

Tonight's STEP meeting to discuss fishing, boating tips

Targeting salmon in the Siuslaw River is the theme at the tonight's meeting of the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP). The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on 12th Street in Florence and the public is invited to attend. Ryan Hatfield, owner/oper-

tor of Grey Ghost Guide Service and Bobby Jensen, Jr., of Y-Marina, will share the podium at the meeting. Hatfield, who guides in Alaska in the summer and fishes for fall salmon and winter steelhead in the Siuslaw River, will share his strategies for hooking up.

He plans to discuss trolling tactics, share brining methods and talking about preparation that is important before even getting on the water. He will also share some tips for bobber fishing and plans to bring an assortment of rods and setups. He is also planning to bring

his new boat to showcase that night. Jensen will be discussing boating options and how the type of boat can affect fishing. Some of the considerations include offshore bracket vs. transom, aluminum vs. fiberglass boats. He will also talk about boat-

ing etiquette and may have some surprises up his sleeve for the evening. Jensen grew up in Brookings and boasts that he was a commercial fisherman at age nine, fishing with his father. He moved to Florence three years ago and loves all things boats.

Prior to the talk, there will be a short business meeting, including hatchery updates, work parties and fishing reports. For more information, contact club president Ron Caputo at 541-997-4961.

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scored in a game. The Eagles kicked off, recovered their own onside kick and scored. Yoncalla was able to repeat that process three more times before the Sailors got the ball. A fumble ended up in Yoncalla's hands, with the Eagles scoring

once again to go up 28-0 less than six minutes into the game. But the Sailors had far from given up, dominating the game from then until late in the third quarter. "If not for that four-touchdown cushion we had, I'm not sure we would have gotten out of there with a win," said Yoncalla coach Matt Bragg. "They just kept battling."

By halftime, the Sailors had closed the gap to 74-48 after running 17 plays in the second quarter and rushing for 219 yards. Mapleton scored 40 points in the second period, beginning with a 21-yard run by senior quarterback Hunter Simington, who also scored on the conversion. With 7:15 on the clock, Packebush breached the end zone from 43 yards out. Senior Nick

Smith scored the conversion on a pass reception from Simington. Packebush scored twice more before the half, on a 5-yard carry and 50-yard run, with sophomore Evan Moso snagging a 53-yard bomb from Simington for Mapleton's final score of the half. In the third quarter, Simington connected with Moso on two 50-yard touchdown passes. The Sailors were only

outscored 34-24 in the second half. With the Eagles leading 100-64 to start the fourth quarter, Packebush muscled his way into the end zone with 6:08 on the clock, scoring the record-breaking combined-scoring total for the final touchdown of the game — and a combined score of 180 points. The previous record was set in

2012, during the Triad vs. Elkton game (172 points total). Though it was a loss for the Sailors on the scoreboard, the effort was a winning one in the eyes of Mapleton fans. Friday, the Sailors will be on the road at North Douglas. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

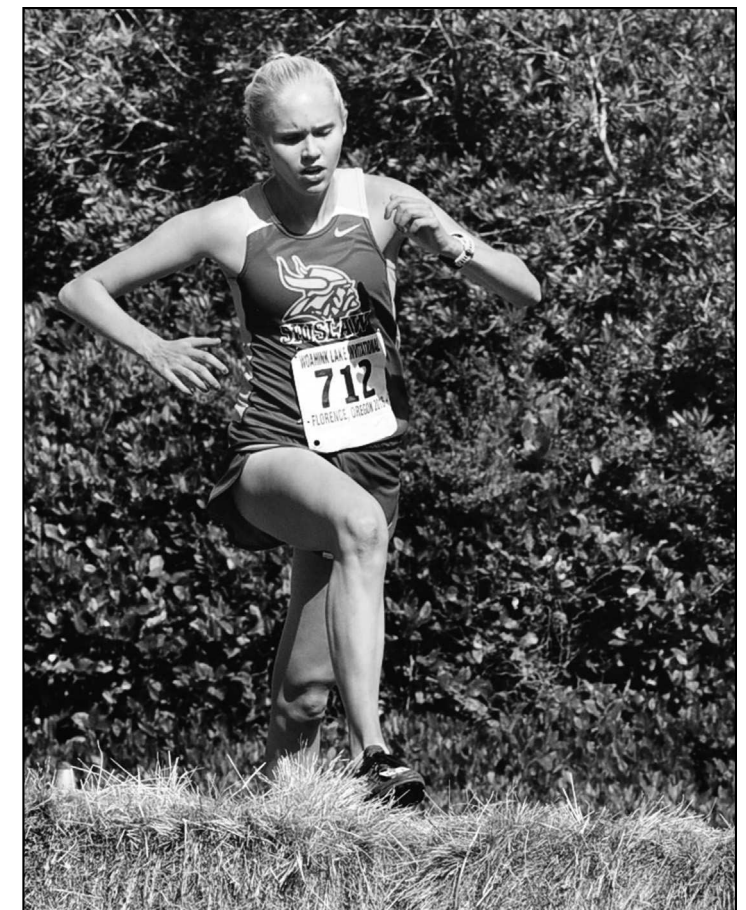
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respectively, and freshman Bryn Clement finishing seventh with a personal best time of 24:33.9. Though the Lady Vikings finished closer to the middle of the pack in team scoring, so many underclassmen setting PRs on a course known for slow times

