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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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SIUSLAW RIVER: Trout Trout season opened May 22, and there should be some nice cutthroat.

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Siuslaw names Shinn to head Viking baseball program

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw baseball coach Tony Castro had made it clear at the end of last season that he'd reached the tough decision of stepping down as head coach.

"I love these kids and this program, but it's beginning to be too much for me," he said. "It's time to hand it over."

Taking Castro's cue, Siuslaw High School Athletics Director Chris Johnson began the search for Castro's replacement — a search that ended Thursday with the official announcement that Dallas High School teacher and coach Tom Shinn would be taking over the helm.

In an email, Shinn said he was "excited about the oppor-



Tom Shinn

tunity to return to baseball and ready to work hard to make an impact with Siuslaw's baseball program."

Shinn, who will also teach social studies at Siuslaw this fall, is a 1988 graduate of Roseburg High School and holds a bachelor's degree in social science from Western Oregon.

From 1995 to 2001, Shinn was head of the Willamina

Bulldogs baseball program, where he coached the team to a second-place finish at the state 2A/1A baseball tournament in 1999.

Since joining the Dallas School District, Shinn has also coached football, softball and track at the high school level, with a state qualifier in the shot put and discus for the Dragons each year since 2015.

SPORTS Calendar

• JULY 15

SAND MASTER JAM
SANDBOARDING EVENT
AT SAND MASTER PARK
2 TO 5 P.M.

UPCOMING

• AUG. 7-10

SHS FOOTBALL
ANNUAL KIDS CAMP
HANS PETERSEN FIELD
K THRU 4TH GRADE:
NOON TO 1:30 P.M.
5TH THRU 8TH GRADE
3 TO 5 P.M.

• AUG. 18

SHS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY
5:30 P.M.
THREE RIVERS CASINO

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
July 8 1:17pm / 5.7	6:46am / -0.8 6:33pm / 2.6

July 9 12:19am / 7.2 1:53pm / 5.9	7:20am / -1.0 7:11pm / 2.6
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July 10 12:55am / 7.2 2:28pm / 6.0	7:55am / -1.0 7:50pm / 2.5
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July 11 1:32am / 7.0 3:03pm / 6.0	8:29am / -1.0 8:30pm / 2.4
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July 12 2:10am / 6.8 3:39pm / 6.1	9:03am / 6.8 9:13pm / 2.3
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July 13 2:51am / 6.5 4:17pm / 6.2	9:39am / -0.5 10:02pm / 2.2
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July 14 3:37am / 6.1 4:56pm / 6.3	10:18am / -0.1 10:57pm / 2.0
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SAND JAMMIN'



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Taylor Bicandi tries her hand in the sand drag race during last year's 20th-annual Sand Master Jam, hosted by Sand Master Park. This year's event will return Saturday, July 15, from 2 to 5 p.m., beginning at Sand Master Park. Events will include both pro and amateur division events for sand drag and slalom competitions. For more information, call Sand Master Park at 541-997-6006 or visit www.sandmasterpark.com.

Golf tourney's mission personal for local Rotarian

John Scott was just an ordinary small town boy in Iowa in 1952. It was summer, and it was the height of the polio epidemic that swept through the United States and around the world.

"I have no idea how I even got the disease," Scott says. "It was probably a family vacation where we went swimming in the lake."

Swimming was pretty much non-

existent in those days. Public pools were closed and lakes and ponds were generally declared off limits, since they were assumed to be a major source of spreading the virus.

Scott began showing symptoms and his mother immediately rushed him to the hospital, where doctors performed a spinal tap and verified that he did have the polio virus (also known in those

days as "infantile paralysis").

"Polio was a plague," writes historian Richard Rhodes. "One day you had a headache and an hour later you were paralyzed. How far the virus crept up your spine determined whether you could walk afterward or even breathe."

Scott was quarantined at home for

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Summer Chinook angling reopens on lower Columbia

Based on an upgraded run forecast, adult hatchery Chinook salmon retention reopened on the lower Columbia River Friday and will continue through the end of July, under rules adopted Thursday by fishery managers from Oregon and Washington.

Fishery managers were able to reopen the fishery since the latest run size update of 74,100 adult summer

Chinook provides for a larger allocation for this fishery

Through Monday, July 31, anglers will be allowed to retain up to two adult hatchery Chinook salmon from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to the fishing deadline at Bonneville Dam.

Retention of jack hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead and sockeye remains open under previously adopted

regulations, including the one hatchery steelhead daily bag limit.

All other permanent regulations, including bag limits for jack Chinook, apply.

For more information, visit www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/reg_changes/columbia.asp.

"Time Out"

By LLOYD LITTLE
Retired teacher, coach
and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, official, parent and spectator, I've gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, I'll be sharing my thoughts on sports and what I've learned from these multiple points of view — beginning with officiating.

Each person watching athletics has a desired outcome. We all want "our" team to win. Officials are trained in the rules and the application of those rules in the effort to be fair and unbiased. Each time the whistle blows for a penalty, unless the rule being broken is clearly defined, there will naturally be conflicting views on whether or not the infraction occurred for or against "our" team.

We all make mistakes. Even officials.

However, observers can unknowingly influence consequence of those mistakes. For example, if the visiting team's supporters have consistently yelled and screamed negatively at officials, a close call may go against them.

Officials have feelings and emotions like the rest of us, so trying to get the correct calls when each call is in question by fans can be stressful.

In some officials' minds, it can turn to an "I'll get even with them" mentality. This mentality could lead to making calls against the offending team without realizing it. These actions can turn the game in an unfavorable direction for "your" team.

High school and youth sporting events are often officiated by local individuals who have community ties. Despite those ties, they make an effort to insure the fairness of play for both sides.

Still, coaches know which officials will make favorable calls to their team on calls that are close.

One season, when I tabulated the balls and strikes after coaching Siuslaw High School varsity baseball, I noted the home team recorded more strike-outs and fewer walks by than our opponents by a significant margin.

Statistics showed this even when teams used the

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