

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

• **APRIL 1**
SHS SOFTBALL
AT HARRISBURG
AT NOON.

• **APRIL 4**
SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS TILLAMOOK
3 P.M.

SHS BASEBALL
AT PLEASANT HILL
4:30 P.M.

• **APRIL 7**
MHS TRACK
AT MCKENZIE
4 P.M.

• **APRIL 8**
SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS COQUILLE
1 AND 4 P.M.

• **APRIL 11**
SHS BASEBALL
HOSTS MARSHFIELD
5 P.M.
SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS MARSHFIELD
5 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
April 1 3:33am / 8.0 4:47pm / 6.3	10:23am / -0.5 10:21pm / 2.3

April 2 4:24am / 7.7 5:56pm / 6.0	11:24am / -0.2 11:23pm / 2.8
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April 3 5:24am / 7.2 7:12pm / 5.8	12:31pm / 0.1
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April 4 6:35am / 6.8 8:27pm / 6.0	12:39am / 3.1 1:43pm / 0.3
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April 5 7:53am / 6.6 9:32pm / 6.2	2:03am / 3.0 2:52pm / 0.3
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April 6 9:07am / 6.6 10:24pm / 6.5	3:19am / 2.6 3:53pm / 0.3
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April 7 10:11am / 6.7 11:07pm / 6.8	4:21am / 2.0 4:44pm / 0.3
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SAFE AT HOME



Senior catcher Nikki Launius beats the tag at home to give the Lady Vikings a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning during game one of Friday afternoon's doubleheader against Coquille. Final results were unavailable at press time. Today, Siuslaw will be on the road at Harrisburg for a game beginning at noon. The Vikings will be at home again Tuesday when they host Tillamook. First pitch will be at 3 p.m.

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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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. 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

See **FISHING XB**

OISC reveals new weapon in fight against invasive species

SALEM — Invasive plants and animals are stressing Oregon's native species and have the potential to cost millions in economic damage to the state's water infrastructure systems, agriculture and forestry.

Oregonians and regional partners now have a new coordinated approach to protecting Oregon from these devastating effects: The Oregon Statewide Strategic Plan for Invasive Species 2017-27 and the accompanying working document, the Oregon Statewide Action Plan for Invasive Species.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) released the plan after a year of stakeholder engagement and a 2016 Oregon Invasive Species Summit devoted to its development.

Co-chairing the effort and penning a letter to Oregonians at the beginning of the plan, Jeffrey (Jas) Adams and Rian vanden Hooff noted "increasingly, invasive species — whether introduced by deliberate or unintended actions — present one of the most serious current threats to our economy, ecosystems, infrastructure, and natural heritage."

State wildlife officials are so concerned about invasive species they list them as a Key Conservation Issue in the Oregon Conservation Strategy.

"The second largest factor causing native species to become at-risk of extinction in the United States is invasive species," said Rick Boater, Invasive Species Coordinator for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and current OISC chair. "Invasives are a real threat to Oregon's fish and wildlife and their habitats."

Boater pointed out a few examples

of invasive species already affecting some of Oregon's native fish and wildlife. American bullfrogs and reared slider turtles harm Oregon's two native turtles by competing for nesting sites and food.

Bullfrogs also prey on native turtles, frogs, fish and snakes.

Ringed crayfish compete with native Signal crayfish for food and habitat, and New Zealand Mud Snails can impact native invertebrates and the food chain of native trout.

See **OISC XB**

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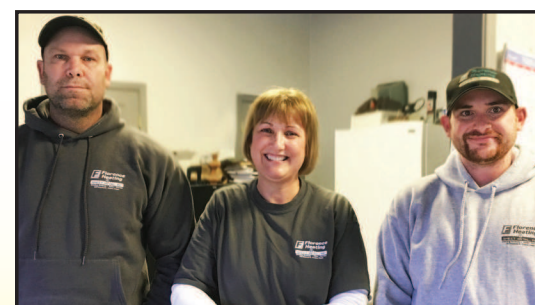
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