

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

Spring openers

- **MARCH 13**
SHS SOFTBALL
AT NEWPORT
4 P.M.
- **MARCH 17**
MHS TRACK
AT WALDPOR
4 P.M.
- **MARCH 18**
SHS BASEBALL
AT TAFT
NOON
- **MARCH 23**
SHS TRACK &
FIELD
SIUSLAW
ICEBREAKER
AT SHS
4 P.M.



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Mapleton senior Josi Hays (top) had state appearances in the shot put and discus last season, helping the Lady Sailors win their first-ever league title; senior Tyler Packebush competed in two events at state last year.

RAISING THE BAR

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Beneath rainy skies, the Mapleton track and field team spent the past week gearing up for its first meet of the season next week at Waldport, where the Lady Sailors hope to launch a run to defend their Mountain West League title this May. Meanwhile, the boys team is poised with several state returners who hope to use that experience to land the first boys' district title in more than a decade.

"Our teams are pretty deep with talent this year," said Mapleton coach Aaron Longo. "Our girls' team numbers are a little low, but we're talent-rich with a lot of athletes who have the potential to score in the top two or three at district this year."

"And our boys' team is hungry for a title." Top returners for the girls

See **MAPLETON 2C**



OSAA offers latest redistricting plan

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) offered its latest redistricting proposals last week, zeroing in on what will be a final decision slated for March 20.

The OSAA's latest recommendation includes four possible scenarios, or as many as five if it goes with the football-only option — but it's highly

unlikely that option will gain traction.

In the meantime, the OSAA has presented options 10, 11, 12 and 13, with the first two options moving toward a six-classification model, and the last two options requiring a five-classification structure.

Under the six-classification proposal, Siuslaw would be a part of the revised Far West League; the five-classification system would move the Vikings into a newly revised Sky-Em

League model.

Draft 10 would include Bandon, Coquille, Rogue River, South Umpqua, Siuslaw and Sutherlin. Draft 11 would expand the Far West to eight teams, including Brookings-Harbor, Cottage Grove, Creswell, Douglas, Elmira, South Umpqua, Sutherlin and Siuslaw.

In the Draft 12 option, Siuslaw would join Cottage Grove, Elmira,

See **OSAA 2C**

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

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. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

MID COAST LAKES:

The trout stocking schedule for 2017 is available online and trout have been stocked in some 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.

ALSEA RIVER AND BAY:

Steelhead
Steelhead fishing is open on the Alsea River and listed tributaries. The river is shaping up after last week's rain. Fishing is slow. Alsea Hatchery is having a below average return to the hatchery.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

SALMON RIVER:

Steelhead
The Salmon River is open for wild and hatchery steelhead. Fishing is slow.

Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1/day

See **FISHING 3C**

SIUSLAW NEWS

148 Maple St.
Florence
541-997-3441



Lynnette Wikstrom
Broker
Cell: 541.999.0786



CBC#11274 MLS#16002568

lynnette@cbcoast.com

BEST LOT CLOSE TO THE BEACH!
All squared away & ready to go. 0.14 acre lot one block from beach. All utilities are in, which includes a bottomless sand filter, electric and water meters, even comes with 2-story cabin plans so you can get that view of the ocean.

PRICE REDUCED TO \$89,000!!

100 Hwy. 101, Florence, OR • 541.997.7777

"We're next to the Bridge."

COLDWELL BANKER

COAST REAL ESTATE