

Sports from 1B

officially began with players and coaches stepping onto the mats and hardwood and getting to know each other — and more importantly what to expect from each other.

“I’m excited to see what we can do this season. It looks like we’re going to be very aggressive on offense,” said junior Destinie Tatum, who will return to the Viking girls basketball team this season with new coach — and father — Clint Tatum, who takes over the helm from previous coach Carl Johnson.

The Viking boys team also has a new coach calling the shots, with retired college coach Will Biggs stepping in after Jack Butler stepped down in late August.

“I’m optimistic about what this team can do,” said Biggs, whose team will include seniors Preston Mitchell, Reese Siegel and Kenneth Thrall, along with returners junior Brogan Cornish and sopho-

mores Jared Brandt and Trent Reavis.

Both teams will open the season at home in a nonleague match-up with Coquille on Dec. 4, beginning with the girls at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

Up in the wrestling loft, long-time coach Neil Wartnik was taking stock of this year’s roster, which includes a solid core of returners like Kainan Lane, as well as freshman newcomers like Murray Bingham, who is fresh from a 10th-place finish at state in cross country.

“We’ve got great leadership in our ranks and a good deal of talent,” said Wartnik.

And making the Vikings presence known will be the Viking cheer squad, coached by another long-time coach, Diane Conlee, with what she described as a “group of really enthusiastic and committed girls.”

If you’re a Viking sports fan, things are already heating up.

Members of the Viking girls basketball team begin dribbling drills during Monday’s opening day of practice in the high school’s main gym.



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Fishing from 1B

Summer steelhead fishing is fair to good in the upper river above Moonshine Park.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, Chinook*

Fall Chinook fishing should be fair to good. Fish will be spread out from tidewater upstream. Anglers are reminded that the river above Jordan Creek is closed to all salmon fishing. Summer steelhead fishing should improve with better flows.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Chinook, coho, cutthroat trout*

Anglers are having fair to good results for fall Chinook Trolling herring or spinners during the incoming tide through the high slack typically. Recent rains have moved a good portion of fish to the upper tide water reaches and above.

The wild coho fishery is open through Nov. 30 with a daily bag limit of 1 adult coho and seasonal limit of 2 adult coho (in aggregate with other areas with the same bag limit).

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch*

Fall trophy trout were stocked in October in Bradley Lake. Anglers fishing from small boats or pontoons have been catching several trout. About 50 large rainbow trout from Bandon Hatchery were stocked into Butterfield Lake.

These trout are leftovers that did not get used in family fish-

ing events this past summer.

Fishing for largemouth bass has been good in many of the Coos County lakes. As the water cools down fishing for bass will be good throughout the day. Bass will be concentrated near drop-offs and structure like submerged logs.

Yellow perch fishing will start to pick up this month in lakes like Saunders Lake. Fishing a worm on the bottom in deep water should provide lots of bites for yellow perch.

COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, salmon, bay clams*

Streams in the Coos Basin are now closed for trout until May 22, 2016. A few dedicated salmon anglers have been trolling in the Coos River this past week. They have picked up a few chinook and coho salmon trolling cut plug herring behind a flasher.

The wild coho season in Coos Bay is open until Nov. 30. Anglers are allowed to keep one wild coho per day and two for the season. Coho fishing remains good in the lower Coos Bay.

A few steelhead should be moving into the rivers later this month.

The week of Thanksgiving is usually a good time to start steelhead fishing.

Crabbing continues to be very good in the lower bay. Crabbing has been good all the way up to the BLM Boat Ramp but the best crabbing will be near the jetties and close to slack tides. A few legal crabs have been caught

off the Charleston docks.

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

TENMILE BASIN: *Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, coho*

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22, 2016.

Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Bass anglers have been catching several largemouth bass in Tenmile Lakes. Bass can be found this time of the year in shallow water near structure like logs or weed lines.

Yellow perch fishing has

been very good for anglers in boats and from the fishing dock at the County Boat Ramp. A worm or piece of cut bait fished near the bottom works well for catching yellow perch.

Wild coho season is open in Tenmile Lakes until Dec. 31. The bag limit is 1 wild coho per day and 5 wild coho

for the season in aggregate with all other wild coho fisheries in the NW and SW zones. A few coho entered the lake after last week’s rain.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:

The South Umpqua is currently closed to all fishing until Dec. 1.



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