

# Boat ramp reopens at Westlake

Lane County announced Friday that the Westlake boat ramp repair is complete and the boat ramp is open again.

The ramp was closed on Nov. 6 in order to repair the dock abutment damaged during storms in 2012.

The cost for repair was partly funded by disaster relief funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The repairs were originally scheduled to be complete in mid-December; however, a series of storms and high water levels delayed work for several weeks.

## Viks from 1C

"He wrestled some outstanding matches," Wartnik said of Tupua, who had the Viks' highest individual finish with a third-place medal. "He caught some people by surprise and wrestled smart."

The Viks also had two fourth-place finishes, beginning with sophomore Ricky Huff, who won

four of six matches at 113 pounds.

After winning by fall in 2:49 over Leighton Alexander of Mazama in his opening match, Huff lost to Bayarmagnai Oktar of Corvallis by a 6-2 decision. Huff then won his next three matches before finding himself in a rematch with Oktar for a chance to place third.

Once again, Huff was able to avoid the pin for all nine minutes

but finished fourth after losing by decision, 5-1.

Also finishing fourth was 220-pound senior Dylan Jennings, who won his first three matches — two by fall and one by a 4-0 decision — before losing to Sheldon's Andru Johnson by fall in 1:51.

Jennings won his next match by a 2-1 decision over Louie Sanchez of Cascade, but lost in a major 10-0 decision to Lowell's

Mahsen Asher for fourth place.

Siuslaw also got scoring from Scott Simmons at 132 pounds and Kainan Lane at 285 pounds with 6 points each. At 152 pounds, Nick Steinman had 5.5 points, and Murray Bingham (132 pounds) had 3 points for Siuslaw.

Monday, the Vikings added a match to this week's schedule, with Siuslaw traveling to Philomath for a dual meet with

the Warriors tomorrow night, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"I'm very proud of this group of young men," said Wartnik, whose team will compete at regionals Feb. 19 and 20 at Henley High School for a chance to advance to state Feb. 26 and 27. "They've worked hard all season and it's paying off when it matters most."

## Mapleton from 1C

some wind in Mapleton's sails, with Simington scoring 11 points that included a pair of 3-pointers.

Packebush didn't score but created opportunities with a series of steals and by pressuring the Indians at the point.

Along with scoring from freshman post Gabe Simington, freshman wing Evan Maso and Smith, the Sailors were able to close the gap to within five points to trail 31-26 heading into the half.

Gabe Simington quickly narrowed the gap with back-to-back scores off the glass to start the third period, with cousin Hunter Simington giving Mapleton its first lead, 33-31, off of a 3-point play that included a short jumper and foul shot.

Both offenses were in a dead heat for the rest of the period until the Indians were able to take a slim 41-39 lead to start the fourth quarter.

Less than 30 seconds into the period, Wells evened things up with a skyhook-style shot from outside the paint, 41-41. The

Indians answered with a steal and fastbreak layup, then a long 3-pointer to edge ahead by five with 4:26 left on the clock.

Hunter Simington scored, with Mohawk missing its next four free-throw attempts. Simington then grabbed a loose ball and scored on the fastbreak, putting the Sailors within two points, 47-45.

A free throw with 1:24 remaining made it a 3-point advantage for Mohawk, 48-45, with the Indians scoring on their next possession for a five-point lead, 50-45.

Simington cut the lead to three with 46 seconds left as the Indians went into a delay offense. Forced the foul, the Sailors began sending the Indians to the charity line in hopes of gaining possession.

Simington put the Sailors within two points with 32 seconds left.

Mohawk went to the line and missed its next three free throws but made the fourth to go ahead 52-49 with 8 seconds left.

In those final seconds, the Indians managed a steal and layup to narrowly put the game away, 54-49.

The girls game was a similar battle as the Lady Sailors attempted to make it two in a row against the visiting Indians, who used their high-pressure defense to create just enough opportunities to nab a slim win, 34-24.

Last night, Mapleton hosted Lowell (after press deadlines) for the final home game of the season.

Thursday, the Sailors will wrap up the season on the road at McKenzie.

Girls tip off at 5:30 p.m., followed by the boys at 7 p.m.

## Fishing from 1C

Creek systems. With so much rain this winter, anglers have not had that many quality fishing days so get out there when you can because the next few weeks are typically peak season.

During higher flows, the Lake Creek basin tends to fish better and clear more quickly. Casting lures, bobber fishing or pulling plugs are good options.

**ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead**  
Winter steelhead fishing is good with anglers doing well in the upper to mid river sections. With so much rain this winter, many fish have pushed upstream quickly. During higher flows, the upper river fishes well. During lower clear flows, it's better to focus efforts in the mid to lower

river sections. Casting spinners / spoons, or floating bait or a jig are good options.

**SALMON RIVER: Steelhead**  
Winter steelhead fishing is fair and fish can be found throughout the mainstem as river conditions allow. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

**SILETZ RIVER: steelhead**  
Winter steelhead fishing is fair to good with both bank and boat anglers hooking fish through the mainstem as river conditions allow.

The river should fish well most of this week. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

**WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook**

Steelhead angling should be good as the river drops from recent high water. Fish are

spread out through the system. Angling for Chinook is closed.

An error in the 2016 Fishing Regulations mistakenly lists river as open for hatchery Chinook beginning Jan. 1; the correct opening date is April 1.

**YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead**

The winter steelhead fishery is fair in the Big Elk and should continue to produce over the next few weeks.

Look for the next good rain to push in another batch of fish. Anglers are reminded that there is a lot of private property along the Big Elk. Casting lures or bobbers fishing are the best techniques for this river.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout**

Lakes in Coos County are open all year for trout fishing. Last week 30 hatchery steelhead, that returned to Eel Lake trap, were stocked into Butterfield Lake to provide additional fishing opportunity for trout anglers.

These steelhead stocked into Butterfield Lake are no considered trout and may be harvest.

The daily trout bag limit in Butterfield is 5 trout per day with only 1 trout over 20 inches per day.

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

Steelhead anglers are catching lots of steelhead when conditions are right. With the recent rain the river might be fishable today but too high and muddy tomorrow.

Anglers are catching steelhead drift fishing cokies or eggs. Jigs fished under a bobber area also catching several steelhead.

The West Fork Millicoma

River is the first river to clear after a rain followed by the East Fork Millicoma and South Fork Coos rivers.

Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

In the Coos Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Recreational harvest of crab re-opened from the Columbia River to the California border.

**TENMILE BASIN: Trout, steelhead**

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are now closed for trout fishing until May 22. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Steelhead fishing has been slow in Tenmile Creek and Eel Creek. Thirty five hatchery steelhead from the Eel Lake Fish Trap were recycled back into the fishery at Spinreel Park. In the Tenmile Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

**UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead**

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and winter steelhead fishing will improve as water levels recede.

There will be excellent hatchery steelhead harvest opportunities on the South Umpqua as the season progresses, especially around Stanton Park in Canyonville.

**WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch**

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

**PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab**

Recreational harvest of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

Fishing for bottom fish is open to fishing at all-depths. Fishing for black rockfish and lingcod continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water.

The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two).

Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Retention of cabezon is prohibited through June 30.

**BOTTOM FISHING**  
• Cabezon retention is prohibited through June; this is an annual seasonal closure.

• The few boats that were able to get out of Newport last week had limits of large rockfish and nearly one lingcod per angler. Effort in other places was limited due to rough seas.

• There's a new rockfish on the block. Deacon rockfish is a newly identified species that was formerly referred to as the solid version of blue rockfish.

What does that mean for you? Nothing in 2016. Every rule that refers to blue rockfish (like the daily bag limit of 3) now applies to blue rockfish and deacon rockfish combined.

**SHELLFISH**  
• A couple of regulations were inadvertently left out of the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulation booklet: (1) The daily bag limit for shrimp (edible) is 20 lb. in the shell; may be taken by traps, pots or rings. (2) Each razor clam digger (as with all clams) must have his or her own container, must dig his or her own clams, and may not possess more than one limit of clams while in the digging area (except under a Disabled Clam Digger Permit).

Current shellfish harvest closures in the ocean and bays due to elevated levels of domoic acid as of Feb. 1:

• Razor clams: Closed south of Tillamook Head.

• Bay clams: Open coastwide.

• Crabs: Open coastwide.

• Mussels: Open coastwide.



**Kainan Lane**



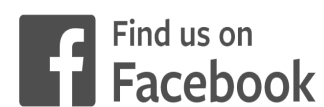
The Viking junior captured the 285 pound championship at last week's Far West League meet at South Umpqua High School.

### Honorable Mention Andrew Tupua

Honorable mention is given to Andrew Tupua who claimed the 152 pound championship at the same meet; then finished in third at the 32-team Cottage Grove Invitational.

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