

Vik grapplers garner fifth on Sutherlin mats

Freshman Ricky Huff takes home top honors

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With the 4A's District 3 regionals little more than a week away, the Vikings' seven-man wrestling roster has been honing its skills at large meets most of the season and coming away with top-five team finishes.

Last Saturday's 17-team Sutherlin Invitational was no exception, with Siuslaw facing off against some of the region's toughest opponents.

For the second time in as many meets, the Vikings came away with a fifth-place team finish in an arena that included well over a dozen teams.

For the sixth time this sea-

son, freshman 106-pounder Ricky Huff came home with the gold after dominating his bracket and pinning his way to the tournament title.

Junior 120-pounder Jose DelaMora placed second in his division, along with fourth-place finishes for junior John Mulholland (113 pounds), sophomore Kainan Lane (220 pounds) and junior Dylan Jennings (285 pounds).

Feb. 6 and 7, the Viks will be on the mats at the multi-divisional Cottage Grove Invitational for one last meet before heading to the 4A Special District 3 regional wrestling tournament at Marshfield High School for a chance to advance to state.

Matches for next week's Cottage Grove Invitational will get underway Friday, Feb. 6, at 9 a.m.

Marine Board registration now web-based

After 25 years of service, the Marine Board's previous titling and registration system reached the end of its useful life and was retired. The Marine Board made the transition to a web-based titling and registration system that has more functionality, more security and brings more online options for boaters.

The new registration system combines the old mainframe data with boater education, AIS permits and the Outfitter/Guide/Charter databases into one, integrated system.

The customer interface "RegLine" allows boaters to log in and manage their contact information, as well as apply for boat title and registration and renew or order replacement documents, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The new system allows boaters to order replacement boater education cards, purchase AIS permits for paddlecraft, and coming next year, outfitters, guides and charters will be able to apply online.

The transition to the new system last summer created backlogs for boaters who were transferring titles and registering during the already busy summer months.

As a result of extensive transactions sent through the mail, particularly boats that have not been registered recently or those coming from out-of-state, staff are entering the data into the new system manually.

Staff and boaters also have had to work through the technical difficulties of a new system.

This led to an increased backlog of boat transactions, which most boaters are not accustomed to experiencing from the agency.

For quick turn-around on boat registration renewals, boaters are encouraged to renew online.

Online boat registration renewals are immediately processed when payment is approved and printed the same or next day for mailing.

Boaters should be aware that the new online interface has additional safety measures built in that can be confusing, so it is important to read and follow the directions closely.

"The new system is up and running, but we are still working with our contractor to improve functionality while our staff are becoming more proficient with the user interfaces," said Janess Eilers, Title and Registration Manager for the Marine Board.

"Over the past few months we have brought on temporary staff and had registration specialists work overtime to catch up the on the backlog, so while we are happy with the progress, we will continue to have some inconvenience for those who are accustomed to faster service."

The Marine Board, working with marine law enforcement, will honor any temporary permits that expired until the agency is caught up with transaction backlog.

Solve Earth Day project leader signup deadline Saturday

Solve is currently accepting applications for volunteers to lead Earth Day projects for the 26th annual Solve It event. Solve It events will take place across the state on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also as part of Solve It, teachers are encouraged to involve their students in service-learning activities any time between

April 13 and 24.

The deadline for applications is Saturday, Jan. 31.

Project leaders receive assistance for Earth Day volunteer projects, including free project planning assistance and training, event flyers and pre-event publicity, online volunteer registration, and cleanup project supplies. Solve also has a limited

number of grants of up to \$100 for reimbursement of project expenses.

The Solve It program supports Oregonians who help take care of our parks, waterways and neighborhoods by picking up trash, pulling invasive weeds, planting trees and taking care of watersheds in other ways.

Last year, Solve It helped 6,700 Oregonians volunteer at more than 180 sites across Oregon.

"The health and beauty of Oregon depends on the volunteer leaders who step up and commit to making a positive difference in the environment for Earth Day," said Quintin Bauer, Solve Statewide Team

Leader. "Solve is ready to help individuals, community groups and government agencies organize successful volunteer events in their community to take care of the special natural areas, parks and neighborhoods they love."

Interested volunteer leaders can visit www.solveoregon.org to apply online.

Final winter walk, talk program Saturday at Cape Perpetua

YACHATS — The Cape Perpetua Visitor Center will feature its final free program from its Winter Series of events.

On Saturday, Jan. 31, Cape Perpetua visitors may enjoy guided hikes led by Forest Service staff.

Hikers will explore the Cape's temperate rainforests and discover the evolving history of forestry practices on the Siuslaw National Forest with staff experts.

"This Winter Series brings home issues that are important not just to Cape Perpetua and

the Siuslaw National Forest, but to the whole Coast region," says Forest Service volunteer Roger Grace. "These programs relate to everyone involved in the health of forests, oceans, and communities."

For visitors unable to catch one of these special programs,

there are plenty of ways to keep busy on the Cape this winter.

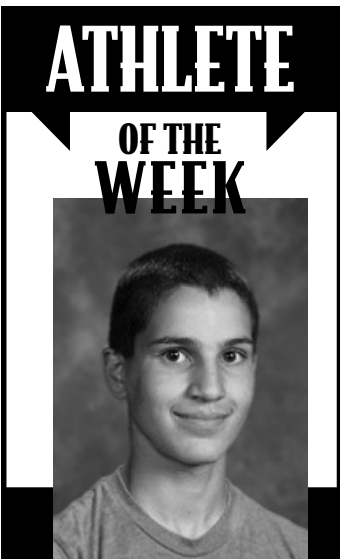
The visitor center provides regular film screenings, exhibits and Junior Ranger activities, and serves as a base to explore the areas trails and tidepools.

In winter, the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center is open Friday

through Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and is closed Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The Visitor Center is located three miles south of Yachats on Highway 101.

For more information, call the Visitor Center at 541-547-3289 or visit www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Ricky Huff

The freshman 106-pounder demolished the competition in his weight class last week at the Sutherlin Invitational, winning the championship in the 17-team tournament.

Honorable Mention Mikaela Siegel

The junior forward led scoring with nine points against Brookings-Harbor; then pulled down seven rebounds in a victory over South Umpqua.

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Sailors from 1B

Crook. "They competed with the most heart I've seen them play with this season. In a game that was all about momentum, it was crucial."

Fueled by steals and fast-breaks in the second half, the Sailors began to pull away from the Eagles at the end of the third quarter. Senior Tucker Ford sparked Mapleton's offense, scoring 13 of his 18 points in the second half.

"We were drawing off the excitement of the crowd," said Crook.

Senior guard Chris Free thwarted a pair of potential momentum-building shots by McKenzie, stirring up the home crowd even more.

Along with balanced scoring from sophomore Hunter Simington, freshman Dominic Wells and sophomore Daniel Collins, who combined for 22 points, the Sailors were able to

extend their lead in the final period.

"Chris and Dominic used backdoor layups and offensive put backs to post 15 points in the second half," said Crook. "That really took away any chance for McKenzie to gain momentum."

The Sailors went on to win by 15 points, 55-40.

Ford led scoring with 18 points, along with eight rebounds and four steals. Simington had 12 points, four rebounds and three steals. Collins had nine points, seven rebounds and two steals. Free scored nine points and nabbed seven rebounds and two blocks.

Wells had six points and three rebounds.

"It was a great team win in front of the largest crowd of the season," said Crook.

Friday, the Sailors will be back on their home court to host Siletz, currently ranked No. 5 in the state in the 1A.

Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

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