

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

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:
The river basin is closed to all fishing above the head of tide and will reopen for cutthroat trout fishing on May 22.

ALSEA RIVER:
Steelhead
Winter steelhead fishing is slow. This time of year does tend to be dominated by more wild fish and post spawn run backs. Casting spinners / spoons, floating bait or a jig, or bouncing bottom with an egg pattern are good options.

See **FISHING 3B**



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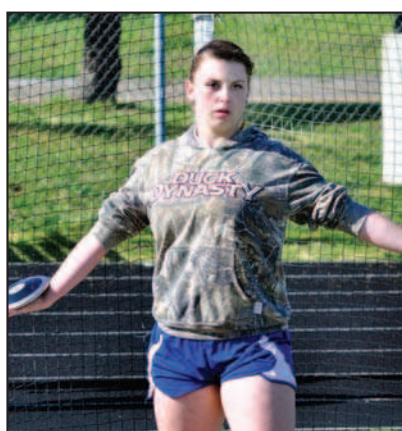
Mapleton junior Tyler Packebush clears 8 feet to place fifth at the Far West League JV meet in Florence.

SAILORS TRACKSTERS RAISE BAR

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Mapleton brought a little of the Mountain West to the Far West last Tuesday, when the Sailors track and field team joined in competition against junior varsity teams from Siuslaw, Marshfield and North Bend at Hans Petersen Field in Florence.

Though the Sailors were outmanned by as many as 3-1 against the Bulldogs and Pirates, who actually



Mapleton freshman Erin Michael placed third in the discus with a throw of 81 feet, 9 inches.

took all six lanes in on heat, Mapleton showed well, with wins in the boys 4x100-meter relay and girls discus.

Mapleton junior thrower Josi Hays had the top individual finish for the girls team, throwing 84 feet, 1 inch to win the discus over Marshfield senior

See **SAILORS 3B**

Fundraiser for Mapleton pool tonight

A pulled-pork dinner and live/silent auction will be held tonight, April 9, at the Florence Elks Lodge as a fundraiser for the Siuslaw Regional Aquatics Center, the Mapleton pool.

Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner served between 5:30 and 7 p.m. The Elks' no-host bar will be open. Only a handful of tickets will be available at the door, 1686 12th St.

Dinner tickets are \$15 each and include pulled pork, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans, rolls, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert. Vegetarian and organic options are available.

More than 60 silent auction items will be displayed as well as live auction items, including a golf package for two, guided fishing trip, Carol Van Curler watercolor, a grandmother clock, a helicopter thrill ride and an artsy water fountain.

See **POOL 3B**

SPORTS

Calendar

April 9

• SHS TRACK
AT ROSEBURG INV.
4 P.M.

April 12

• SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS BROOKINGS
5 P.M.

• SHS BASEBALL
AT BROOKINGS
5 P.M.

• SHS TRACK
AT COOS BAY
PREFONTAINE TRACK
4 P.M.

April 14

• MHS TRACK
AT TAFT H.S.
3:45 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

April 9
1:47am / 8.5 8:24am / -1.2
2:40pm / 7.3 8:29pm / 1.2

April 10
2:30am / 8.4 9:15am / -1.2
3:35pm / 6.9 9:17pm / 1.7

April 11
3:17am / 8.1 10:08am / -0.9
4:34pm / 6.5 10:10pm / 2.2

April 12
4:08am / 7.6 11:05am / -0.5
5:39pm / 6.1 11:12pm / 2.7

April 13
5:06pm / 7.0 12:08pm / 7.0
6:49pm / 6.0

April 14
12:25am / 3.0 6:14am / 6.5
1:15pm / 0.4 8:00pm / 6.0

April 15
1:46am / 2.9 7:29am / 6.1
2:22pm / 0.7 9:03pm / 6.0

Siuslaw heads into league play

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SIUSLAW: 2 PLEASANT HILL: 5

The Vikings wrapped up non-league play Thursday at home, hosting Pleasant Hill before heading into last night's league-opening double-

header against Marshfield (after press deadlines).

With the Far West season kicking off the next day, Siuslaw's pitching rotation against the Billies on Thursday was a patchwork of hurlers, beginning with senior Scott Gordon. Though he hadn't thrown from the mound since his freshman year, Gordon got results with his curve ball

Siuslaw senior short stop Kenneth Thrall looks for the sign as he steps to the plate Thursday.

before handing the mound over to junior first baseman Brogan Cornish.

Senior centerfielder Caleb Parades closed the game out, with the Vikings

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Lady Vikings swing into Far West softball season

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SIUSLAW: 5 TILLAMOOK: 6

Friday, the Viking softball team headed into Far West League competition at Marshfield (after press dead-

lines) with as many wins under its belt as it did all of last season. So kicking off league on the road against last year's district championship team is something Siuslaw coach Sean O'Mara is glad to get over with.

"We're feeling pretty positive and would rather face Marshfield early,

then host them at the end of the season," O'Mara said. "That could play in our favor down the stretch."

Thursday, the Vikings had a solid showing against a good Cheesemakers lineup, with Tillamook barely nudging past the Vikings, 6-5.

The Vikings enter league with just

seven games in preseason play, where they went 3-4, including a 15-8 win over Sutherlin and 4-3 win over Junction City.

Next week, the Vikings will host Brookings on Tuesday, beginning at

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