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Eighth-grade 125-pounder Ryan Jennings moves in on his opponent during Thursday’s Far West League district wrestling meet. Jennings won the district title in his weight bracket.

Wrestling from 1B

work, I’m in trouble,” said Buss.

Those troublemakers include sixth-grade district champions Yoskar Delamora (74 lbs.), Damon Bucher (95 lbs.) and Mason Bus (102 lbs.), along with eight-grade individual champions Elijah LaCosse (117 lbs.), Ryan Jennings (125 lbs.) and Christian

Newlan (195 lbs.)

LaCosse, who lost every match and was 30 pounds heavier as a sixth-grader two years ago, claimed the 117-pound district title by defeating an opponent in the finals who had beaten LaCosse all season.

In the title bout, LaCosse won a barnburner with a 5-4 decision.

“He has worked extremely hard and has been a true inspiration,” said Buss.

Other top finishes for the eighth-grade team included Brady Libby, who placed third at 102 pounds.

For the sixth/seventh-grade team, Ian Sissel (110 lbs.) and Jonathan Rose (140 lbs.) each placed second, with a fourth-place finish for both Mikai Tapece at (117 lbs.) and Ron Butler (150 lbs.), fifth place for Aaron Frisby (117 lbs.), and sixth place for Wyatt Tatum at 110 pounds.

North Bend won the eighth-grade team title (207.5), followed by Reedsport (124) and Siuslaw (78.5). Riley Creek, Coquille, Azalea, Myrtle Point and Marshfield finished fourth through eighth, respectively.

“This year, we stressed to the team that it isn’t about wins and losses. It’s about working hard and getting better with every opportunity, and having fun — whether at practice, a wrestling

clinic or wrestling match,” said Buss.

He credits wrestling camps and clinics hosted by Siuslaw High School wrestling coach Neil Wartnik and middle school parents and coaches Shawn Mann, Jeremy Bernhardt and assistant coach Chris LaCosse for helping bring the program to the next level.

“They have brought a lot of passion and experience to the

middle school program,” said Buss, who was honored for his own efforts by being named the Far West League Outstanding Wrestling Coach for 2017.

Fittingly, Buss’s sixth-grade son, Mason, was named the Far West League’s Outstanding Wrestler for his grade division.

Today, Siuslaw will compete at regionals, with the top four wrestlers from each division advancing to state.

Fishing from 2B

this year.

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

During high water use brighter colors and larger presentations.

YAQUINA RIVER:
Steelhead

The Yaquina River and Big Elk Cr. are open for steelhead. Fishing is fair. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on

Big Elk Cr. with a daily and annual bag limit of 1/day and 3/year.

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 AND PONDS: *Trout*

A few hatchery male steelhead were stocked into Middle Empire Lake this week to allow anglers for more opportunity.

Fishing regulations for these stocked steelhead in Empire Lakes are just like the trout

regulations. Anglers can keep 1 fish over 20 inches per day and only need their fishing license.

Fishing for trout in other area lakes has been slow. Trout stocking in area lakes will start at the end of February/early March.

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

Trout fishing in streams is now closed until May 22, 2017.

Currently all steelhead rivers in the Coos Basin are high and muddy.

The West Fork Millicoma River will be the first river to clear. When water conditions are good, anglers are still catching fish throughout the Coos Basin. Anglers are drifting eggs or corkies along the stream bottom or using a jig suspended under a bobber.

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.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish and surfperch along the jetties and submerged rock piles.

COQUILLE RIVER BASIN:
Crab, steelhead, salmon

Trout fishing in streams is now closed until May 22, 2017.

All of the Coquille Basin steelhead rivers were high and muddy this past weekend.

Anglers have been catching hatchery steelhead at LaVerne Park on the North Fork Coquille River and on the South Fork Coquille River from Powers downstream to Broadbent.

Bank anglers have been plunking with Spin-n-Glos and bait near the town of Coquille. Anglers have had success drifting eggs or corkies. In the Coquille Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Recreational crabbing is open in the Coquille estuary but crabbing is very slow due to the large amounts of freshwater coming downstream.

TENMILE BASIN: *Trout, bass, steelhead*

Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are now closed until May 22.

Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes is open all year.

A few steelhead have been reported in Tenmile Creek. Anglers will have success plunking near the acclimation sites or fishing a jig under a bobber. Eel Creek is now open to steelhead fishing.

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

Largemouth bass fishing has been slow. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using jigs or rubber worms.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:
Steelhead

Good numbers of steelhead are being caught up to and above Canyonville and anglers are hooking into a few hatchery fish.

Pay attention to river gages for the South as it has been high and unfishable a large portion of the time this season.

WINCHESTER BAY:
Bottomfish, perch

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

razor clams is closed on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. Harvest of mussels is open on the entire Oregon Coast.

Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

Surf perch fishing has been good when ocean swells are small. Surf perch anglers will do the best fishing with sand shrimp or Berkely Gulp sand worms.

- **OCEAN SALMON**

The ocean recreational salmon fishery off Oregon is currently closed. Please stay tuned for updates on the 2017 seasons. Details, including regulations, and more information on ocean salmon seasons.

- **BOTTOM FISHING**

When the weather allows, fishing in the winter months for lingcod and rockfish can be fun and successful. Some anglers that were able to fish last weekend caught limits of rockfish and some lingcod.

- **PACIFIC HALIBUT**

New for 2017 vessels fishing for or retaining halibut will be required to have onboard a functioning rockfish descending device, and use it to descend any rockfish released when fishing outside of the 30 fathom regulatory line.

- **SHELLFISH**

Call the ODA shellfish safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before harvesting for the most current information about shellfish safety closures.

Additional information is available from ODA’s Food Safety Program at 503-986-4720 or the ODA shellfish closures website.

- **CRABBING**

Ocean and bay crabbing is open coastwide. Bay crabbing has slowed down as it typically does this time of the year.

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