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# WORD ON THE STREET

**The 109th annual Rhododendron Festival opened Wednesday with the Rhody Court Scholarship Showcase and continues May 18 when Davis Amusement Carnival opens.**

**What are you most excited for about Rhody Days?**



"I like to see the Rhody Princesses perform at the showcase." "The parade and getting candy!" "Definitely when they throw candy." "Waving back to the princesses." "I like going on the rides."  
—TEAM ELECTRIC EELS



"My favorite is when they throw out candy at the parade." "I like the horses." "My favorite rides are the Zipper and the Fireball." "I like the Egyptian ride." "I like getting to watch the cars and horses go by."  
—TEAM JUMPING JELLYFISH



"I like to see the parade because it's the best thing ever." "And there's candy." "I love the elephant ears at the carnival." "I should say it's the 'spirit of getting everyone together' but it's the carnival."  
—TEAM WHALLOPING WHALES

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## Viks from 1B

Launius got aboard on a walk, then with runners at the corners, Jones stole home on a wild pitch to tie the game at 1-1.

Junior first baseman Claire Waggoner brought Launius home on an RBI single for the go-ahead run, 2-1, followed by an RBI from Petras, who also scored a short time later on a wild pitch to make it 4-1.

Siuslaw held the Lancers

scoreless during their next two at bats for the win.

Jones was 1-for-2 at the plate, with a double, 2 stolen bases and 1 run scored. Waggoner and Petras both went 1-for-3, with 1 run scored and an RBI.

From the pitcher's circle, Jones struck out 4 batters, with a pair of walks and 9 hits.

The Lady Vikings ended the season at 4-11 (7-15), ranked short of a playoff spot at 27th.

Douglas (No. 7), Marshfield (No. 9), South Umpqua (No. 16)

## Fishing from 1B

the winter month but can pick up quickly as spring nears and fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

### SIUSLAW RIVER:

The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cut-throat trout fishing on May 22.

### ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is slow. The river closes to all fishing effective May 1 and will reopen with the cutthroat trout fishery on May 22.

### SALMON RIVER:

The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cut-throat trout fishing on May 22.

### SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year is typically dominated by mostly wild fish. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

### WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year is typically dominated by mostly wild fish. Summer steelhead season is around the corner and a few early fish could start to show up at any time.

### YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cut-throat trout fishing on May 22.

### COOS COUNTY LAKES and PONDS: Trout, warmwater fish

Bluebill Lake is scheduled to be stocked with legal size trout this week. Trophy and legal size trout were recently stocked into Empire Lakes and Powers Pond. Anglers that catch a tagged trout in Empire Lakes can report the tag number to ODFW by stopping by the Charleston Office, calling 541-888-5515, or report tags online. A few of these tags are worth a \$50 gift card.

Bradley Lake was stocked last week with trophy trout. These fish were planted from the north side of the lake to avoid the aquatic vegetation

problem at the boat ramp. Legal size trout have also been stocked recently into Tenmile Lakes and Mingus Park Pond. Fishing in the area lakes for trout has been ok with anglers having the best success using small spinners, spoons, or garlic flavored Powerbait. The daily trout bag limit in these lakes is five trout per day with only one trout over 20 inches.

Largemouth bass fishing is picking up with the warmer days. This time of the year bass will be found in shallow water typically near a weed-line or structure. Plastic worms, shallow crankbaits, and spinner baits are good to use for bass.

### TENMILE BASIN: Trout, steelhead, bass

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are closed for trout fishing until May 22. Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow. Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes has been slow but the lake was recently stocked with legal size rainbows.

Largemouth bass fishing has been good over the past week. Anglers are catching bass in shallow water on spinner baits, jigs, and rubber worms.

### UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua is currently open to adipose fin-clipped steelhead harvest, and a few hatchery winter steelhead are still being harvested below the confluence of Canyon Creek.

There have also been reports of solid bass fishing as the water temperatures become warmer, but remember the South Umpqua is closed to all angling May 1-21.

### WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

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

### PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, Dungeness crab, surf perch, salmon, halibut

Recreational harvest of crab is open along the entire Oregon Coast. It is still recommended you discard the crab viscera (guts/butter) before cooking.

and North Bend (No. 20) are expected to make the post season after finishing first through fourth place in the Far West, respectively.

In baseball, the Viking boys wrapped up their league season on the road at South Umpqua, rallying twice against the Lancers before falling, 9-6.

Siuslaw ends the season tied for fourth place with Douglas (5-10), but out of post-season contention due to rankings.

Anglers fishing the beaches from Coos Bay to Bandon have been catching retdail surf perch. Sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms have been working the best for bait. Surf perch fishing is usually best on the incoming tide.

Recreational ocean salmon fishing from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for all salmon except coho salmon.

Anglers are allowed two salmon per day with a minimum size for Chinook at 24 inches or larger. The selective coho (fin-clipped) season will open on June 25 with a quota of 26,000 coho.

The first All-Depth Halibut fishing days from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. will be May 12-14. The Nearshore Halibut season will not open until June 1.

Fishing for bottom fish is now closed outside of a line approximating the 30-fathom curve. Fishing for black rockfish continues to be very good from Charleston to Bandon when the ocean is calm enough for anglers to get out on the water. Fishing for lingcod has been slow recently.

The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Retention of cabezon is prohibited through June 30.

### BOTTOM FISHING:

Central coast bottom fishing for rockfish has been good, although highly weather dependent. There were a few bar restrictions over the past week making it difficult for smaller sport boats to get out.

But, charter boats did well with limits of rockfish. Lingcod catches have been spotty — likely due to lackluster ocean conditions. Patchiness aside, there were some large lingcod caught on the central coast. On the north coast rockfishing has been hot — with many near limits and about 1 lingcod per angler (when boats are able to get out).

**SURFPERCH:** Being caught on the beaches on the central and south coast. However, perch haven't moved into the estuaries yet — although that should be happening any day. Surfperch are a diverse group of fish that provide a variety of angling opportunities.

### SHELLFISH:

Current shellfish harvest closures in the ocean and bays due to elevated levels of domoic acid as of April 15:

- Razor clams: Open north of Tillamook Head to the Columbia River. Closed south of Tillamook Head to the CA border.
- Bay clams: Open coast-wide
- Crabbing: Open coastwide
- Mussels: Closed from the Columbia River to Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City) - Open from Cascade Head to the OR/CA border.

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