

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

March 31

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

April 2

- SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS J. CITY
NOON (DH)
- SHS BASEBALL
AT J. CITY
NOON (DH)
- SHS TRACK
AT J. CITY INV.
10 A.M.



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Siuslaw starting pitcher Heidi Jones watches her pitch approach the strike zone. She'll be busy starting all three home games this week for the Vikings.

VIKS TRIPLE-TIMING IT THIS WEEK

BY NED HICKSON
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REEDSPORT: 400 000 X - 5 9 2

SIUSLAW: 010 100 0 - 2 3 6
HARRISBURG: 140 213 X - 11 11 3

Since their March 17 season-opening win at Waldport, the Lady Viking softball team has been in a holding pattern, with four games — double-headers with Philomath and Cottage Grove — all canceled due to weather or poor field conditions.

Last Friday, after eight days without a game, the Vikings were on the field at Reedsport, with the Braves hosting

a tripleheader that included Siuslaw matchups against Harrisburg and Reedsport.

In the opener, which pitted the Braves against the Eagles, Harrisburg had little trouble running over Reedsport in just five innings, with the mercy rule called into play at 13-2.

That brought Siuslaw to the plate against their host. The Braves opened the game with four runs in the first inning, then moved ahead 5-0 on another run in the bottom of the third inning.

Siuslaw, meanwhile, was scoreless, forcing it into rally mode in the fifth inning. That's when Anna Stonelake, Anna Petras and Taylor Dotson each had hits to help bring the Viks within

two runs, 3-5.

In the top of the seventh, Dotson delivered a home run, but it wasn't enough to finish the comeback as the Braves held on for the win, 5-4.

Dotson was 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs, 2 singles and 1 home run. Petras was 2-for-3 with 1 single, 2 doubles and 2 runs scored. Stonelake was 2-for-2 with 1 RBI and 1 single.

On the mound, junior pitcher Heidi Jones faced 29 batters and struck out 8, with only 1 walk.

Next, the Vikings took on Harrisburg and went the distance, avoiding a 5-inning game thanks to runs in the second and fourth innings

See **VIKS 3B**

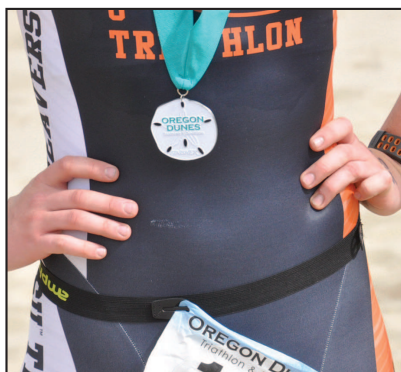
Volunteers sought for fourth-annual Dunes Triathlon

Dunes City is making plans to host its fourth annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Saturday, May 7.

Though the City's signature event is several weeks away, organizers are recruiting volunteers to help staff the event.

Volunteers provide invaluable assistance to ensure that the races and venues run smoothly and safely.

Volunteers also play a vital support



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The event brings athletes from around the world to compete in swimming, cycling and running.

role for all of the participating athletes by providing encouragement and hospitality. Many of the athletes have returned to the Tri/Du each year because they appreciate the enthusiastic volunteers.

See **DUNES 3B**

On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR
THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

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 lower clear flows, it's better to focus efforts in the mid to lower river sections. Casting spinners / spoons, or floating bait or a jig are good options.

SALMON RIVER:
Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is fair and fish can be found throughout the mainstem as river conditions allow. Casting lures, bouncing the bottom or drifting jigs or bait under a bobber are good techniques to consider.

SILETZ RIVER:
Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing fair for both bank and boat anglers. Forecasted rains this week should help to move in some new fish and spread out the run. Side drifting, bouncing bottom or bobber fishing can be productive.

WILSON RIVER:
Steelhead
Steelhead angling should be good when conditions are favorable. Fish are spread out through the system. The river should be fishable by mid-week. Fish larger, brighter offerings slowly in areas where flows are softer while the

See **FISHING 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
March 30 4:40am / 6.5 6:24pm / 5.2	11:49am / 1.1 11:37pm / 3.4

March 31 5:37am / 6.3 7:36pm / 5.3	12:53am / 1.1
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April 1 6:48am / 6.2 8:43pm / 5.5	12:54am / 3.5 2:00pm / 1.0
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April 2 8:03am / 6.3 9:37pm / 6.0	2:14am / 3.2 3:03pm / 0.7
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April 3 9:12am / 6.6 10:23pm / 6.4	3:23am / 2.6 3:58pm / 0.4
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April 4 10:14am / 7.0 11:05pm / 7.0	4:21am / 1.8 4:47pm / 0.1
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April 5 11:10am / 7.3 11:45pm / 7.6	5:12am / 1.0 5:33pm / 0.0
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