

# Annual Fly Fishing Expo returns to Reedsport this weekend

The Lower Umpqua Flycasters will be holding its 27th annual Fly Fishing Expo at the Reedsport Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave. in Reedsport, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 25.

The Expo is a free day of fun for the entire family.

The expo offers the opportunity for both long-term anglers

and those new to the sport learn about fly casting through special features, including demonstrations and programs on various aspects of fly fishing, fly tying and fly casting.

There will also equipment displays, informational displays by various stream and fish enhancement groups, a concession stand with meals

and snacks available, and raffle drawings each hour all day.

Dave Williams will do a special presentation on small-mouth bass fishing on John Day River.

More than 20 fly tyers from Oregon and Washington will be present doing demonstrations and sales.

To answer questions regard-

ing Oregon lakes, personnel will be available from the Eel and Tenmile STEP program, Tenmile Lake Basin Partnership, ODFW of Coos County and the CCA group.

Frank Moore, international expert on fly-rod casting, will also be demonstrating and helping young and old learn how to cast.

This year also includes two new exhibits, Project Healing Water Fly Fishing and Source One Serenity, both geared to military veterans.

Other exhibits include: wild flowers, fishing antiques, float boats and representatives from various fly rod and fly tying equipment companies.

This is the only event of its

kind on the south and central Oregon coast.

The purpose of the free expo is to promote conservation and introduce the sport of fly fishing to adults and young children.

The club has members from Waldport to Gold Beach.

## Trail conditions prompt closure of Siltcoos River Trail by DC Council

In early February, the Dune City Council voted to close the popular Siltcoos River Trail due to safety concerns.

Citing the potential liability

issues associated with kayakers and canoers using the area of the river that approaches the ramp the decision was made to close the trail.

Dune City owns the recently repaired portage that allows for safe passage over the Siltcoos River Dam. The state has responsibility for keeping the

river navigable but has been unable to access the area for the last three years.

The dam is located on private property and the owners,

Dune City and the state have been unable to reach an agreement to correct the problem.

Until such time as an agreement on transfer of ownership

of the ramp or on an agreement between the state and the property owner is reached the trail will remain closed.

### ATHLETE

#### OF THE WEEK



Jared Brandt



The junior forward amassed 10 points, 21 rebounds, 7 assists and 7 steals in two games last week, helping the Vikings to their best Far West League finish in several years.

#### Honorable Mention Jake Hickson

Honorable mention is given to Jake Hickson... the Siuslaw wing scored 23 points, pulled down 5 rebounds and had 3 assists in the same games.

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Siuslaw senior Claire Waggoner drives the baseline against North Bend in the Lady Vikings' final game of the season.

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#### MID COAST LAKES:

Holdover trout will be available in most lakes. Fishing for the various warm water fish species will slow as water temperatures cool. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

#### SIUSLAW RIVER:

**Steelhead**  
The Siuslaw River and bay is closed to Chinook salmon.

Fishing is slow.

The Siuslaw River and Lake Cr. are open for steelhead fishing. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

#### ALSEA RIVER:

**Chinook, steelhead**  
Steelhead fishing opened on the Alsea River and listed tributaries. Fishing is fair when river conditions are favorable.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

#### SALMON RIVER:

**Steelhead**  
The Salmon River opened for wild and hatchery steelhead is open. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River.

Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1/day and 3/year. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

#### SILETZ RIVER AND BAY: Steelhead

Winter steelhead opportunities are improving as more fish move through the mainstem. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

#### WILSON RIVER:

**Steelhead**  
Hatchery steelhead are available and opportunities should improve on through January as conditions improve.

All the usual techniques such as side drifting, float fishing, and pulling plugs or divers and bait, should be effective.

Anglers are reminded that fall Chinook season is closed.

#### YAQUINA RIVER:

**Steelhead**  
The Yaquina River is open for hatchery winter steelhead. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

**COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: Trout**  
Rainbow trout were stocked in Upper Empire,

### Lady Viks from 1B

dominant performance, outscoring the Lady Viks nearly 2-1 in a 62-38 win.

As she has done for all but three games this season, Tatum was the Viks' top scorer, accounting for nearly half of Siuslaw's points with 13. Tatum also had 3 steals.

For the season, Tatum led scoring with 261 points — an average of 11.3 points per game. She also led in rebounding with 174.

Watkins was second in scoring Friday with 7 points, with sophomore Madison Reynolds chipping in 6 points and leading in rebounds with 6.

For the season, sophomore

Alyssa Richards was second in rebounding with 98, while senior Brittany Long, who didn't play in the last five games of the season, was second in scoring with 154 points.

Launius had the team-high in 3-pointers for the season with 6.

Siuslaw finished the season a 1-9 in the Far West and 6-17 overall.

Marshfield (9-1) won the league title and gets a bye this week. Douglas (8-2) was second in league and will host a state play-in game this Friday.

North Bend, which finished third, will be on the road Friday for a play-in game against a team that hasn't been determined as of press time.

### Wrestlers from 1B

and No. 1 seed Lane Stigall of North Marion.

At 170 pounds, Siuslaw senior Nick Steinman will face No 2-seeded James Ellis, a freshman from Banks High School.

In the heavyweight bracket, Viking senior Kainan Lane, seeded at No. 5, will

wrestle unseeded Ontario junior Miguel Galindo.

Matches begin Friday, Feb. 24, and continue into the finals on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Wrestling begins each day at 8:30 a.m., however a full and updated tourney schedule is available online at [www.osaa.org/docs/wre/championship\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.osaa.org/docs/wre/championship_schedule.pdf).

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