

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

• MARCH 14

SHS/MHS BASEBALL

HOSTS P. HILL

4 P.M.

SHS TRACK

AT P. HILL

3 P.M.

• MARCH 16

SHS SOFTBALL

HOSTS SUTHERLIN

4 P.M.

• APRIL 6

MHS TRACK

AMJ INVITE

4 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Feb. 28	
10:22am / 8.4	4:27am / 2.2
11:36pm / 7.2	5:12pm / -1.1
March 1	
	5:19am / 1.6
11:14am / 8.4	5:56pm / -1.0
March 2	
12:16am / 7.6	6:08am / 1.2
12:04pm / 8.3	6:37pm / -0.8
March 3	
12:54am / 7.8	6:55am / 0.9
12:52pm / 8.0	7:17pm / -0.3
March 4	
1:32am / 7.8	7:41am / 0.7
1:40pm / 7.5	7:56pm / 0.4
March 5	
2:09am / 7.7	8:28am / 0.7
2:28pm / 6.9	8:34pm / 1.1
March 6	
2:47am / 7.5	9:17am / 0.9
3:19pm / 6.2	9:14pm / 1.8

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CATCH AND RELEASE



Members of the Siuslaw girls softball team work on throwing form during Monday's opening day of practice.

VIKS WARM UP THE DIAMONDS

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

The crack of the bat and “thwap” of leather mitts fielding catches was in the air as Siuslaw softball and baseball players kicked off the spring sports season during their first practice Monday.

While the Viking boys return a strong nucleus of infielders and pitching, the Lady Vikings will be entering a building year with the loss of seven returners to last year’s graduation, including it’s seasoned pitching battery of Heidi Jones and Nikki Launius.

All told, seven of the team’s nine starters will be made up of new faces replacing positions like first baseman Claire Waggoner, infielders Jenicah Ecker and Sara Keel, outfielder Katherine Dodson, and utility player and power hitter Chehalis Stinger.

In the plus column, Siuslaw will be returning sophomore Mia Collins, who gained experience at both shortstop and centerfield last season, as well as senior outfielders Ariel Rosinbaum and Katlin Meskimen.

The Lady Viks will also get a boost from returning senior Abby Coday in the pitcher’s circle.

For the Viking boys, new head coach Tom Shinn will be the biggest change this season as a steady stable of players returns to the lineup. Among them will be pitcher Gabe Simington, a 6-foot-4 junior from Mapleton with two years of varsity



Sophomore Caleb Hennessee will likely return to the starting pitcher rotation this season for the Viks, who kick off the season March 14.

playing time under his belt, and Siuslaw sophomore Caleb Hennessee, who started on the mound and played third base for the Vikings as a freshman last season.

Returning infielders look to include Jared Brandt at shortstop, Jared Northrop at second base, and Simington at first base when not on the mound. Other players who who will provide the Viks with strong cov-

erage will be Evan Teter, Tim Lowder, Dalton and Zach Stinger, and Elijah Blankenship. The Viks may also get some help from Mapleton’s Tanner Wilson and JJ Neece.

The Viking boys opener will be March 14, at home against Pleasant Hill; the Lady Vikings will open the season March 16, when they host Sutherlin.

On the Bite

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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.

NORTH COAST LAKES:

Trout stocking is complete for the year. Cape Meares, Town, Coffenbury, Lost and Sunset lakes were stocked with “trophy” rainbow trout in late September.

Cedar Creek Hatchery has stocked over 160 surplus summer steelhead in Town Lake near Pacific City so far this fall.

These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience. Once in the lake they are considered “trout” and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20-inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

MID COAST LAKES:
Olalla Reservoir has been stocked with about 100 surplus summer steelhead this season. These fish get fairly active in the lake and offer a unique fishing experience.

Once in the lake they are considered “trout” and do not require a Combined Angling Tag.

Anglers are reminded, however, that only one trout per day over 20 inches may be retained, and these fish will all be in that size range.

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