

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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NORTH COAST LAKES:

Most of the North Coast lakes were stocked with trout this week. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry.

So far this season, Town Lake near Pacific City has been stocked with nearly 200 surplus summer steelhead from Cedar Creek Hatchery. In addition, 66 early run winter steelhead were released there on Jan. 11.

Trout stocking began the week of March 20 in most district lakes. The 2017 trout stocking schedule is available online.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Chinook, steelhead
The Siuslaw River and Lake Cr. are open for hatchery winter steelhead.

Fishing is fair. 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 are slow as water temperatures remain cold.

See **FISHING 4B**

OSAA throws last-minute OSAA re-districting curve

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Following a heated Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) meeting held last Monday over the continuing debate regarding redistricting set to begin in the fall of 2018, the committee has introduced yet another option for schools to consider: the Umpqua Valley Conference (UVC).

This conference would be a six-school league encompassing Siuslaw all the way to Rogue River — a trip that would mean more than 170 miles

and approximately three hours of travel time for the Vikings.

Other schools included in the UVC would be Coquille, Douglas, South Umpqua and Sutherlin.

In this latest option, Brookings-Harbor, Marshfield and North Bend would stay in the Far West League and be joined by Cottage Grove, Hidden Valley and North Valley.

The Umpqua Valley League came as a result of the OSAA's committees revisit the idea of a six-classification system.

This latest proposal (Draft No. 15)

came following Monday's open meeting, when smaller schools rebuked a five-classification option (Draft No. 13) recommended by the committee.

A revised five-classification model (Draft No. 14) that would keep the Vikings in the same league (as in Draft 13) was also considered.

In that model, Siuslaw would return to the Sky-Em League along with Creswell, Elmira, Harrisburg, Junction City, La Pine, Philomath, Pleasant Hill and Sisters — each of which would mean a three-hour trip one way.

In Draft No. 14, Marshfield and North Bend would shift to the Midwestern League and join Churchill, Cottage Grove, Marist, North Eugene and Springfield.

Brookings-Harbor, Douglas and South Umpqua would join the 3A Southern Cascade League with schools from Cascade Christian (Medford), Hidden Valley, North Valley, Sutherlin and St. Mary's in Medford.

For more detailed information, visit www.osaa.org/docs/committees/classification/20170410update.pdf.

Flying high



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Siuslaw junior Kyle King set personal records in both the long jump and triple jump at Coos Bay last Tuesday.

VIKS LEAP INTO FAR WEST MEET

By NED HICKSON
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The Siuslaw track and field team was in Coos Bay last Tuesday, competing at Prefontaine Track during its first official Far West League meet of the season. Seniors Clark Hooper, Carissa Oliver and Abby Watkins, along with and junior Trent

Reavis, all left with first-place medals, leading both the Vikings boys and girls teams to a third-place finish overall in team scoring, behind Marshfield and North Bend.

Hooper won both boys hurdles events, with a personal-record of 42.13 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles, and a time of 16.0 in the 110 hurdles.

Oliver won the girls discus after launching a personal-record throw of

134-5, then went on to win the shot put at 38-6.

Watkins won the girls long jump with a season-best leap of 15-6.5 and finished second in the triple jump at 29-6.

Reavis, meanwhile, won both the discus (143-1) and shot put (50-9). He also placed third in the javelin.

See **TRACK 3B**

Heceta Lightstation seeks guides

The Heceta Head Lightstation and Keeper's House needs tour guides for 2017. Guides greet visitors and share the rich history of this special Oregon treasure!

Dedicate 50 hours and earn a free night stay at the Keeper's House Bed & Breakfast. Over 24,000 people from across the globe visit the Lightstation every year.

Considered the most photographed lighthouse in the United States, the Heceta Head Lighthouse is the

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SPORTS Calendar

- **APRIL 15**
SHS TRACK
OREGON RELAYS
AT HAYWARD FIELD
10 A.M.
- **SHS SOFTBALL**
HOSTS MARSHFIELD
NOON AND 2 P.M.
- **SHS BASEBALL**
HOSTS MARSHFIELD
1 P.M.

- **APRIL 18**
SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS DOUGLAS
5 P.M.
- **SHS BASEBALL**
AT DOUGLAS
5 P.M.

NOTE: ALL GAMES ARE WEATHER PERMITTING

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
April 15 2:50am / 6.9 4:05pm / 5.9	9:40am / 0.3 9:34pm / 2.8

April 16 3:24am / 6.6 4:54pm / 5.6	10:22am / 0.5 10:16pm / 3.2
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April 17 4:03am / 6.3 5:52pm / 5.4	11:10am / 0.8 11:09pm / 3.5
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April 18 4:53am / 6.0 6:56pm / 5.3	12:06am / 1.0
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April 19 5:56am / 5.8 8:00pm / 5.4	12:18am / 3.6 1:09pm / 1.0
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April 20 7:10am / 5.7 8:55pm / 5.7	1:36am / 3.4 2:11pm / 1.0
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April 21 8:23am / 5.8 9:41pm / 6.1	2:46am / 2.9 3:08pm / 0.9
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State parks to open 1,000 additional eclipse campsites

Starting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will open reservations for approximately 1,000 campsites for the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse.

These sites are in addition to the OPRD's regular campsites, most of which have been reserved since November 2016. About two-thirds of the new sites are inside the path of totality, where visitors will see a total solar eclipse.

Most of the others are within 30 miles of totality, in view of a partial eclipse. Prices range from \$10 a night for a basic spot in a field or parking lot to \$31 a night for an RV site with full hookups. All sites include an \$8 nonre-

fundable reservation fee.

"We want to make this once-in-a-lifetime event available to as many campers as we can safely accommodate. That's why we decided to add additional campsites, all at an affordable cost," said OPRD spokesman Chris Havel.

All sites will have a three-night minimum, with check-in on Friday, Aug. 18, and check-out Monday, Aug. 21.

Customers can make reservations beginning at 8 a.m. April 19 at www.oregonstateparks.org or by calling the reservation line at 1-800-452-5687.

OPRD is making available two

types of sites: traditional campsites and temporary eclipse camping spots.

Traditional campsites, representing about a third of the total sites available, are at parks that normally offer non-reservable, "first-come, first-served" camping. These have picnic tables and fire rings, but some do not have showers.

No first-come, first-served camping will be available at these parks the nights of Aug. 18 through 20:

- Coast: Beachside, Carl G. Washburne (both outside the path of totality).

- Willamette Valley: North Santiam, Cascadia (both in path of totality); Cascara Campground at Fall Creek

Reservoir (outside the path of totality).

- Central and Eastern: Farewell Bend, Unity Lake, Clyde Holliday, and Bates (all in path of totality); Cottonwood Canyon, Catherine Creek, Ukiah-Dale, Minam, Red Bridge, Hilgard Junction, Lake Owyhee and Jasper Point (all outside path of totality).

Two-thirds of the sites are in temporary eclipse camping areas at campgrounds and day-use parks with sufficient space and facilities. These \$10 and \$11 per-night spaces provide a place to park and camp in a parking lot or field, but little else.

See **ECLIPSE 4B**