

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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**NORTH COAST LAKES:**  
Nehalem Hatchery released 200 surplus winter steelhead into Vernonia

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OSU COURTESY PHOTO

**OSU pitcher Jake Thompson is tied for the Pac-12 and national lead in wins (5) after striking out 10 in the Beavers' win over Arizona.**

## SHS grad in Pac-12 spotlight

BY NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

By the time Jake Thompson left the mound after Saturday's win over Arizona State, the Oregon State University pitcher and Siuslaw High School graduate had left 10 batters swinging at the air.

It was a career record for Thompson, whose performance drew the attention and accolades of the Pac-12 by being named a Player of the Week.

The red-shirt junior struck out

six in the first three innings on the way to winning his fifth game of the season, which is a career record for Thompson. It also ties him for the Pac-12 and national lead so far this season.

It was the 82nd all-time weekly honor for the Beavers, and Thompson's first. At Siuslaw, Thompson's pitching abilities earned him first-team all-state honors in both his junior and senior seasons, drawing the attention of the Chicago Cubs in the 34th round during the MLB draft.

At the time, Thompson opted not to sign and, instead, went on to play summer baseball with the Bend Elks in 2014, where he went 4-2 in nine starts with a 2.45 ERA and 34 strikeouts.

During his sophomore year at OSU, a back strain held him to less than seven innings of play but he came back to red shirt that fall.

He struggled last season with a team-high 28 walks in 61 innings, but has come into this season

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## SPORTS Calendar

• **MARCH 25**  
SHS SOFTBALL  
HOSTS BANDON  
1 P.M.

• **MARCH 27**  
SHS BASEBALL  
AT NEWPORT TOURNEY  
1 AND 4 P.M.

• **MARCH 28**  
SHS BASEBALL  
AT NEWPORT TOURNEY  
VS NEWPORT  
NOON

• **MARCH 30**  
SHS SOFTBALL  
HOSTS HARRISBURG  
NOON AND 1:30 P.M.  
MHS TRACK  
MAPLETON MEET  
(THROWS ONLY)  
11 A.M.

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>March 25</b> 10:51am / 7.0 11:45pm / 6.8	4:59am / 2.1 5:28pm / 0.2
<b>March 26</b> 11:39am / 7.3 6:06pm / 0.1	5:43am / 1.4
<b>March 27</b> 12:20am / 7.2 12:25pm / 7.5	6:26am / 0.8 6:45pm / 0.1
<b>March 28</b> 12:54am / 7.7 1:12pm / 7.6	7:09am / 0.2 7:23pm / 0.3

<b>March 29</b> 1:30am / 8.0 2:00pm / 7.4	7:53am / -0.3 8:03pm / 0.7
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<b>March 30</b> 2:08am / 8.2 2:51pm / 7.1	8:40am / -0.6 8:44pm / 1.2
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<b>March 31</b> 2:48am / 8.2 3:46pm / 6.7	9:29am / -0.6 9:29pm / 1.7
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## SIUSLAW NEWS

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Siuslaw senior Clark Hooper won both hurdles events during Thursday's Siuslaw Icebreaker track and field invitational.

## VIK TRACKSTERS LAND HIGH MARKS

BY NED HICKSON  
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Siuslaw opened its track and field season Thursday at home amid steady rain, but the weather conditions at the five-team Siuslaw Icebreaker didn't dampen the efforts by Viking athletes.

Siuslaw had a total of 31 top-5 finishes, including 10 first-place marks, along with state-best throws in the shot put (38 feet, 7 inches) and discus (127 feet, 6 inches) for senior Carissa Oliver for wins in both events.

Oliver also set a personal record in the javelin at 94-7 for third place.



ROB GRIFFES/FOR SIUSLAW NEWS

**Senior thrower Carissa Oliver posted state 4A bests in both the shot put and discus Thursday.**

Other wins for the Lady Viks included freshman Anne Wartnik in the 3,000 meters (12:48) for the eighth-best time in the state among 4A runners so far this season.

In the 400-meter race, senior and defending 4A state 800-meter champion Destinie Tatum won with a

time of 1:05.49 and was second in the high jump at 4-6.

Senior Celie Mans, two-time 4A state cross country champion, won the 1,500 meters in 4:58.16, followed by freshman Hannah Rannow in second place with a time of 5:24.96. Mans' time is currently the second-fastest time in the 4A this season, with Rannow's time the eighth-best so far.

The Lady Viks also got several second-place marks, including junior Kaylee Graham in both hurdles, with times of 18.17 (110HH) and 52.80

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## Season opens for Vik baseball, softball

BY NED HICKSON  
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Though the weather threw Siuslaw's baseball and softball teams a curve at the close of last week, both teams managed to get in some time around the diamond, with the Lady Vikings getting two

games in before the weekend.

Tuesday at Sutherlin, the Viking softball team opened the season with a win, outscoring the Bulldogs 18-5 to win in just over five innings of play.

"Our offense showed great discipline in the box and our pitching was up to the task of working the plate to get

strikes," said Siuslaw coach Sean O'Mara.

Senior Heidi Jones came into the first inning with the bases loaded before striking out the next three batters.

"It got us out of a potential game-changing jam," said

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## Sailors show well at 'field-event-only' meet

BY NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

With striping of its newly resurfaced track delayed by weather, the Mapleton track team went with a "field-events-only" meet held at home against Alsea Thursday.

Senior Josi Hays swept the throws, winning the discus (80-6), Shot put (28-06) and javelin (95-0). Sophomore Bailey Messick won the high jump with a PR leap of 3-6 before landing fourth in the long jump at 11-5.

Sophomore Brittany Wilson

was second in the javelin (65-11), third in the shot put (20-7.5) and sixth in the long jump (10-2).

Senior Dana Halverson had three top-five finishes, beginning with second place in

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## Whale Watch Week begins today

Beginning this weekend, visitors to the coast should bring binoculars for a chance to see gray whales passing by the Oregon coast during Spring Whale Watch Week, March 25 through 31.

To help visitors spot the passing monoliths of the ocean, trained volunteers from the Whale Watching Spoken Here program will be stationed at 24 designated whale-watching sites, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. They will be on hand to assist visitors in learning about the whales' migration and

feeding habits, as well as offer tips on how to spot them.

A map of the watch sites is available online at [www.whale.spoken.org](http://www.whale.spoken.org). The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Whale Watching Center in Depoe Bay will also be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day during the Watch Week.

The Whale Watching Center has interpretive exhibits on whales, "whale size" windows with panoramic ocean views, and rangers on

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