

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

B&G Club expanding softball program

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County is expanding its girls fastpitch softball program.

Until this season, the program has only fielded a U14 team made up of sixth-through eighth-grade girls.

After speaking with a few of the softball leagues on the coast, the B&G Club has decided to expand with the goal of having enough players for three teams: a U10, U12 and U14 team.

The program is looking for girls grades 3 through 8 who are interested in playing softball. Must be age 9 by April 1, 2016 to participate.

Practices will start in April, with games starting in May. The B&G Club will be hosting and traveling to play teams from Waldport, Coos Bay, North Bend, Reedsport, Bandon and Coquille.

Uniforms have been designed and are waiting to be ordered.

The program is also looking for coaches, umpires and any local businesses that are interested in sponsoring a team.

The cost to play is \$100 per player, and includes the cost of the uniform.

Participants must be a current Boys and Girls Club member (a \$25 annual fee).

The B&G Club has income-based scholarships available.

SPORTS

Calendar

UPCOMING

March 14

• SHS BASEBALL

HOSTS C. GROVE

4:30 P.M.

March 17

• SHS SOFTBALL

AT WALDPOR

4 P.M.

• MHS TRACK/FIELD

AT REEDSPORT

2 P.M.

• SHS TRACK/FIELD

SIOUSLAW ICEBREAKER

4 P.M.

Two VIKS PIN STATE MEDALS

BY NED HICKSON
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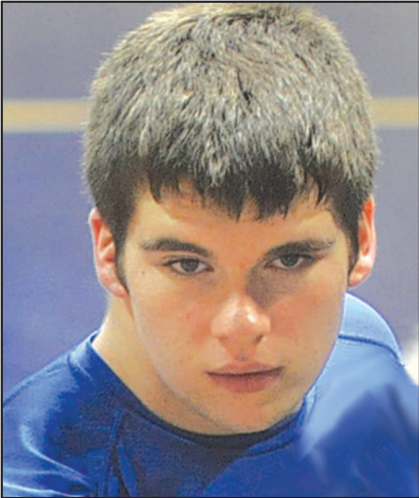
Four Vikings earned their way to the OSAA state tournament mats last weekend at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland, and two came home with hardware for Siuslaw.

Senior 220-pounder Dylan Jennings earned the Viks 16 team points over two days of wrestling that began with wins by fall over Bronson Holthusen of Astoria and Dalton Doerfler of Sweet Home. Dylan took Holthusen in just 1:53 minutes, then Doerfler in 3:29 minutes.

The wins advanced him into his third match on day two, where he lost 12-2 to Crook County's Brogan Howard.

Jennings came back to defeat Justin Crum of Sutherlin, 4-2, in the consolation round, earning him a chance at third place against Louie Sanchez of Cascade.

After a virtual stalemate during the first two rounds, Jennings was taken down and lost by fall to Sanchez in 5:19 minutes, to finishing fourth overall.



Siuslaw senior 220-pounder Dylan Jennings (left) placed fourth at state; sophomore 113-pounder Ricky Huff placed sixth at state.



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At 116 pounds, sophomore grappler Ricky Huff had a full dance card Saturday, facing off in four matches after going 1-1 the day before. He opened the tournament with a 6-0 loss to Jace Hays of Baker, then battled back in spectacular fashion against another Baker wrestler, Dawson Dollarhide, for a 14-3 major decision.

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Siuslaw alum pitches shutout for Beavers

BY NED HICKSON
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ARIZONA — After finishing a promising freshman outing for the Beavers' baseball team early last March due to a back sprain, Siuslaw alum and red-shirt OSU sophomore Jake Thompson brought spectators to their feet last Friday at Surprise Stadium in Arizona.

After pitching a five-hitter and striking out seven Kansas State Jayhawks in 6 2/3 innings, Thompson left the mound to a standing ovation for his performance, which helped solidify an impressive 14-0 shutout over Kansas.

