

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation



SPORTS

Calendar

Dec. 28

• MHS BB

AT REEDSPORT HS
GIRLS: 5:30 P.M.
BOYS: 7 P.M.

Dec. 29

• MHS BB

AT PERRYDALE HS
GIRLS: 4 P.M.
BOYS: 5:30 P.M.

Dec. 30

• SHS BB

AT CORBETT HS
GIRLS: 4 P.M.
BOYS: 5:30 P.M.

Detour at Siltcoos to protect snowy plover

REEDSPORT — A new seasonal detour is now in place for off-highway vehicle riders at Siltcoos Beach, south of Florence, to protect the winter habitat of western snowy plover while continuing to provide year-round beach access.

Beginning this week and annually from Sept. 16 to March 14, riders will

be directed to access the beach via the newly constructed Breach North OHV Trail, 600 feet north of the traditional Breach access point.

This winter detour provides alternate access to Siltcoos Beach and does not affect use of the beach itself.

Western snowy plover are small, threatened shorebirds that utilize open

sand for nesting, feeding, and overwintering.

"We're committed to providing great recreation opportunities on the dunes and beach throughout the year, while also protecting these sensitive birds," said Shane Gill, recreation lead for the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. "We appreciate riders' willing-

ness to use the new beach access point so that these plovers have a better chance of surviving the winter undisturbed."

After a multi-year analysis and review, including input from thousands of members of the public, in 2015 the

See **PLOVER 3B**



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Siuslaw senior Brittany Long drives past a Reedsport defender during Tuesday night's 52-26 win.

LADY VIKS BOUNCE BRAVES

BY NED HICKSON
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The Lady Vikings have been on a roll across the hardwood, winning three out of their last four games, the last of which came in a lopsided 26-point vic-

tory at Reedsport High School Tuesday night.

In all three wins, senior Brittany Long has scored in double digits, including a team-high 14 points against the Braves on Tuesday. Joining Long in double-digit scoring that night was fel-

low senior Destinie Tatum, who claimed 12 points and nabbed 8 rebounds, along with sophomore Alyssa Richards with 10 points.

Richards, who didn't start at the

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On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES

Holdover trout will be available in most lakes. Fishing for the various warm water fish species will slow as water temperatures cool. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes are open for wild coho until Dec. 31. Fishing has been fair to slow.

Casting spinners near the weed lines and trolling plugs or spinners can be effective on fish that recently entered the lake.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Chinook

The Siuslaw River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow.

Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river.

ALSEA RIVER AND BAY:

Chinook, steelhead
The Alsea River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow. Fish are throughout the bay and river. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

Steelhead fishing is open. Fish are entering the mainstem with the first

See **FISHING 4B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Dec. 24
9:12am / 6.6 2:59am / 2.4
10:28pm / 5.0 4:20pm / 1.0

Dec. 25
9:53am / 6.8 3:51am / 2.6
11:18am / 5.2 5:02pm / 0.5

Dec. 26
10:31am / 7.0 4:38am / 2.6
5:40pm / 1.0

Dec. 27
12:01am / 5.4 5:21am / 2.7
11:09am / 7.0 6:16pm / -0.1

Dec. 28
12:40am / 5.6 6:01am / 2.7
11:45pm / 7.1 6:51pm / -0.3

Dec. 29
1:17am / 5.8 6:39am / 2.7
12:21pm / 7.1 7:26pm / -0.4

Dec. 30
1:53am / 5.9 7:18am / 2.6
12:57pm / 7.1 8:00pm / -0.4

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Siuslaw bitten by Bulldogs, 50-34

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The Vikings got out to a quick lead at home against Sutherlin Tuesday night as freshman post

Siuslaw senior Ricky Jones makes a fastbreak in the first period against Sutherlin.

Sam Myers and junior post Trent Reavis scored on back-to-back turnovers to move ahead 4-0, followed by a fastbreak layup by senior guard Ricky Jones.

However, those were the only points Siuslaw scored in the period as the Bulldogs rallied to tie the game at 6-6 entering the second quarter. Sutherlin then scored on a 3-point play and tacked on a pair of

freethrows — followed by a bucket from inside the paint despite the Viks' 2-3 zone.

Now trailing 13-6, Siuslaw managed to pull within 5 points, 15-10, before the half, thanks to freethrow shooting from Reavis and junior forward Jared Brandt.

"It was a tough game," said

See **SIUSLAW 5B**



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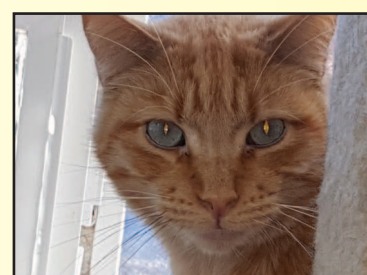
Julius is a total Lover-Boy, He is a senior gentleman, we think about 12 years old. He loves affection and gets along great with other kitties. Julius is also one of our rare de-clawed residents. Contact the shelter for more details.



Looking for Love



Linus is a very quiet boy, looking for a quiet family. He came to our shelter 7 years ago when he weighed only 1 lb. Linus loves



nothing more than lying in a patch of sun near the window and is very good with other kitties too.