

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

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 |
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| July 15 4:32am / 5.07 5:40pm / 6.5 | 11:00am / 0.4 |

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| July 16 5:38am / 5.2 6:27pm / 6.7 | 12:00am / 1.7 11:48am / 1.0 |
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| July 7 6:56am / 4.29 7:19pm / 7.0 | 1:08am / 1.2 12:44pm / 1.4 |
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| July 18 8:19am / 4.8 8:14pm / 7.4 | 2:17am / 0.6 1:48pm / 1.9 |
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| July 19 9:37am / 5.1 9:10pm / 7.7 | 3:22am / -0.1 2:55pm / 2.2 |
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| July 20 10:45am / 5.5 10:06pm / 8.1 | 4:20am / -0.9 4:00pm / 2.2 |
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| July 21 11:43am / 5.9 11:00pm / 8.3 | 5:14am / -1.4 5:00pm / 2.1 |
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MAKING WAVES



STAN PUSIESKI PHOTO

Participants in Wednesday's Youth Surf Camp hosted by Warm Current and the Surfrider Foundation learn the basics of catching some waves on the Oregon coast.

STUDENTS OF THE SURF

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

In 2009, a small group of friends began organizing donations of wetsuits to organizations in Peru, Chile and Mexico as a way to support programs providing youth with opportunities to experience and appreciate the ocean.

This past Wednesday, the Warm Current program brought that opportunity to Florence during a special Youth Surf Camp at the end of the South Jetty.

Nearly a dozen young surfers, most with little or no experience on a surfboard, got practically one-on-one

attention from volunteers, who spent time teaching technique and the basic fundamentals of surfing.

The event, free and open to youth ages 8 and older, also provided all gear, including handmade surfboards and wetsuits — a necessity in the more chilly Oregon surf.

Over the last four years, the organization has been holding youth camps along the West Coast, primarily in Washington and Oregon. Since 2009, more than 300 wetsuits have been donated to organizations that provide underserved youth with access to the ocean, both locally and around the

world.

The goal is to help youth build self-esteem, self-confidence and leadership skills, as well as teach stewardship, appreciation and education about ocean ecosystems.

The day began at 10 a.m. with youth getting geared up and learning basic technique before an hour of surfing from 11 a.m. to noon, with a pizza lunch provided by the Siuslaw Surfrider Chapter.

The next Youth Surf Camp will be Friday, July 21, at Devil's Punchbowl State Park in Otter Rock, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tackle football sacked at B&G Club

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

For nearly a decade, fifth- and sixth-graders have been slipping into their first set of shoulder pads and football helmets at the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County each fall, moving from flag football into the realm of full-contact tackle. And until recently, it was believed that the hits players often take to the head were less impactful on younger, developing brains.

However, research now shows that the brains of children and teens are even more vulnerable than the adult brain to the long-term effects of repeated impacts to the head. It was this revelation that prompted B&G Club Athletic Director Tracy Aaron to recommend the suspension of the club's

See **FLAG 2B**



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Seventy percent of all football players in the U.S. are under the age of 14.

'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 share what I've learned about sports from these multiple points of view.)

It's been 15 years since we last heard the clatter of football cleats on the sidewalk leading down to the old Hans Petersen Memorial Field on Quince Street, where the shell of the old bleachers still overlooks the grassy field.

From the stands, fans caught glimpses of the players hidden from view by trees and shrubs as they made their way down the sidewalk — but you could hear them approach, the home crowd preparing to roar its support as it waited for the Vikings to appear at the gate.

That night in 2001 was just one of many league games played by the Vikings, with the title on the line. Siuslaw's opponents were its rivals from the south (We know who they were...)

It is the last league game of the season, and without a victory it will be the last Siuslaw varsity football game played on the historic 50-year-old field.

Lining up opposite the home crowd, the Vikings were ready. As players removed their helmets, "America the Beautiful" began echoing from the stands.

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On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR
THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

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

Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

MID COAST LAKES:
Most of the North Coast lakes were stocked with trout recently. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry, so go catch them. Stocking of Mid Coast lakes has ended for the year. The 2017 trout stocking schedule is available online.

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ODFW ASKS ANGLERS TO GIVE REGIONAL STEELHEAD A HELPING HAND

Facing some of the lowest steelhead returns on record, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has already curtailed steelhead fishing seasons throughout the Columbia River basin by adopting rolling season closures, reduced bag limits and a night angling closure for all species.

Additionally, ODFW is asking anglers to further help the region's steelhead by adopting ODFW's best handling practices when they're out on

the water this summer.

"Positive voluntary efforts may reduce the necessity for future mandatory regulations," said Tucker Jones, ODFW's manager of Ocean Salmon and Columbia River fisheries. "If a person happens to intercept a wild steelhead, or any steelhead during a retention closure period for that matter, it is imperative that they do their utmost to ensure its survival by using best handling practices."

ODFW lists best handling practices

on Page 13 of the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations. These practices include:

- Use barbless hooks (even where not required)
- Use tackle strong enough to bring your fish in quickly
- Land fish as quickly and carefully as possible
- Avoid removing the fish from the water
- If taking a photo, cradle the fish at water level and quickly take the pic-

ture

- Remove hooks quickly and gently while keeping the fish under water
- Use long-nosed pliers or hemostats to back out a hook
- If a fish is hooked deeply, cut the line near the hook
- Revive fish (point them into slow current or move them back and forth until gills are working)
- When possible, let the fish swim

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