The Beavers downed the Jayhawks twice more over the



COURTESY PHOTO/OSU BASEBALL

Beavers pitcher and Siuslaw alum Jake Thompson struck out seven in a 14-0 shutout Friday against Kansas State.

weekend, winning 9-3 and 3-1.

Earlier in the week, the Beavers rallied against two Kansas State leads before clipping the Jayhawks 7-5 on a 3-RBI triple from Caleb Hamilton in the eighth inning for the win.

Currently, the Beavers are ranked No. 5 as they continue preseason play.

Bottom fishing topic for tonight's STEP meeting

Bottom fishing for ling cod and halibut off the central Oregon coast will be the topic at tonight's meeting of the Florence Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP).

The group meets at 7 p.m. in the Elks Lodge on 12th Street in Florence. The public is invited to attend.

Local fishing guide and Florence area native David Huntington will share his knowledge and experience

with fishing for these tasty bottom fish. He will bring some examples of the set-ups he uses to attract halibut and ling cod to the line.

The veteran angler and guide also plans to share tips on how to set up on a drift and what the bottom structure of the ocean floor should look like in targeting halibut and ling cod.

A short business meeting will precede Huntington's talk. Reports from

the activities at Whittaker Creek trap and the group's Munsel Creek Hatchery will be shared.

Other club business will be discussed and fishing reports for successes of catching winter steelhead or newly planted trout will be shared.

For more information about STEP, contact club president Ron Caputo at 541-997-4961.

DISCOVERY SERIES TRAVERSES AMANDA'S TRAIL SATURDAY

YACHATS — The pain and brutality of the forced relocation of several coastal tribes is embodied by the story of a tribeswoman known today only as "Amanda."

Amanda, blind and forcibly separated from her 8-year-old daughter, was marched with other displaced Indians from their south-central Coastal territories to the Alsea sub-agency relocation camp near Yachats in 1864.

Stumbling repeatedly over the rocky headland of Cape Perpetua, the blood shed from her injured feet was so profuse, an escorting soldier later wrote it was "sufficient to track her by." A trail along the northern face of the promontory within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area now bares her name.

"Amanda: How A Trail Brought Truth, Reconciliation and Collaboration To A Divided People" retraces the har-

rowing plight faced by coastal tribes during the era of white resettlement.

It will be the topic of the next Winter Discovery Series at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, 2400 S. Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats.

The presentation will describe the rich culture of the Ya'Xaik People,

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On the Bite

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FISHING REPORT FOR
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MID COAST LAKES
Stocking of rainbow trout will begin soon in many mid coast water bodies. Look at the stocking report to see the full stocking season.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species tends to be slower during the winter months. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIOUSLAW RIVER:
Steelhead
The winter steelhead fishery is fair to good for

See **FISHING 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

March 2
5:27am / 6.5 12:45pm / 1.5
7:14pm / 5.0

March 3 6:32am / 6.6 8:25pm / 5.3	March 3 12:20am / 3.6 1:51pm / 1.2
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March 4
7:37am / 6.8 1:37am / 3.5
9:21pm / 5.7 2:49pm / 0.7

March 5 8:38am / 7.2 10:06pm / 6.2	March 5 2:43am / 3.1 3:39pm / 0.2
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March 6
9:33am / 7.6 3:39am / 2.6
10:46pm / 6.7 4:24pm / -0.2

March 7 10:25am / 7.9 11:24pm / 7.2	March 7 4:30am / 1.9 5:06pm / -0.5
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March 8
11:15am / 8.2 5:17am / 1.2
5:47pm / -0.6

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2016 is Starting Out with a BOOM!

In the first two months, as of March 1st, we have 53 properties, including 4 lots, that are in pending status.
In addition, there have been 37 sold properties, 5 of those lots.
It's promising to be one of the busiest years we've had in years, which is good news for everyone!

With that said, we still need listings to keep up the inventory for those people still looking for properties. It's never a bad time to list your home!

If you're thinking of buying or selling, give me a call, and I'll get you going!

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"We're next to the Bridge."



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