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have good opportunities this weekend.

- The following water-bodies will be stocked with trout this week: Hills Creek Reservoir, Cottage Grove Reservoir, Dorena Reservoir, Cottage Grove Pond, Alton Baker Canoe Canal and Dexter Reservoir.
- In the Coos and Coquille basins, the water has been a bit high this week for good fishing. However, there are steelhead in the systems and some locations could be fishable by the weekend.
- There are good numbers of steelhead in the South Umpqua and water levels are dropping. Fishing should be good this weekend.
- Garrison Lake is a good destination for native trout, uncaught hatchery trout and even a few lunger, trophy trout!
- The trout bite continues to be good in the Holy Water, the stretch of the upper Rogue between the hatchery and the Lost Creek Lake spillway.
- Cooper Creek Reservoir was stocked with trout last week for a kids' fishing event. Bet there's still a few of those fish around.
- A handful of popular destinations in the Willamette Zone are scheduled to be stocked this week.
- Big ole brood trout have been stocked recently in Ochoco Reservoir and the Bend Pine Nursery

Pond.

- Most of Thief Valley Reservoir is ice-free and anglers can launch boats from the boat launch (though the dock is not in place).
- Ice conditions, and fishing!, have been good at Phillips and Wolf Creek reservoirs.
- Ice fishing on Kinney Lake and Magone Lake has been good. Check out 14 tips for ice fishing in Oregon.

SIUSLAW RIVER: winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing has picked up on the Siu-slaw as the river is finally back in shape after high water and tough conditions for the last few weeks. Expect the fishing to remain fair to good through February as more fish move into the system each day. The best fishing has been around the Whitaker Creek area.

Lake Creek opened for winter steelhead fishing on Dec. 1. Fishing has been fair so far on Lake Creek and there are fish out there to be caught through the month of February.

ICE FISHING SAFETY

With several water bodies beginning to ice over, anglers need to be cautious during first-ice conditions. Take the following precautions: use the "buddy system," wear a PFD in case of thin ice, carry a throw-rope, and use a heavy metal staff to check

for thin-ice. The Minnesota DNR has developed guidelines for ice thickness and other safety tips.

Remember, no drilled ice hole should be larger than 12 inches.

UMPQUA WINTER STEELHEAD STUDY

If you harvest a hatchery winter steelhead in the Umpqua Basin, please turn in the snouts from those fish. Some of these snouts contain small tags, which are not externally visible. Anglers who turn in snouts with these tags are entered into a raffle for a \$50 gift card.

Snout collection barrels are located around the basin, Sportsman's Warehouse in Roseburg, or the Roseburg ODFW office. Tags obtained from the fish will inform ODFW on the best hatchery release timing strategy to provide the most fish back to anglers in the future.

MAINSTEM UMPQUA RIVER WILD SPRING CHINOOK CLOSURE

The mainstem Umpqua River is closed to retention of all wild spring Chinook in 2020. Harvest of hatchery Chinook remains open. The North Umpqua also remains open to Chinook under permanent rule. In the North Umpqua, anglers may harvest two wild Chinook per day and ten per year from Feb. 1 through June 30.

ELK RIVER: Chinook,

Steelhead

New Chinook regulations for 2020. Jan. 1 – March 31 open for hatchery Chinook retention only. Wild Chinook harvest is permitted May 22 – Dec. 31. Please see the 2020 fishing regulation book for more details.

Steelhead have begun to move into the river. Fishing is open through March 31; then May 22 – Dec. 31. The wild steelhead bag limits are 1/day and 3/year as part of a zone-wide accumulative daily or annual salmon/steelhead bag limit.

To check current river conditions, call 541-332-0405.

UMPQUA RIVER, NORTH: steelhead, trout

Fishing should be good this weekend. The annual steelhead Derby took place last weekend and even with less-than-ideal conditions, anglers were successful.

The North is open to Chinook fishing under permanent rule. Anglers may harvest up to 10 wild Chinook per year and two per day.

Some of the North Umpqua and tributaries are open for trout (those above Slide Creek Dam): check the fishing regulations to see which areas are closed.

Note that as of Oct. 1, fishing in the fly water area is restricted to the use of a single, barbless, artificial fly.

LMS wrestling takes third at regional tournament

Seven wrestlers place at districts; fundraiser planned for this weekend

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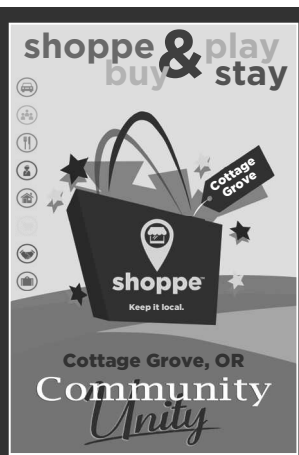
The success of wrestling in the local area begins with the athletes at Cottage Grove High School, but it certainly doesn't stop there.

Lincoln Middle School wrestling capped off their campaign for the 2019-20 season on Saturday, February 8. The Tigers made the short jaunt to Creswell High School for the Valley League District Tournament. Fifteen grapplers qualified for the competition via the South Regionals the weekend before, where the Tigers took home a third-place team finish.

Carter Bengtson (104-pound) was the highest placer of the team with a second-place medal in his weight class. Jeffery Conklin (70), Seazar Ibarra (74), Micah Spear (136), Rogelio Soto-Cruz (187) and Zane White (265) were the five individuals to receive third-place awards. Nathan Abrams (265) was the lone fourth-place finisher on the team.

For the second year in a row, the Tigers placed at the district tournament and brought home a fourth-place trophy out of the 16 total teams in the Valley League.

This Saturday, Feb. 15 the team will be hosting a fundraiser at the Cottage Grove Armory from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event is being billed as a Daddy/Daughter Dance and Mother/Son Video Game Tournament. It is a great way to spend time with the family and support a great cause. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for kids. Concessions will be available for purchase.



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