

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

Junior sluggers at Miller Park all weekend

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The smack of bats against leather-wrapped baseballs will be heard today and tomorrow at Miller Park as nearly 40 teams from throughout the region, and in all age groups, compete in the annual Rick and Corrine Gehlke Baseball Tournament.

Along with Siuslaw, players from North Bend, Marshfield, South Umpqua, Newport, Waldport and as far south as Bandon will be playing everything from tee-ball to live-pitch baseball.

It will take place on all five fields, providing a chance to see potential future Vikings — as well as who they



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Players scout another team while waiting for the next round of competition during last year's tourney.

might be playing in the years ahead.

Along with baseball, there will be concessions available, including pulled pork sandwiches, snacks, sodas and candy, with money raised going to support the Siuslaw Baseball Association.

"It's a great way to spend part of your Father's Day weekend and support youth baseball," said Kim Stinger of the SBA.

Admission to all games is free throughout the tournament, June 18 and 19, with games getting underway at 9 a.m. each day.

Signups continue for SWC camps

The Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) is again offering summer camps for students entering fourth grade through high school. These camps are the perfect way to get the most out of summer.

Come be a part of exploring the Siuslaw watershed's many rivers, streams and lakes.

Camp dates are:

- Introductory Camp: June 27-30, for students entering grades 4-6

- Intermediate Camp: July 11-14, for students entering grades 6-8

- Advanced Camp: July 18-22, for students entering grades 8-12 with previous watershed experience

During camps, participants travel throughout the Siuslaw watershed learning about plants, animals, water and land.

The camps focus on the restoration work that is being done to keep the watershed healthy. Campers will get a chance to make a difference by doing hands-on restoration work, as well as canoeing, kayaking, snorkelling, hiking and more.

Introductory and intermediate camps are day camps.

Advanced camp includes one overnight camping trip.

Each camp is \$75 for the whole session and scholarships are available.

Registration packets are available at www.siuslaw.org/camps, call the SWC office at 541-268-3044 or email camp@siuslaw.org.

Siuslaw Watershed Camps are made possible with funding from OWEB, WCLF, in partnership with Siuslaw School District, and through private donations.

SPORTS

Calendar

June 18

• BASEBALL
GEHLKE TOURNEY
DAY ONE
9 A.M.
MILLER PARK

June 19

• BASEBALL
GEHLKE TOURNEY
DAY TWO
9 A.M.
MILLER PARK

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
June 18 12:19am / 5.5 11:30pm / 7.2	5:55am / -0.4 5:36pm / 2.5

June 19 1:00pm / 5.7	6:32am / -0.8 6:16pm / 2.6
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June 20 12:06am / 7.3 1:39pm / 5.9	7:08am / -1.1 6:55pm / 2.6
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June 21 12:42am / 7.4 2:17pm / 6.0	7:44am / -1.2 7:35pm / 2.6
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June 22 1:20am / 7.3 2:56pm / 6.0	8:21am / -1.2 8:18pm / 2.5
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June 23 1:59am / 7.1 3:37pm / 6.1	8:59am / -1.2 9:04pm / 2.5
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June 24 2:43am / 6.9 4:19pm / 6.2	9:39am / -1.0 9:55pm / 2.4
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KNOW THE DRILL



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New Siuslaw football head coach Jamin Pool calls the team together at the end of afternoon drills Thursday, finishing a week of light conditioning and working on play routes for receivers. The Viks are in Cottage Grove today for some 7-on-7 action with the Lions. The Viks will take a week off before hitting the weight room in anticipation of daily doubles in August. Also in August, the Vikings will host their annual football camp for grades 5-8, Aug. 8-11. The Viks' season opener will be on the road at Elmira, Sept. 2.

Golfer to play 100 holes to benefit the hungry

REEDSPORT — This Monday, June 20, at the break of dawn, Greg Carter will start his golf-a-thon to raise money to provide meals to those suffering from hunger.

One-in-six people experience hunger in Douglas County. That motivated Carter to use his passion for golf to do good.

"If I can raise awareness and debunk myths about those suffering from hunger, I can help my community understand the need in our area and give them a way to support the Pantry," said Carter.

Two-thirds of Project Blessing's clients are seniors and children, the most vulnerable populations in his community.

Everyday, seniors choose between purchasing medicine or food, and families select cheap processed foods to make their food dollars go farther.

"Project Blessing is doing amazing work to provide fresh produce and a variety of nutritional foods," Carter said. "For every dollar raised, they can provide three meals."

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— Greg Carter

Currently, Project Blessing distributes more than 15,000 pounds of food each month. This is possible thanks to Reedsport Safeway store participating in the Fresh Alliance program, which provides fresh produce and other perishable products.

"It is nice to see fresh, healthy food in the pantry," said Carter.

Project Blessing volunteers often hear how grateful clients are for the healthy selection offered at the pantry.

The pantry's daily operations are exclusively supported by local donations.

"The pantry receives grants for equipment, but most grants won't pay to keep the lights on or pay for food," said Carter. "It is our community that

keeps the pantry's doors open, and I want to help in any way I can."

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Eliminating hunger reduces stress and anxiety in the household and not worrying about where the next meal is coming from and eating a healthier diet allows children to perform better in school.

"I'm excited to golf 100 holes in a day to make a difference in my community," Carter said.

Anyone can support Carter's 100 Holes for Hunger golf-a-thon by texting 100hunger to 91-999 from any smart phone, or visit 100 Holes for Hunger Reedsport on Facebook and click the "donate now" button.

Community members can also mail a tax-deductible donation to: Project Blessing 2191 Birch Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467.

To volunteer, call 541-271-3928 or visit Project Blessing on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 3 p.m., or Fridays, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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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 is good this time of year as 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.

ALSEA RIVER:

The river is now open to cutthroat trout fishing. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Bait is not allowed above the head of tide until Sept. 1.

SALMON RIVER:

The river basin is open

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