

Wrestling teams have successful weekend

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WHS wrestling coach

Warrenton's wrestling teams had a busy day Dec. 28, attending three separate tournaments.

A group of boys went to Willamina to wrestle in the Bob Bishop Invitational. A second group of boys went to Clatskanie and competed in the Holiday Classic.

The girls traveled to Port-

land to wrestle in the Jefferson Invitational.

It was a hectic weekend, what with the Christmas holidays ending, and the new year staring us in the face, but we ended the year on a good note.

Sam Irwin placed first, scoring 26 team points at 195 pounds. Nic Pior, at 145, placed third, as did Parker Greenwald at 132, and then Aricin Rodriquez at 113.

Marlie Annat and Isabella Carr had first-place finishes, each scoring 24 team points. Jade Vollner and Alejandra Nestor came in second. Divine Godwin placed third, and Anna Schenbeck earned a fourth.

The boys compete at the Pac Rim Tournament in Seaside on Jan. 10 and 11, and the girls will be at the Kelso High School Tournament on the same two days.

Acclaimed authors gather at the seaside

The Pacific University Master of Fine Arts in Writing program will host readings by leading contemporary writers during its 10-day residency in Seaside.

The series offers a rare opportunity for the public to hear leading writers read on successive evenings. The readings are free. They will be at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

The lineup includes Kwame Dawes, recipient of the Windham-Campbell Prize; Pete

Fromm, five-time winner of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Literary Award; and many others.

While exact times had not yet been set, the published author readings are scheduled for after lunch each day.

Jan. 10: Marvin Bell, Claire Dederer, Pete Fromm.

Jan. 11: Ellen Bass, Jack Driscoll, Debra Gwartney.

Jan. 12: Frank Gaspar, Scott Korb, Mahtem Shiferraw.

Jan. 13: Chris Abani, Mike Magnuson, Mary Helen Ste-

faniak.

Jan. 14: Claire Davis, Valerie Laken, Joseph Millar.

Jan. 15: Sanjiv Bhattacharya, Shara McCallum, Kellie Wells.

Jan. 16: Kwame Dawes, Cate Kennedy.

Jan. 17: Molly Gloss, Shelley Washburn.

For more information about the writers or the MFA in Writing program, contact Shelley Washburn at 503-352-1531 or washburn@pacificu.edu.

No fish tales here, just a chat about chum

The history of chum salmon in the Columbia River is the topic for the next Nature Matters talk.

The talk is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the Lovell Showroom at Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria.

Kris Homel and Derek Wiley, chum reintroduction specialists with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, will lead the talk and show a short film on Oregon chum, including underwater spawning footage and broodstock collection.

Historically, chum represented a significant portion of the annual salmon return to the lower Columbia River,



with peak returns estimated of more than 1 million in 1928. Beginning in the 1940s, chum returns declined rapidly to fewer than several thousand adults. In 1999, chum were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Nature Matters is hosted by Lewis and Clark National Historical Park, North Coast Watershed Association and

Fort George.

The event is free. Doors open at 6 p.m. for those who want to purchase dinner or beverages before the event.

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Tiny bird a popular topic

A program about hummingbirds will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Warrenton Community Library, 160 S. Main Ave.

The program will be led by Barbara Linnett, a retired nurse. She is a bird enthusiast and spent eight years as a volunteer for the Wildlife Center of the North Coast.

She'll describe how to identify Oregon's hummingbird varieties and talk about their behavior, migration patterns, breeding, nesting and feeding needs.

While the program is geared toward adults, children are welcome.

It's Been A Great 2019!

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