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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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Even if you didn't harvest a salmon, steelhead, sturgeon or halibut in 2018. ODFW Biologists use this data to better manage these fisheries. Anglers can use this data to see where fish have been caught over the years.

Tags can be turned in to any POS agent or at any ODFW office located throughout the state. The tags also can be mailed to any ODFW office.

WINTER STEELHEAD: WATER DEPENDENT

This time of year, water conditions for winter steelhead fishing can vacillate between too low and clear, and too high and muddy. Successful anglers will:

- 1) adjust their gear and tackle for current conditions, and/or
- 2) be ready to hit the water when water

See FISHING 3B

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Feb. 17
1:12am / 6.9 6:57am / 2.1
12:45pm / 7.5 7:21pm / 0.0

Feb. 18
1:42am / 7.0 7:35am / 1.9
1:24pm / 7.2 7:53pm / 0.4

Feb. 19
2:13am / 7.1 8:17am / 1.7
2:07pm / 6.8 8:26pm / 0.9

Feb. 20
2:47am / 7.2 9:04pm / 7.2
2:56pm / 6.3 9:03pm/ 1.3

Feb. 21
3:24am / 7.3 9:57am / 1.3
3:54pm / 5.9 9:45pm / 2.0

Feb. 22
4:08am / 7.4 11:00am / 1.2
5:06pm / 5.5 10:36pm / 2.6

Feb. 23
5:01am / 7.4 12:11am / 1.0
6:32pm / 5.3 11:44pm / 3.1

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Siuslaw football one step from 3A classification

By NED HICKSON
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This past Monday, the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) executive board gave its stamp of approval for the ad hoc committee's recommendation of a new three-district model for 3A football throughout Oregon. Should the proposal pass a final email vote of the delegate assembly of member schools later this month, Siuslaw's football program will join 29 other Class 3A schools that will make up the three special districts.

The move requires revisions to two amendments in the OSAA handbook, allowing member schools to move up or down in classification as a result of meeting specific criteria.

Passage of the proposal, which has

Special District 2
Northern Division:
Siuslaw, Harrisburg, La Pine,
Pleasant Hill, Santiam Christian
and Sutherlin high schools

been part of an on-going discussion since last October, is expected, and would begin this fall.

Siuslaw would join the five-member Special District 2 Northern Division with Harrisburg, La Pine, Pleasant Hill, Santiam Christian and Sutherlin, with non-league match-ups against

Elmira, Philomath and Newport.

Making up the Southern Division for Special District 2 would be Brookings-Harbor, Cascade Christian, Douglas, Hidden Valley, South Umpqua and St. Mary's in Medford.

In the new model, 16 teams would qualify for post-season play: six each

from the 12-team Special Districts 1 and 2, three teams from the five-team Special District 3, and one team based on state rankings.

The model would be re-evaluated for the 2020 season to assure the qualifying criteria required to move down or up within the classification is still applicable.

For Siuslaw, the plan would only apply to football, with its other sports programs remaining in the newly established 4A Sky-Em league (Cottage Grove, Elmira, Junction City, Marist, Marshfield and Siuslaw.)

The Viking football team is scheduled to begin the 2018 season with its first football practice on Monday, Aug. 13, followed by the first game, at Elmira, tentatively set for Friday, Aug. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

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.)

MY TOP TEN

Basketball season is coming to a close. I retired several years ago, so there are no former players on the Siuslaw roster I coached as seventh graders.

Still, I decided to get out my score books from years ago while coaching seventh-grade basketball from 1991 through 2002. Many of those players went on to become varsity players for the Siuslaw, including on teams that competed at state. I decided to put together my top 10 in chronological order.

The policy of Siuslaw Middle School was to place players on an A team or B team. Coaches were encouraged to play all players equally or near equally in the games.

Unfortunately, our opponents did not have the same policy. This meant our second and even third teams were often competing against the other teams' first team. The result was our chances of winning games were hampered.

See LITTLE 3B



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw senior Jake Hickson leaves the court after scoring 29 points that included six 3-pointers in the Vikings' 58-55 overtime win at North Bend last Tuesday night.

VIKS BLOCK BULLDOGS IN OT

By NED HICKSON
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SHS: 58 NBHS: 55

It was a must-win situation Tuesday night for the Viking boys basketball team as they tipped off against the Bulldogs needing a win on North Bend's hardwood — a feat that hadn't been accomplished in more than a decade.

Though Siuslaw's chances for a straight trip to the post season had ended a week earlier with a tough loss on Senior Night to visiting Douglas,

the Vikings could keep their post-season hopes alive by improving their state ranking with a win against the Bulldogs.

A tall order against a team ranked 12th in state and celebrating Senior Night on its own hardwood.

But Siuslaw had its own ideas for a reason to celebrate. In particular, 6-foot-2 senior guard Jake Hickson, who became the Bulldogs' biggest offensive threat from beyond the arc as well as along the baseline.

In the first quarter, the Viks got balanced scoring as fellow seniors Kyle King, Jared Brandt, John Rollins and

junior Dylan Wynn each scored a bucket from inside the paint, with Hickson draining the first of four 3-pointers in the half to give Siuslaw a 19-14 lead to start the second period.

The Bulldogs closed the gap to within 1 point to start the quarter, then Hickson went on a 9-0 run with three consecutive 3-pointers that extended the Viks' lead to 10 points and prompted the Bulldogs to call for a time out.

Though North Bend sank a couple of its own 3-pointers, Hickson and Wynn each sank one to keep a 7-point lead

See VIKS 3B

Sailors tame Mustangs, lose post-season bid to Eagles

By NED HICKSON
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MAPLETON: 59 MOHAWK: 45
MAPLETON: 46 EDDYVILLE: 51

The Sailors finished the week on the road with back-to-back play-off competition that began last Tuesday night at Mohawk.

At 3-9 in the Mountain West League and tied with their hosts for fifth, the Sailors needed a win in order to have a chance to continue into the MWL play-off finals taking place today.



Mapleton freshman Nate Neece takes advantage of a fastbreak opportunity. The Sailors play today

The Sailors did just that, edging out the Mustangs with a 59-45 victory.

Two nights later, Mapleton was at fourth-place Eddyville (7-5) in hopes of managing an upset victory that would lock in a play-off game for third place.

Unfortunately, the Sailors narrowly lost to the Eagles, 51-46, bring to an end one of the most successful seasons for Mapleton in several years.



BASKETBALL			
FAR WEST GIRLS		M. WEST GIRLS	
MARSHFIELD	9-0	ALSEA	10-2
BROOKINGS	8-1	LOWELL	9-3
DOUGLAS	5-4	MCKENZIE	8-4
S. UMPQUA	3-6	SILETZ	7-5
N. BEND	1-8	MOHAWK	5-7
SIUSLAW	1-8	T. LAKE	3-9

FAR WEST BOYS		M. WEST BOYS	
MARSHFIELD	9-0	T. LAKE	11-1
N. BEND	6-3	LOWELL	10-2
BROOKINGS	6-3	SILETZ	8-4
SIUSLAW	3-6	EDDYVILLE	7-5
DOUGLAS	3-6	MOHAWK	3-9
S. UMPQUA	0-9	MAPLETON	3-9