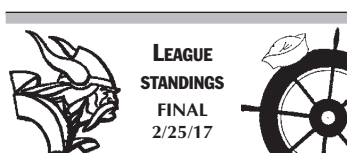


Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation



BASKETBALL

FWL BOYS		MWL BOYS	
N. BEND	10-0	T. LAKE	6-0
SIUSLAW	5-5	SILETZ	5-1
DOUGLAS	5-5	LOWELL	4-2
MARSHFIELD	4-6	EDDYVILLE	4-2
BROOKINGS	3-7	MOHAWK	2-4
S. UMP.	3-7	MAPLETON	2-4

FWL GIRLS		MWL GIRLS	
MARSHFIELD	9-1	LOWELL	6-0
DOUGLAS	8-2	ALSEA	4-0
N. BEND	6-4	SILETZ	2-2
BROOKINGS	5-5	MCKENZIE	3-3
SIUSLAW	1-9	MOHAWK	3-3
S. UMP.	1-9	MAPLETON	0-4

SPORTS Calendar

Feb. 25-26

• SHS BOWLING
STATE TOURNEY
PORTLAND

Spring openers

• MARCH 13
SHS SOFTBALL
AT NEWPORT
4 P.M.

• MARCH 18
SHS BASEBALL
AT TAFT
NOON

• MARCH 23
SHS TRACK
AT SIUSLAW
SIUSLAW ICEBREAKER
4 P.M.

• APRIL 13
MHS TRACK
AT MONROE
4 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Feb. 25 10:56am / 7.8	5:05am / 2.3 5:41pm / -0.4

Feb. 26 12:01am / 6.9 11:38pm / 7.9	5:46am / 1.9 6:17pm / -0.4
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Feb. 27 12:35am / 7.2 12:22pm / 7.9	6:27am / 1.4 6:52pm / -0.3
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Feb. 28 1:09am / 7.5 1:06pm / 7.7	7:10am / 1.1 7:29pm / 0.1
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March 1 1:44am / 7.7 1:54pm / 7.3	7:56am / 0.8 8:07pm / 0.6
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March 2 2:22am / 7.8 2:47pm / 6.8	8:46am / 0.7 8:49pm / 1.2
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March 3 3:04am / 7.8 3:47pm / 6.2	9:41am / 0.6 9:35pm / 1.8
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Swing kid



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

A high water table mixed with steady rainfall resulted in light flooding in several areas around Florence last week. At Miller Park's playground, nine-year-old Serenity Fox made the most of the standing water as the sun broke Thursday afternoon.

Fly Fishing Expo in Reedsport today

The Lower Umpqua Flycasters will be holding its 27th annual Fly Fishing Expo at the Reedsport Community Center, 451 Winchester Ave. in Reedsport, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., today, Feb. 25.

The Expo is a free day of fun for the entire family.

The expo offers the opportunity for both long-term anglers and those new to the sport learn about fly casting through special features, including demonstrations and programs on various aspects of fly fishing, fly tying and fly casting.

There will also equipment displays, informational displays by various stream and fish enhancement groups, a

concession stand with meals and snacks available, and raffle drawings each hour all day.

Dave Williams will do a special presentation on smallmouth bass fishing on John Day River.

More than 20 fly tyers from Oregon and Washington will be present doing demonstrations and sales.

To answer questions regarding Oregon lakes, personnel will be available from the Eel/Tenmile STEP program, Tenmile Lake Basin Partnership, ODFW of Coos County, and the CCA group.

Frank Moore, international expert on fly-rod casting, will also be demonstrating and helping young and old

learn how to cast.

This year also includes two new exhibits, Project Healing Water Fly Fishing and Source One Serenity, both geared to military veterans.

Other exhibits include: wild flowers, fishing antiques, float boats and representatives from various fly rod and fly tying equipment companies.

This is the only event of its kind on the south and central Oregon coast. The purpose of the free expo is to promote conservation and introduce the sport of fly fishing to adults and young children.

The club has members from Waldport to Gold Beach.

STEP to hear from ODFW on salmon runs

ODFW district Biologist John Spangler will discuss the salmon and steelhead runs on the Siuslaw River and other coastal streams at the next meeting of the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP).

The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 1, beginning at 7 p.m.

Spangler will show the size of the current salmon runs and show ODFW predictions for future runs.

He will also talk about environmental conditions that have caused a 60 percent reduction in salmon and steelhead returning to the Siuslaw River.

Spangler has been the biologist for mid-coast area for 23 years and is also the STEP biologist for Florence STEP.

There will be a short STEP business meeting before Spangler's presentation.

Step meetings are held in the back room of the Florence Elks Club and are open to the public.

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NORTH COAST LAKES:

Nehalem Hatchery released 200 surplus winter steelhead into Vernonia pond, 57 into Lost Lake and 60 into Lake Lytle.

These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience, especially when the rivers are blown out. Once in the lake they are considered "trout" and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will almost all be in that size range.

Trout stocking is complete in the other North Coast lakes, but there are still hold over trout available and winter can be a great time to fish for them as these trout will be larger now, and getting hungry. The trout stocking schedule for 2017 is available online, and printed versions will be out soon.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Chinook, steelhead

The Siuslaw River and Lake Cr. are open for hatchery winter steelhead. Fishing is slow.

See **FISHING 3B**

MARINE BOARD SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON FACILITY PLAN

SALEM — Every six years, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) solicits feedback from boaters and facility owners to create a catalog of boating facility needs, and then assigns priorities to sites for grant funding.

This information is compiled into the "Statewide

Boating Access Improvement Plan," commonly referred to as the "Six-Year Plan."

The agency invites boaters to participate in a survey to help identify where the needs are around the state.

"With over 1,100 boating access sites in Oregon operated and owned by more than

160 different recreational boating facility owners, the Marine Board relies heavily on feedback about the condition of boating facilities from all recreational boaters; motorized and non-motorized," said Janine Belleque, Boating Facility Manager for the Marine Board. "We lever-

age the dollars brought in through boat registration fees and marine gas tax with federal grants and matching dollars from facility owners to maintain, as well as build, new recreational boating access in the state."

The Marine Board does not own or operate any boating

facilities in the state; however, the Marine Board's Boating Facilities Section provides technical assistance to boating facility owners in the form of design, facility engineering, surveying, waterway permitting and

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