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### SIUSLAW NEWS



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# Whale Watch Week continues

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is hosting its spring Whale Watch Week, which began March 21 and contnues through Saturday, March 28.

A total of 24 designated whale watching sites have been established along the coast with trained volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program onsite from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

Visitors will also learn about whale migration and feeding habits. A map of the watch sites is available online at whalespoken.org.

Camping, including in yurts and cabins, is available at state parks along the coast.

Visit www.oregonstate parks.org to check availability and make a reservation.

OPRD reminds visitors to be aware of storms and high waves: respect closures, stay off the sand and watch storms from an elevated location.

# Honeyman park passes at new location

The Honeyman Welcome Center is the location for all pass sales at Honeyman State Park. At this location, visitors can purchase 12- or 24month Oregon State Park passes, Oregon Coastal Passports, ATV Permits and Oregon State Park Gift Certificates.

The Welcome Center offers information regarding the park, as well as providing one-stop shopping for passes. The Welcome Center is

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# On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

### 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

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|  | TABLE                          | ¢ |
|--|--------------------------------|---|
| High Tide<br>March 25                      | Low Tide                       |   |
| 4:11am / 7.7<br>5:26pm / 6.0               | 11:02am / 0.1<br>11:01pm /-2.6 |   |
| March 26<br>5:04am / 7.1<br>6:36pm / 5.7   | 12:03am / 0.5                  |   |
| March 27<br>6:05am / 6.6<br>7:51pm / 5.6   | 12:06am / 3.1<br>1:11pm / 0.9  |   |
| March 28<br>7:15am / 6.3<br>9:00pm / 5.7   | 1:23am / 3.2<br>2:20pm / 1.0   |   |
| March 29<br>8:26am / 6.1<br>9:55pm / 5.9   | 2:40am / 3.1<br>3:21pm / 6.1   |   |
| March 30<br>9:30am / 6.2<br>10:38pm / 6.1  | 3:44am / 2.7<br>4:13pm / 1.0   |   |
| March 31<br>10:24am / 6.3<br>11:14pm / 6.4 | 4:35am / 2.2<br>4:56pm / 1.0   |   |
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| News                                       |                                |   |
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Sports

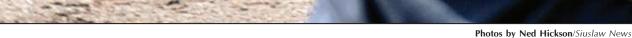
# Calendar

<u>March 26</u>

• SHS softball at Taft High School 1:30 p.m.

<u>March 27</u>

SHS softball hosts Gold Beach 1 p.m. 3 p.m.
SHS baseball hosts Gold Beach 1 p.m. 3 p.m.



Sophomore Heidi Jones had Siuslaw's second-highest number of strikeouts in a single game after retiring 10 Bandon batters in the season opener last week.

# Viks 2-1 in opening week

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Siuslaw hosts Gold Beach for doubleheader Friday

> By NED HICKSON Siuslaw News

Siuslaw opened its softball season with an impressive sweep of the Tigers on the road at Bandon last week, outscoring their opponents 28-2 in the doubleheader.

In the pitcher's circle was sophomore standout Heidi Jones, who turned in a near-recordbreaking-performance by striking out 10 Tigers

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Viking junior Anna Stonelake connects for a single against Cottage Grove on Saturday.



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