

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

## On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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**MID COAST LAKES:** Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with about 100 surplus summer steelhead from the Siletz Falls

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## SPORTS

### Calendar

#### • OCT. 28

FLORENCE SOCCER U10 AND U12 AT MILLER PARK 9 A.M.

#### • NOV. 4

SHS XC STATE MEET AT LCC-EUGENE TBA

#### • NOV. 10

LI'L TOAD WRESTLING TOURNAMENT AT SIUSLAW HS 6 TO 8:30 P.M.

## VIKS CLAIM DUAL CROWNS



ROB GRIFFES PHOTOS/FOR SIUSLAW NEWS

**Viking cross country team members include (boys):** Brendon Jensen, Jordan Northrop, Isaac Griffes, Kiger Johnson, Jonah Jarman, Robert Mans and Jared Northrop; **(girls)** Naomi Shoji, Chloe Madden, Gracie Freudenthal, Kaylee Graham, Hannah Rannow, Anne Wartnik and Brea Blankenship.

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As Siuslaw cross country coach Chris Johnson explained it, “When it all comes down to it, we train all season for one day — the district meet. That’s a lot of pressure. If you don’t do well that day, you’re done.”

For Siuslaw, that one day was last Thursday, when both the varsity girls and boys teams not only did well, they came home with matching Far West League crowns. The No. 1 finishes made good on predictions of a title sweep that had been circulating for most of the season.

To top it off, they day also included the very first individual boys’ title for senior Isaac Griffes, who clocked in at 16:57.12, which was just 10 seconds short of his PR set little more than a week ago. It was a particularly satisfying finish considering Griffes hadn’t even made the top 12 at last season’s district meet after getting ill just days before.

Though South Umpqua and Marshfield runners took second and third individually, the Vikings claimed fourth through sixth on the legs of sophomores Brendon Jensen (17:13.40) and Kiger Johnson with a

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**Top:** Kiger Johnson (left) and Isaac Griffes (right) keep pace with South Umpqua’s Nakai Sinohui; **Bottom:** Gracie Freudenthal (left) and Chloe Madden overtake a Marshfield runner in the first half of Thursday’s district meet.



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## Nine Vikings receive all-league honors

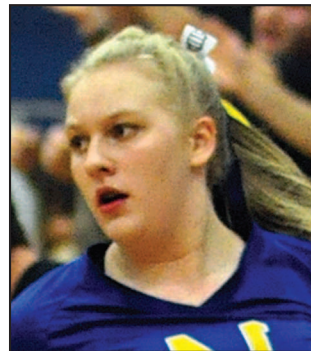
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The Far West League announced its all-league rosters for football and volleyball earlier this week, and nine Siuslaw athletes were among those honored by district coaches in those sports.

Receiving First Team nods were Viking senior football tight end Trent Reavis, and junior Makenzie York at middle blocker in volleyball.



Siuslaw senior Trent Reavis and junior Makenzie York



Reavis was also named his contributions as a line-Second Team on defense for backer, and on special teams

as a punter.

Other members of the football team named to the all-league Honorable Mention roster were senior quarterback Jared Brandt, senior wide receiver Patrick Hill, sophomore lineman Matt Horillo and junior lineman Tim Lowder, who also received HM accolades at linebacker.

On the volleyball court, Lady Vikings’ senior outside

See **HONORS 4B**

## 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.)

### PLAY TO WIN

If winning is not important, why do we keep score? On playgrounds and in gym classes teams are chosen for games. Most of the time, the “best” players are selected first.

The pickers choose good players to give their team an opportunity to “win” the game. If winning is not important why were the crowds at Siuslaw football so small this year?

In 1974, during my student teaching assignment at Banks High School, there

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## LI’L TOADS TO WRESTLE Nov. 10

Li’l Toads Wrestling will take place Monday, Nov. 6, through Friday, Nov. 10.

Sign-up forms were sent from school with children yesterday, Oct. 24. Parents who didn’t receive a form can pick one up at the elementary school office.

Participants will be escorted to practices at the Siuslaw High School gym Monday through Thursday after school.

Practices will run from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Parents will need to pick up children at 5 p.m. in the main gym of the high school.

The tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. and will last to approximately 8:30 p.m. The tournament will be in the high school’s main gym.

Admission will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children grades K-12.

All proceeds will be used to support wrestling in Florence.

The program needs as many volunteers as possible. Anyone who would like to help can call or text Neil Wartnik at 541-991-6033 or Stecher Buss at 541-991-1644.

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Oct. 28 12:49am / 1.2 1:29pm / 3.6	7:45am / 5.8 6:54pm / 5.7

Oct. 29 1:50am / 1.3 2:38pm / 3.2	8:38am / 6.0 8:07pm / 5.8
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Oct. 30 2:47am / 1.2 3:33pm / 2.5	9:22am / 6.4 9:13pm / 6.0
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Oct. 31 3:36am / 1.2 4:21pm / 1.7	10:01am / 6.9 10:10pm / 6.2
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Nov. 1 10:38am / 7.4 11:03pm / 6.6	4:21pm / 1.2 5:04pm / 0.9
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Nov. 2 11:13am / 7.9 11:53pm / 6.9	5:04am / 1.2 5:47pm / 0.1
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Nov. 3 11:50am / 8.3	5:45pm / 1.3 6:29pm / -0.6
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## Local racer completes standout sand drag season

The 2017 Pro Sand Drag season was another successful one for local Pro Sand Drag Association ATV racer Gary “Gee” Armstrong, who achieved a 70 percent podium rate in the competitions he entered.

Armstrong also finished 7th overall (up from 8th last year) in the Top 10 Fastest Single Cylinder Class in the Northwest’s Fastest Grudge Race Series, a six-race open motor size competition attracting racers from the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Competitors who make the Top 10-Fastest list at the first race of the season



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**Florence racer Gary “Gee” Armstrong finished 7th overall in the 2017 Pro Sand Drag circuit.**

are “called out” to defend their position in “heads up” races by challengers wanting to move up or get on the list.

To assure the racing is fast and furious, racers’ motor sizes, elapsed times and speed are not revealed to the other racers.

The 2018 sand drag racing season opener is in Bakersfield, Calif., this February.

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