

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation



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Members of Siuslaw's wrestling team gather at the close of a workout Thursday afternoon in preparation for official practices that begin Monday.

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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### MID COAST LAKES

The coho salmon fisheries in **Siltcoos** and **Tahkenitch** lakes are just getting going. With some recent rain and big tide series fresh coho should be migrating into the lakes. Look to fish near the lake outlet and by the major tributaries that enter the lakes.

Casting or trolling spinners or various plugs can be effective.

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, cutthroat trout*

Fall Chinook fishing is producing fair results with a lot of fish moving to the upper tide water reaches and above. Trolling herring, spinners or bobber fishing can all be productive.

The wild coho fishery is closed for the season.

### ALSEA RIVER:

*Chinook, cutthroat trout*

The fall Chinook fishery is producing fair to good results for both bank and boat anglers. Recent rains have helped to move a lot of chinook into the good river bank access sections.

See **FISHING 4C**

## VIKING WRESTLERS 'ALL IN'

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Siuslaw junior Kainan Lane stretches during Thursday's workout. Lane is a top returner for the Vikings this season.

Though official practices don't start until Monday, the Siuslaw High School wrestling team was already building up sweat equity for the upcoming season with fitness training this week, including the dreaded stair climb — two minutes of running up and down the long staircase that leads to the gym's mat room.

"My job is to work the kids and challenge them physically and mentally, and provide them with experiences that add to and help define their character," says long-time Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik. "They will benefit from that on the mats and in life."

This week's workouts weren't required, but a solid group made of core returners and dedicated newcomers gives Wartnik a sneak peek at what will likely be this year's nucleus.

"It's a strong, dedicated group," Wartnik says of this year's line-up, which includes some seasoned wrestlers as well as newcomers — and the potential for the team's first girls' roster, including Eyza Abbas, Katelyn Rogers and Kimberly DeJesus. "There are rumors of one or two other

girls thinking of coming out for the team, but I'll have to wait and see. But if they do, we could have enough for a girls line-up, which would be a first."

Returning for the Vikings is senior Dylan Jennings, who Wartnik describes as a quiet leader, along with sophomore Ricky Huff.

"Ricky has a great work ethic," Wartnik says of the 112-pounder, who has several years experience on the mats in middle school as well as club wrestling.

Junior heavyweight Kainan Lane is a formidable wrestler that Wartnik describes as "quiet, dedicated and who wrestles with a lot of heart."

"I'd have to say we definitely have the makings of a team with strong leadership as its foundation," says Wartnik.

Among the newcomers this season will be junior transfer Scott Simmons, who Wartnik said is the epitome of a mid-westerner.

See **VIKS 3C**



## SPORTS

### Calendar

#### Winter basketball openers

#### Dec. 2

• **MHS BOYS BB**  
AT POWERS  
7 P.M.

#### Dec. 4

• **SHS GIRLS BB**  
HOST COQUILLE  
6 P.M.  
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7:30 P.M.

#### Dec. 10

• **MHS GIRLS BB**  
AT BROOKINGS  
6 P.M.

## Wildlife Commission delists wolves statewide

SALEM — The Fish and Wildlife Commission voted to delist wolves from the state Endangered Species Act throughout Oregon earlier this week.

The meeting began at 8 a.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m. About 106 people came to testify and they were limited to three minutes each.

Commissioners thanked the public for coming to testify and asked that interests on both sides of the issue continue to work with each other.

Chair Finley said the many people "some in cowboy hats and others in T-shirts supporting wolves" who came out to testify on opposite sides of the

issue because they care about wolves.

"The Wolf Plan has been working well and you are all responsible for that," he told the public still in the meeting at the end of the day. "We will remember the merits of the Wolf Plan and the next one will be as good or better. You can all help that happen."

With the commission's decision made, the rule was filed with the Secretary of State Nov. 10. The filing removes wolves from the state ESA but has no other effect on wolf management at this time.

The Wolf Plan continues to provide protection of wolves into the future.

Any take of wolves is tightly regulated in all phases of the plan. Non-lethal preventive measures to prevent wolf-livestock conflict are the first choice of wildlife managers in all phases of wolf management.

There is no general season sport hunting of wolves allowed in any phase of the Wolf Plan.

Wolves in western Oregon will continue to be managed with ESA-like protections until they reach the conservation objective of four breeding pairs for three consecutive years.

See **WOLVES 4C**

## Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium Nov. 20

YACHATS — Join Surfrider Foundation, Audubon Society and over a dozen participating organizations for the third annual Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium, Nov. 20, in Yachats.

A free event for all, the Land-Sea Symposium is aimed at promoting local stewardship efforts and raising awareness about current research being conducted within the Cape Perpetua nearshore and adjacent

watersheds.

This year's event will kick off with an update on the Ocean Science Trust from Senator Arnie Roblan and follow with presentations from NOAA, OSU, ODFW and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw.

This year's keynote speaker, Laurie Weitkamp of NOAA, will be presenting: "The Blob vs. El Nino."

Since the warm "blob" first appeared in late 2013, the NE Pacific

Ocean and adjacent terrestrial environments have been unusually warm. In spring 2015, an El Nino began to develop at the equator, which will reach full strength during winter 2015/2016 and likely be one of the largest on record.

Dr. Weitkamp will provide a review of these two events and describe some of the biological impacts they're

See **CAPE 3C**

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

**Nov. 14**  
1:43pm / 6.4 7:05am / 3.0  
12:51pm / 7.7 7:51pm / -0.4

**Nov. 15**  
2:26am / 6.3 7:45am / 3.2  
1:29pm / 7.5 8:33pm / -0.2

**Nov. 16**  
3:14pm / 6.3 8:33am / 3.4  
2:13pm / 7.1 9:19pm / 0.0

**Nov. 17**  
4:05am / 6.3 9:31am / 3.4  
3:06pm / 6.7 10:10pm / 0.3

**Nov. 18**  
5:01pm / 6.4 10:41am / 3.3  
4:13pm / 6.3 11:07pm / 0.7

**Nov. 19**  
5:57am / 6.6 11:59am / 2.9  
5:32pm / 6.0

**Nov. 20**  
6:52am / 7.0 12:08am / 1.0  
6:55am / 6.0 1:13pm / 2.2

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