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New rules target football injuries

NFHS committee expands definition of *'unnecessary* rougness'

In its ongoing effort to minimize the risk of injury in high school football, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Committee expanded the provisions of unnecessary roughness to include contact with a defenseless player.

This revision in Rule 9-4-3g was one of six rules changes recommended by the Football Rules Committee at its most recent meeting in Indianapolis.

These changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

The revised rule now reads, "No player or nonplayer shall make any contact with an opponent, including a defenseless player, which is deemed unnecessary or excessive and which incites roughness."

Bob Colgate, director of sports and sports medicine at the NFHS and editor of the NFHS football rules, noted that an example would be when a defensive player who is not in the vicinity of the ball is "blindsided" by a blocker on the offensive

Another change with a focus on risk minimization is a revision of the spearing rule

See RULES 2C

Sports

Calendar

Spring sports

- March 17 SHS baseball at Taft HS
- March 19 SHS track

3 p.m.

- SHS Icebreaker 4 p.m.
- MHS track Mapleton 300
- 4 p.m. • March 20 SHS softball hosts Bandon

5 p.m.

Running for a cause



Rain or shine, runners of all ages have been turning out to show their support of local middle school cross country and track programs for the last six years.

Shamrock Run to roll Saturday in Old Town

Sixth annual run returns to Old Town and continues raising funds for SMS cross country, track programs

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hough the venue has changed over the past six years, the enthusiasm to celebrate the green in terms of raising money for local middle school cross country and track programs has remained the same. This Saturday, March 14, participants in the annual Shamrock Run will once again gather for either the 5K run, 3K run/walk or, for those ages 5 and under, the 100-meter Fun Dash. Pre-registration ended, but you can still show up between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. and get in on the fun the morning of the run for \$10 (ages 6 through 10) or \$15 (age 11 and older).

The 100-meter Fun Dash is free and begins at 8:45 a.m. The event will begin and end near Bridgeport Market along the Port of Siuslaw's east end. Both the 3K and 5K runs start

See RUN 3C



A bit o' the green is always welcome, no matter who is wearing it.

Map outlines western Oregon landslide risks

CORVALLIS — New landslide that is expected in the future of the maps have been developed that will help the Oregon Department of Transportation determine which coastal roads and bridges in Oregon are most likely to be usable following a major subduction zone earthquake

Pacific Northwest.

The maps were created by Oregon State University and the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries, or DOGAMI, as part of a research project for ODOT. They out-

line the landslide risks following a large earthquake on the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

The mapping is part of ongoing ODOT efforts to preserve the critical

See MAP 3C

On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

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MID COAST LAKES:

The rainbow trout stocking program is underway with many of the mid coast lakes been stocked. Most water bodies will be stocked multiple times until early June. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to date information.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species can be productive during the winter months. Anglers may need to target different areas of a lake (typically deeper) versus when fishing more shallow areas in the spring or summer.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery is slow to fair in both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek. River conditions are low and clear. Fishing the mid to lower river and focusing on the deeper holding water will produce

See FISHING 3C

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
March 11	
3:55am / 7.0	10:42am / 1.2

4:52pm / 5.6 10:24pm / 2.7

March 12 4:37am / 6.9 11:38am / 1.2 5:58pm / 5.3 11:15pm / 3.1

March 13 12:43am / 1.1 5:30am / 6.8 7:14pm / 5.2

6:36am / 6.8 12:24am / 3.3 8:31pm / 5.4 1:54pm / 0.9 March 15

March 14

7:50am / 6.9 1:47am / 3.3 9:35pm / 5.8 3:01pm / 0.5

March 16 3:05am / 2.9 9:01am / 7.1 10:28pm / 6.3 4:00pm / 0.1

March 17 10:06am / 7.5 4:10am / 2.3 11:13pm / 6.9 4:51pm / -0.2

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