for a game that was originally supposed to be played earlier in the season, but Jefferson's run-in with COVID issues caused the game to be rescheduled for Thursday. The Bulldogs were looking to snap a three-game skid and get back on the winning side against the Jefferson Lions.

The conditions during the game worsened as the rain intensified and the field turned quickly into a mud pit. By the end of the evening, the white Creswell jerseys had completely turned to a deep brown.

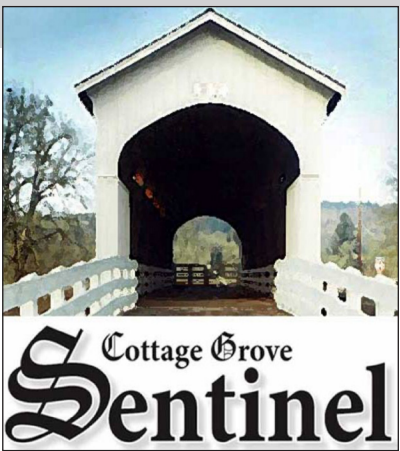
The Bulldogs leaned on their rushing attack and their defense to propel them over Jefferson in a low-scoring 18-12 victory keeping Creswell's hunt for the playoffs alive.

"It was raining, it was cold. Both teams had a heck of a time with the ball just because of the conditions of the field. To start the game, the result was okay, and then as the game moved on, it got muddier and sloppier and it was tough to move the ball," said Creswell Head Coach Scott Worsham "We basically had to go to a lot

Kidd gets ready for a big serve in the Lions close 3-2 victory over Siuslaw.

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Several popular fisheries
close Oct. 31

Anglers have just two more weekends to hit several popular fisheries before they close for the season. These include: all cutthroat fishing in coastal rivers and streams, Pacific halibut, Laurance Lake, Crane Prairie, Odell Lake, Wickiup Reservoir and the Metolius River above Allingham Bridge. These closures are to protect migrating salmon/steelhead smolts, and/or sensitive native species like bull trout. Check the regulations for more closures.

Best bets for weekend fishing

Rain on the north and mid-coast should get Chinook moving from the bays into freshwater.

Bradley and Butterfield lakes were stocked recently and fishing has been good to great.

There are good numbers of Chinook in the Chetco River. With rain in the forecast, look for those numbers to increase.

Fall can be a great time to fish the Rogue River above Lost Creek Reservoir. Trout have been stocked regularly throughout the summer, and the cooler temperatures have put holdover trout on the bite. Find more tips by visiting myodfw.com/recreation-report

Sports Calendar

Oct. 28

• **CGXC @ Lane Community College** for Sky-Em league Championships, 12 p.m.

Oct. 29

• **Cottage Grove Football** home vs. North Eugene (Homecoming/Senior night) 7 p.m.

• **Creswell**

Football home vs. Monroe (Senior night) 7 p.m.

Oct. 30

• **Cottage Grove Volleyball** home vs. TBA (Playoffs)

• **North Douglas**

Volleyball home vs. TBA (Playoffs)

Athlete of the Week

This week's athlete of the week is senior volleyball player Peyton Kidd. Kidd played a huge part in the league clinching win over Siuslaw last Thursday. She contributed 46 assists, 10 digs, and 4 kills.