bodes well for Siuslaw and its defending 4A state champion, senior Celie Mans. On Saturday, Mans finished second to Bandon senior Sailor Hutton, who finished the 5K in 19:02; Mans clocked 19:26.4. However, in the coming weeks, Mans will be competing on courses that have been good to her, including the Paul Mariman

Invitational in Philomath this weekend — a course Mans has dominated for the last three years. She'll run the George Fox Classic after that, a course that brought her a season-best time last year (18:30.7), with the Far West District meet soon after, followed by state. Along the way, there's no telling how much this year's

group of freshmen will improve. And not just on the girls' team. Siuslaw's boys team also posts a roster dominated by talented freshmen who made their presence known at Woahink. Led by senior Jack Pickell and junior Issac Griffes, the Vikings had the highest 4A finish at Saturday's meet and sixth overall in a strong field, beating out Philomath, Marshfield, North Bend, Brookings-Harbor and Elmira.



Siuslaw senior Celie Mans clears a hay bale during Saturday's Woahink Invitational, where she finished second overall.

Griffes had the team's best finish, coming in at 17:48.6. He was followed by Pickell (18:05.0), and freshmen Brendon Jensen (18:23.3), Kiger Johnson (18:35.3) and Jonah Jarman (19:00.6) claiming the team's 3, 4 and 5 spots, respectively. Central Catholic junior Cameron Thompson took the individual title in 16:40.5, a precursor to the day's team title. Saturday, Siuslaw will compete at the Paul Mariman Invitational in Philomath. The varsity girls' race begins at 2 p.m., followed by the boys' race at 2:30 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Elyssa Rose

Siuslaw H.S. Vikings Volleyball

The senior middle blocker scored 19 kills, leading the team in a four-set victory over the South Umpqua Lancers. The victory put the Viking Volleyball squad back alone atop the Far West League standings.

Honorable Mention Evan Moso

Mapleton Sailor receiver Evan Moso who had 3 catches for 153 yards and three touchdowns; plus scored on a pair of two-point conversions in a loss to Yoncalla.

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Brandt firing a 31-yarder to Rusk on a 4th-and-3 situation for a touchdown. North Band answered once again, this time with four more scores to secure a 49-12 lead entering the half. Coming back from the break, the Bulldogs scored on their first two possessions of the second

half, initiating a running clock after moving ahead 63-12. An interception by junior linebacker Jake Hickson set provided the Vikings with an extra possession late in the third quarter, leading to a 1-yard TD run to end the quarter. Siuslaw's final score of the game came on a 3-yard pass from Brandt to Cornish with 6:33 remaining. The Bulldogs went on to win

it, 63-26. Friday, the Vikings will be on the road to take on No. 4-ranked Marshfield (1-1). The Viks will play at South Umpqua on Friday, Oct. 14, then finish the season hosting Brookings-Harbor for the homecoming game Friday, Oct. 21. All three match-ups get started at 7 p.m.

Fishing from 1C

SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat, Chinook
The Salmon River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is fair. Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses. Parking can be limited at Knight Park during the fall salmon return. Anglers are reminded that from Knight Park boat ramp to Sulphur Creek, until Dec. 31, angling is restricted to single point hook metal lures, fly angling, or salmon bobber angling.

SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, cutthroat, Chinook
The Siletz River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is fair. Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber or drifting eggs can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses. Consult the regulations for changes in deadline locations through the season. Steelhead fishing is slow. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective. Cover water and fish small and simple as the river conditions are low and clear. For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry

flies can be very effective. **YAQUINA RIVER:** Cutthroat, Chinook
The Yaquina River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is fair. Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses. For cutthroat trout casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams above tidewater is open. **COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS:** Warmwater fish, trout
As water temperatures drop this fall warmwater fish will become more active all day long. Bass will be found in deeper water associated with cover, like weed lines or other structure. Plastic worms, shallow crankbaits, top water lures, and spinner baits are good to use for bass. The fall is typically a good time of the year to catch yellow perch using worms or small jigs fished near the bottom. Rainbow trout are scheduled to be stocked in several Coos County lakes in early to mid-October. Due to extremely low water levels, Lower Empire Lake will not be stocked. Trout that were destined for Lower Empire Lake will be reallocated to Upper Empire and Butterfield lakes. Currently, fishing for trout has been decent in Eel Lake.

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