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Jordan Kent (seated center) with participants in last weekend's Jordan Kent Skills Camp at the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County

Kent from 1B

competing in track and field, where he was a four-time NCAA All-American.

Kent was drafted by the NFL's Seattle Seahawks after graduating in 2006, playing for them for 2.5 seasons before going to the St. Louis Rams for a year.

For Kent, moving from professional sports to teaching

kids was a natural progression. "I love kids. I remember the impact adults had on me growing up," said Kent after the camp concluded. "Anything I can do to provide a positive example for the kids. To inspire them to work hard and be the best that they can be, I'll do it."

He said his favorite part of coaching youth is their authenticity.

"I just love how genuine kids are. I love the friendships we

build with them. It's great to meet the kids and start the day and develop these inside jokes and become buddies," he said. "Even when camp gets over, you'll see them outside of the camp atmosphere sometimes, they're just fun!"

"They have so much energy and force you to be a better person."

Kent and his Director of Operations Michael Chase's natural rapport with the chil-

dren was on full display during the camp. With the help of Siuslaw High School varsity basketball team members Trey Cornish and Preston Mitchell, along with volunteer Shannon Anderson-Sheets, the kids went enthusiastically from drill to drill.

"It's all about encouraging kids at this age. Encouraging them to be the very best they can be. A lot of times we have this standard that we think kids

should meet," said Kent. "Every single kid is unique. They have their own characteristics, their own strengths. Their goals shouldn't be an arbitrary number or mark...If you can encourage a kid to be hard working and look in the mirror to push themselves, you're going to set them up for success."

Although this was his first time in Florence for the skills camp, Jordan said it certainly

won't be the last. "We'd love to come back in June. We were really humbled by the reception here," said Kent. "Hopefully the parents and kids enjoyed what we offered," said Kent. "We would love to be more of a part of this community and help out in anyway we can."

"We are definitely going to make plans and hopefully everyone spreads a good word."

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Fishing from 1B

onto the spawning grounds.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

Fall Chinook are still available in decent numbers. Fish should be spread out through the river, especially after rains raised the river last week. Release dark fish to spawn. All techniques should produce fish, with bobber and bait, back bouncing, bait-wrapped plugs, and casting spinners among the best.

Winter steelhead are available in increasing numbers as well.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

The winter steelhead run is starting to kick in with anglers getting into a few fish along

the Big Elk as conditions allow. The fall Chinook fishery is essentially over for the season as most fish have already spawned.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, bay clams, steelhead

Steelhead have been caught this past week on the West Fork Millicoma, East Fork Millicoma, and South Fork Coos rivers. There is bank access on the West Fork Millicoma at the Millicoma Interpretive Center and on the East Fork Millicoma at Nesika Park. Access to the South Fork Coos River is through Weyerhaeuser property and anglers must have the appropriate permit from Weyerhaeuser.

In the Coos Basin, one additional fin-clipped steel-

head may be retained per day for a total aggregate of three adult fish harvested daily.

Crabbing in Coos Bay has been decent for boat crabbers. The best crabbing has been near the jetties but crabbers are getting legal-size crab all the way up to the BLM Boat Ramp.

Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua is open for steelhead. The peak numbers of fish normally show up from February to late March. The South Umpqua offers the best chance for catching an adipose-fin clipped steelhead for harvest.

The hatchery program for winter steelhead is centered in the South Umpqua. Most hatchery fish are caught from Canyonville downstream.

All wild fish must be released unharmed.

TENMILE BASIN: Yellow perch, coho salmon

Yellow perch are biting on night crawlers or jigs tipped with a worm in Tenmile Lakes. Yellow perch will be concentrated in big schools in deep water. Sometimes anglers need to try several spots

before finding the bigger fish. There are lots of smaller yellow perch that anglers have to sort through to catch enough keepers for a meal. Some of the keeper yellow perch are over 12 inches long.

The wild coho season open in Tenmile Lakes is closed.

WINCHESTER BAY: Chinook, fin-clipped coho

Most salmon have already moved upstream. Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

Crabbing has been good recently.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab

The ocean is open again for harvest of Dungeness crab. Fishing for bottom fish, including rockfish and lingcod is open to all depths. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit of two lingcod.

Retention of cabezon is allowed but for only one cabezon per day per angler.

PACIFIC HALIBUT: The 2014 Pacific halibut seasons have all closed for the remainder of the year. The Halibut Commission will set 2015 quotas later this month.

WORD ON THE STREET



Do you agree it is time to end the U.S. embargo on Cuba?



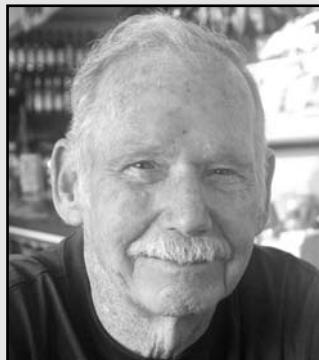
"I don't think they should. Things have never been good between these countries and I don't know if they are going to get any better or not. I think it would be taking a chance."
—GARY NEAL, 78
FLORENCE



"Absolutely. It's long overdue. We've only hurt both countries with this embargo. ... Cuba is one of our closest neighbors. Let's get over this! Let's promote the future of both countries."
—KATHY SHAMEY, 69
FLORENCE



"It's a simple question with a complicated answer. But I think we definitely need to do something different. It's been many years, and nothing has changed. There's been no result."
—DANIEL MOLINA, 54
LOS ANGELES



"It's long overdue. The people of that country are our neighbors and we have a long history with Cuba."
—FRANK NEWLIN, 81
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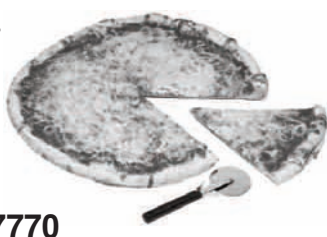
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