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Sports & Recreation

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES
Fishing for the various warmwater fish species is fair to good. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
Chinook, coho, cutthroat trout
Fall Chinook fishing is producing fair to good results from the lower bay up the head of tide. Trolling herring, spinners or bobber fishing can all be productive.

The cutthroat trout fishery is fair for sea runs in the lower reaches of the river and in upper tide water. Fishing during the early mornings or near the larger tributaries is the most productive.

See **FISHING 3B**

SPORTS

Calendar

Oct. 31

• SHS XC

4A STATE MEET

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11 A.M.

TIDE TABLE	
Entrance Siuslaw River	
High Tide	Low Tide
Oct. 31	
3:50am / 6.8	9:22am / 2.6
3:12am / 7.8	10:09pm /-0.6
Nov. 1	
3:47am / 6.5	9:19am / 3.0
3:04pm / 7.2	10:03pm / 0.0
Nov. 2	
4:48pm / 6.3	10:25am / 3.2
4:04pm / 6.5	11:02pm / 0.6
Nov. 3	
5:51am / 6.2	11:40am / 3.3
5:13pm/ 6.0	
Nov. 4	
6:51pm / 6.3	12:03am / 1.1
6:28pm / 5.8	12:56pm / 3.0
Nov. 5	
7:43am / 6.5	1:04am / 1.3
7:40pm/ 5.7	2:03pm / 2.5
Nov. 6	
8:28pm / 6.7	1:59am / 1.6
8:42pm / 5.8	2:56pm / 2.0

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Siuslaw junior power hitter Elyssa Rose rises for a kill shot against Cottage Grove in Tuesday night’s play-in match at Glenn Butler Court.

VIKS LOSE HARD-FOUGHT HEARTBREAKER

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

C. GROVE d SIUSLAW:
25-27, 25-20, 22-25, 26-24, 15-8

For the first time this season, the Vikings had all their aces in their places in a match against Cottage Grove, a team that had defeated Siuslaw early in the season while power players Ali Scheer, Elyssa Rose and HannahLeah Jakobsen were out of

the rotation with injuries.

While Tuesday’s match was a first in terms of the Viks being at full strength against the Lions, and in a situation with a state playoff berth hanging in the balance, it also proved to be the last match of their careers for seniors Hannah Bartlett, Taylor Dotson, exchange student Anna Minton and Scheer, the team’s libero.

The five-set match pushed players to what both coaches agreed were their teams’ best performances of the sea-

son offensively and defensively.

“Both teams walked out of here tonight and left nothing on the court,” said Cottage Grove coach Jason Corwin. “It was a dogfight from start to finish.”

Siuslaw coach Angie Herring agreed, saying as much to her players in a team huddle following an emotional loss to the visiting Lions.

“For our seniors, it was their last game. We wanted them to know they gave it their all and appreciated what

they’ve done for us this season,” said Herring.

In the opening game, the score was tied four times, the last at 24-24 after the Vikings rallied from a four-point deficit on kills from Jakobsen and Rose. The game tied again at 25, with a Cottage Grove error giving Siuslaw the advantage — and freshman Makenzie York scoring on a well-timed tip-kill to win it, 27-25.

See **VIKS 2B**

Viking lineman credits part of success to cheerleading

Siuslaw Vikings lineman Sean Rojas never dropped anyone in four years of competitive cheerleading.

Until he had to lift his sister, the Vikings’ first all-state cheerleader Victoria Rojas.

“It was her fault,” he said, smiling. “But me holding her, somehow it was my fault. At least, that’s what she tells people.”

Rojas was an eighth-grader at a charter school in Surprise, Ariz., at the time. That was four years and 60 pounds ago.

“I started cheerleading to lose weight,” Sean said. “I was 5-foot-5, 240 pounds in eighth grade.



COURTESY PHOTO

Sean Rojas

“We didn’t have football, so I wound up doing cheerleading with my sister to lose weight.”

Sean has developed into a 5-foot-10, 180-pound force on both the offensive and defensive lines his senior year with the Vikings.

It is quite a turnaround from his sophomore season, when he suited up for the first time.

“My sophomore year, my very first day in pads, I got a concussion,” Sean said. “It was my first time wearing shoulder pads and a helmet and getting on the field.

“I was out for a week.”

His junior year he injured his ankle in the opening game and was lost for the season.

“Sean played football as a sophomore because he thought that’s what he needed to do,” coach Tim Dodson said. “He wasn’t going to play as a junior because it wasn’t necessarily fun as a sophomore.

“Then he came out and got hurt right away.”

Somehow all that did not dissuade Sean from joining 10 other seniors for the 2015 Viking team.

“He shows up and he starts and it’s

See **ROJAS 2B**