

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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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 conditions improve — usually once water levels start to drop after a good rain.

Check out the zone reports for the best weekend possibilities.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook
A few winter steelhead are starting to be caught in the lower river.

Fall Chinook fishing has been slowing down, but a few fish are still available. Anglers are reminded that there is no wild coho salmon retention.

See **FISHING 2B**



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Youth baseball players ages 5-12 will take to the practice field March 5 in anticipation of opening day April 2.

Youth baseball sign-up end Sunday

Area youth, ages 5-12, interested in participating the Siuslaw Baseball Association's spring season must register online by tomorrow, Feb. 25.

Late registrations will be accepted if approved by the SBA board and if roster spaces remain. However, additional fees may be charged to cover late uniform ordering and other expenses.

Registration fees are \$75 for majors, minors and rookies and \$65 for T-ball. Financial aid is available.

The last day to receive approved late registration is March 6.

Practice begins March 5 and games are April 2 through June 8.

Register online at tshq.bluesombrero.com/siuslawbaseballor. Follow the SBA on Facebook @siuslawbaseballassociation.

SIX VIKS EARN ALL-LEAGUE HONORS



Marika White



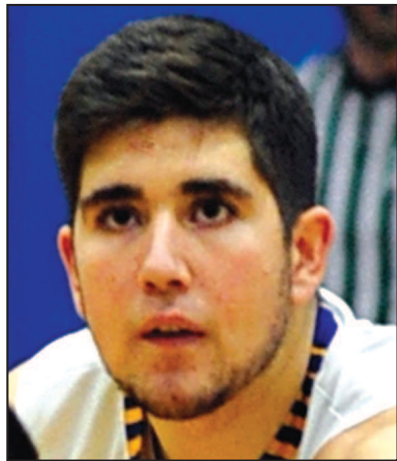
Madison Reynolds



Lindsey Long



Kyle King



Jake Hickson



Jared Brandt

By NED HICKSON
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Earlier this week, Far West League coaches voted on, and later announced, the athletes receiving All-League honors for the 2017-18 FWL basketball season.

Among the athletes receiving

recognition were six members of Siuslaw basketball teams, beginning with the Lady Viks.

Senior co-captain Marika White was named to the all-defensive team roster for her efforts at the post.

Also, junior co-captain Madison Reynolds, along with freshman Lindsey Long, received honorable mention recognition.

For the Viking boys, seniors Kyle King, Jake Hickson and Jared Brandt were named to the all-league roster.

King was named to the first team, with Hickson receiving second team honors and and Brandt given honorable mention.

In addition, Brandt was named to the all-defensive team.

Final rankings leave Viking boys short of postseason

By NED HICKSON
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After a delay by the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) in a rankings freeze initially scheduled for Tuesday night, the final rankings were

announced this past Wednesday evening.

The top 23 teams, along with No. 28 Crook County, will officially advance to the Class 4A playoffs that began last night with eight teams competing in a round of play-in games.

The Vikings boys finished No. 27 in

the final rankings, one sot ahead of Crook County, but were not included in the post-season schedule.

Three teams from the Far West reached the post season, including No. 3-ranked Marshfield, No. 14-ranked

See **RANKINGS 2B**

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.)

YOUR CHANCE TO CALL THE PLAY

Some weeks, I feel I can't even get to first base, let alone hit a home run a column. In all honesty, there are times when I am out of ideas.. in this case, until spring. So... I am going to punt the ball back to *you* for future ideas.

It is time for you to step up to the plate and deliver to the Siuslaw News your questions or ideas for me to write about. Throw me a curve ball so I can do my best to hit it out of the park.

I may fumble some questions but I will eventually score some points.

I'm not about to throw in the towel.

I'm not down for the count.

Cheap shot questions are not allowed because that is a bush league move. I will come out swinging with answers from personal experiences as long as you don't hit below the belt.

Do not just sit on the bench. I hope you'll be on deck and ready to play ball. This is your chance to be the quarterback and throw a Hail Mary question you have thought about but never asked.

I may not give you a slam dunk answer but I will come out fighting to answer it. I can roll with the punches with the knowledge of someone in my corner will help if I need assistance.

See **LITTLE 2B**

SPORTS Calendar

SPRING SEASON
SPORTS OPENERS

• **MARCH 3**
SHS SOFTBALL
HOSTS SUTHERLIN
4 P.M.

• **MARCH 14**
SHS/MHS BASEBALL
HOSTS P. HILL
4 P.M.

SHS TRACK
AT P. HILL
3 P.M.

• **APRIL 6**
MHS TRACK
AMJ INVITE
4 P.M.

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