

OSAA step closer to finalizing re-districting for 2018-22

Latest version would have Siuslaw playing closer to home, but still among smallest team in the new Sky-Em League

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The latest proposal from the Oregon School Athletic Association's Classification and Districting Committee unveiled last week included a 6-classification format that would place Siuslaw High School in the new 4A Sky-Em League.

While it would mean the Vikings would compete much closer to home by eliminating trips to Brookings-Harbor, Douglas (Winston) and South Umpqua (Tri City), it would

also pit them against a majority of larger schools including Cottage Grove, Junction City, Marist and Marshfield, with Elmira (370) being the only school smaller than Siuslaw (376)

The committee's latest 33-school 4A-adjusted enrollment would sit between 350 and 664 students, using an "adjusted daily membership" (ADM) to determine classification size.

Based on that formula, Banks (368), Sisters (371) and Elmira would be the only schools smaller than Siuslaw in the entire Class 4A division.

Under the latest proposal, Siuslaw would join Cottage Grove, Elmira, Junction City, Marist and Marshfield in the new 4A Sky-Em Division

The final recommendation will be discussed at the Monday, Oct. 16, OSAA Executive Board and Delegate Assembly in Wilsonville.

Member schools as well as

the public can submit responses in writing or in person during the upcoming meeting.

The revised leagues are scheduled to begin the next school year in 2018 and will continue for four school years.

More information on the committee's report can be found online at www.osaa.org/docs/committees/classification/20170925update.pdf.

Regarding other Far West League teams that will see changes under the latest proposal, North Bend would join the 9-school, Class 5A Midwestern League with

Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, North Eugene, Springfield, Thurston and Willamette.

North Bend is expected to make an appeal to play down a classification.

Brookings-Harbor, Douglas and South Umpqua will become part of the 7-school, Class 3A Umpqua River Conference along with Cascade Christian, Rogue River, St. Mary's and Sutherlin. Though Brookings-Harbor (445) is technically too large for the 3A classification, it would be given a geographic exemption.

Siuslaw from 1B

finish with a personal best time of 20:05.20 for seventh place overall and first for Siuslaw.

Freshman Brea Blankenship was the next Lady Vik to finish, placing 20th out of 72 runs with a time of 21:28.66 for a personal record. She was followed by sophomore Anne Wartnik (22:00.63) in 26th place, sopho-

more Chloe Madden with a PR time of 22:10.70 and freshman Gracie Freudenthal with a PR at 22:19.63.

Senior Kaylee Graham was 50th (23:52.07) and sophomore Bryn Clement clocked in at 23:56.92 for 52nd.

With a score of 90, Siuslaw placed third in team scoring, with West Linn taking first with 31 point, followed by Philomath (84).

Roseburg was fourth (116), followed by North Bend (121), Central (134), Reynolds (146), Sutherlin (220) and Taft (236).

In the boys race, sophomore Brendon Jensen set the Vikings' pace as he has all season, finishing the course in 17:30.7 for 12th individually among 96 runners from 12 schools.

Senior Isaac Griffes was the second Viking across the finish line, placing 17th with a time of

17:37.8. He was followed closely by sophomore Jared Northrop in 18th place at 17:45.50.

Fellows sophomores Kiger Johnson (18:00.90) and Jonah Jarman (18:08.10) were 26th and 29th, respectively, to finish the Viks' top five.

Senior Jordan Northrop was 32nd overall with a time of 18:16.00.

Siuslaw's team score of 92 earned them second place, with

West Linn's score of 45 taking the meet title.

Roseburg was third (100), followed by Bandon (107), Reynolds (111), Philomath (122), Central (198), North Bend (201), Taft (202), Marshfield (228), Junction City (287) and Waldport (355) in 12th place.

This Saturday, the Viking cross country team will be in Philomath for the Paul Mariman Invitational.

Races begin with the JV girls 5K at 1 p.m., followed by the JV boys at 1:30, varsity girls at 2 p.m., and varsity boys at 2:30 p.m.

The course is fast, flat and on a natural surface except for the last 300 meters, which is on the track surface, similar to the state meet course.

The Far West League district meet will be Thursday, Oct. 26, at Tugman State Park.

Fishing from 1B

starting to pick up in tidewater. Trout season continues and there should be some nice cutthroat around. Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

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trout

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Chinook, trout

The Siletz River remains open for fall Chinook and fishing is starting to pick up in tidewater.

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spinners can all be effective methods.

Anglers are reminded the Wilson River is closed to salmon angling until Dec. 31, upstream of Jordan Creek (River Mile 21.9).

Summer steelhead fishing on the Wilson has been moderate to slow, but there are good numbers of fish throughout the system.

Late September can be a great time to target these fish as cooler nights lower water temps, and fish that have been holding get more active. Target riffles and the top of pools during first and last light, and concentrate on deeper holding pools once the sun is on the water.

some cutthroat around, but fishing for them in the Wilson's clear summer flows can be tough. Remember, the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8 inches.

YAUQUINA RIVER: *Chinook, trout*

Chinook is open and with the rain early this week fishing is starting to pick up in tidewater. 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.

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Largemouth bass fishing has been good in many of the area smaller lakes. Bluegills can be found in area lakes right along the weed lines.

Rainbow trout are scheduled to be stocked in **POWERS POND, BRADLEY LAKE, BUTTERFIELD LAKE, EMPIRE LAKES, and SAUNDERS LAKE** during the month of October.

COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, salmon*

Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Anglers are allowed to use bait in streams above tidewater.

Anglers may harvest two trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long.

Anglers were catching Chinook salmon from the BLM boat ramp in the lower estuary up through the Coos River.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Dominic Wells Senior



FOOTBALL

Mapleton H.S. Football

Highlight: Mapleton senior Dominic Wells is this week's Athlete Of The Week! Wells excelled on both sides of the ball in last Friday's game against North Douglas. Rushing for 162 yards on 16 carries, scored 2 touchdowns and threw for another. The 6'6" 200 pounder also had 18 tackles and 2 sacks. Coach Jeff Greene said it was the best performance he had seen from an individual in a long time.

Honorable Mention Junior Evan Moso

Highlight: Honorable mention goes to Mapleton junior Evan Moso, who led rushing for the Sailors with 290 yards on 16 carries, 6 tackles and one interception.

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