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On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES
Fishing for the various warm water fish species can be productive during the spring as lake temperatures start to rise and fish begin spawning. Anglers

See **FISHING 2B**

SPORTS

Calendar

July 1

• FLORENCE SOFTBALL AT MILLER PARK 5:30 AND 7 P.M.

July 2

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
July 1 1:03am / 6.0	6:33am / -1.3 6:20pm / 2.3
July 2 12:12am / 7.9 1:45am / 6.2	7:14am / -1.6 7:07pm / 2.2
July 3 12:56am / 7.9 2:27pm / 6.4	7:55am / -1.8 7:55pm / 2.0
July 4 1:42am / 7.7 3:09pm / 6.6	8:37am / -1.7 8:46pm / 1.8
July 5 2:31am / 7.4 3:54pm / 6.8	9:20am / -1.4 9:41pm / 1.6
July 6 3:24am / 6.9 4:40am / 6.9	10:05am / -1.0 10:41pm / 1.5
July 7 4:24am / 6.2 5:29pm / 7.1	10:52am / -0.3 11:48pm / 1.2

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Park and ride



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Bike riders wait along the rim of the skate park at Miller Park, surveying the bowl before taking turns with skateboarders and performing tricks. The park is open daily from 10 a.m. to dusk at the main entrance to Miller Park, next to the playground and baseball fields.

SANDBLASTERS LAND ROCKETS IN OPENER

By NED HICKSON
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Florence's AAA American Legion baseball team the Three Rivers Sandblasters spent the weekend in the sun around the diamond, hosting the Eugene Challengers to a nonleague doubleheader on Saturday.

The visiting Challengers took an early lead and never looked back, securing a decisive 10-3 win in the opener.

The 'Blasters' Jonathan Bennison

went 4-for-4 to lead the team offensively, knocking in one RBI.

In the nightcap, the 'Blasters battled back with some offensive firepower from sluggers Ricky Jones and Zach Inskip, each of whom went 2-for-3 at the plate to help keep the Challengers within reach for a narrow 7-6 win.

Inskip had a pair of RBIs and Jones crossed the plate twice for the Sandblasters.

Monday, Florence hosted the first of a three-game series with the Mid Valley Rockets.

Ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the eighth inning, Florence put the game away with two more runs off the bats of Bennison, Jones and Scott Gordon.

Gordon and Jones were each 3-for-4 at the plate, with Gordon connecting for a double and two singles. Jones had two RBIs.

Bennison kept the offensive momentum going with eight hits spread over eight innings.

On the mound, Matthew Engholm pitched a complete game, giving up three hits and one run in the ninth

before shutting down the Rockets for the win.

Yesterday, the Sandblasters traveled to Albany for a rematch doubleheader at the Rockets' pad (after press deadlines).

Today through Sunday, the Sandblasters will be competing in the Mickey Merriam Tournament at Woodland Park in Eugene.

The next home game will be July 8, when Florence hosts the Post 20 Dirtbags at Jiggs Dodson Field, in a doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

BEACHGOERS REMINDED TO AVOID NESTING AREAS

WALDPOR — Beachgoers are reminded that Western snowy plover nesting season restrictions remain in place on area beaches until Sept. 15.

Violators put vulnerable eggs and young of this federally threatened shorebird at risk, and may also be ticketed and fined.

Western snowy plover nesting areas in Oregon are managed by the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Bureau of Land Management and Army Corps of Engineers.

Each year, these agencies implement nesting season restrictions on the beaches they manage to reduce disturbance to nesting birds. On beaches known to be occupied by plovers, vehicle and bicycle access to the beach is prohibited during nesting sea-



JACK HAVERTY PHOTO

Plover nesting areas are federally protected.

son, as are camping and campfires, dog walking and kite flying.

On plover nesting beaches, hiking and horseback riding are allowed on

wet sand, while the dry sand is closed to all uses during the nesting season.

"With the intense heat hanging over Oregon lately, lots of people are hitting the beach," said Cindy Burns, Central Coast Ranger District and Oregon Dunes NRA Wildlife Biologist. "It's a great place to cool off, but unfortunately we're seeing a lot of people going into areas where they can disturb nesting birds."

Particular areas of concern are the Spinreel, Siltcoos, and Tahkenitch beaches.

Forest Service staff, law enforcement, and monitors are seeing signs of both motorized and nonmotorized violations in restricted areas.

Western snowy plovers were listed as a threatened species by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1993. Habitat

loss due to the spread of nonnative, invasive European beachgrass is one major factor contributing to population declines, as are other human activities that disturb nesting birds and attract predators to nesting areas.

In Oregon, where snowy plover numbers have been increasing (though still falling short of recovery), biologists believe a combination of habitat and predator management, as well as nesting season beach restrictions, are contributing to the rebound.

"I love visiting Oregon beaches with my family," said Burns. "We share this incredible resource with the plovers and so many other animals."

"One of the best things we can do to ensure they're around for our kids to enjoy is to respect their habitat, especially at critical times of the year."

Have a Safe & Happy July 4th!

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