

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

## Viks dodge rain, pick up road win

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It's been a crazy week for the Viking baseball team, with weather woes creating a constantly evolving spring break schedule.

Last Wednesday's first home game, against Sweet Home, was washed out and, instead, played Thursday at the Huskies' den.

After a 6-2 loss, Siuslaw was on the road Saturday for the Taft Tournament, where it picked up its second loss, 4-1, to the Tigers.

The next day, they were back at Taft, taking on Gold Beach for an impressive 14-1 win. Though the Vikings were scheduled to continue on in the tournament with a game against Valley Catholic last Monday, again weather canceled Monday's game.

All told, the Vikings have had three games cancelled since March 14, which was supposed to be their season opener, at home, against Cottage Grove.

Despite the ups and downs of trying to keep momentum in the face of constant schedule changes, the Vikings are settling into their own groove as they prepare for their first home game, March 29, against Elmira.

The team has three returning 2015 all-stars, including second team all-leaguers Scott Gordon and Kenneth Thrall, and honorable mention recipient Caleb Paredes.

This season, Thrall will play shortstop and Gordon will play second base, with Paredes in centerfield.

Behind the plate, Kyle Rose will be part of the battery with starting pitcher Michael Larson and Mapleton lefthanded freshman Gabe Simington.

With the core group of last year's team returning along with second-year coaching staff Tony Castro, Randy Paredes and Dave Snow, the Viks are looking to build on last year's 5-10 league record (7-18 overall) and give the Far West League its own kind of reign.

## SPORTS

### Calendar

#### March 29

- SHS BASEBALL  
HOSTS ELMIRA  
4:30 P.M.
- SHS SOFTBALL  
AT ELMIRA  
4:30 P.M.

#### March 31

- SHS SOFTBALL  
HOSTS SUTHERLIN  
4:30 P.M.
- SHS BASEBALL  
AT SUTHERLIN  
4:30 P.M.
- SHS SOFTBALL  
AT ELMIRA  
4:30 P.M.

## SPRING AIR



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BJ Humphrey (top) performs a "Benihana" as dozens of skateboarders and trick cyclists took advantage of a break in the weather Thursday at the Miller Park skatepark. "It's spring break and the first real day without rain," said Humphrey. "Everybody had the same idea and came here to have some fun."

## Discovery Series to focus on drifting dunes



COURTESY PHOTO

YACHATS — Spanning more than 40 miles, the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area is the longest expanse of coastal sand dunes in the United States.

Stretching from Florence to Coos Bay, the Oregon Dunes attract more than 1 million visitors each and is recognized for its unique habitat amid

the temperate rainforests of the Oregon Coast range.

But where did all that sand come from?

Author and Dunes enthusiast Dina Pavlis will present "Secrets of the Oregon Dunes" at 2 p.m. today, March 26, at the next Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series, 2400 S. Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats.

Pavlis will share photos, stories

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## On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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### MID COAST LAKES:

Rainbow trout stocking is underway in many locations along the mid coast. 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 month but can pick up quickly as spring nears and fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

### SIUSLAW RIVER:

**Steelhead**  
The winter steelhead fishery is fair for both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek systems. River conditions will vary through the week as more rain is predicted. Casting lures, bobber fishing or pulling plugs are good options.

### ALSEA RIVER:

**Steelhead**  
Winter steelhead fishing is slow to fair. Forecasted rain this week should move in some new fish and improve the bite. During

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## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>March 26</b>	
2:19am / 7.1	8:49am / 0.6
2:56pm / 6.3	8:48pm / 1.9

<b>March 27</b>	
2:48am / 7.0	9:26am / 0.7
3:37pm / 6.0	9:20pm / 2.3

<b>March 28</b>	
3:20am / 6.9	10:06am / 0.8
4:24pm / 5.7	9:56pm / 2.7

<b>March 29</b>	
3:56am / 6.7	10:53am / 1.0
5:19pm / 5.4	10:39pm / 3.1

<b>March 30</b>	
4:40am / 6.5	11:49am / 1.1
6:24pm / 5.2	11:37pm / 3.4

<b>March 31</b>	
5:37am / 6.3	12:53am / 1.1
7:36pm / 5.3	

<b>April 1</b>	
6:48am / 6.2	12:54am / 3.5
8:43pm / 5.5	2:00pm / 1.0

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