

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of mid coast lakes began in February.

Siltcoos Lagoon was not stocked the week of Feb. 5 due to low levels of dissolved oxygen.

Fish scheduled for Siltcoos Lagoon were stocked in Cleawox Lake instead.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing has improved. Rain over the weekend has raised the river level and got fish moving again. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

ALSEA RIVER: Steelhead

Winter steelhead has picked up throughout the river. Rain over the weekend has raised the river level and got fish moving again. A mix of wild and hatchery fish are being

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

March 10

1:21pm / 1.3 6:00am / 6.4
8:03pm / 5.2

March 11

8:06am / 6.3 1:13am / 3.6
10:06pm / 5.4 3:24pm / 1.2

March 12

9:08am / 6.4 3:23am / 3.6
10:51pm / 5.8 4:16pm / 0.9

March 13

10:03am / 6.6 4:18am / 3.2
11:28pm / 6.0 5:00pm / 0.6

March 14

10:51am / 6.9 5:04am / 2.8
5:38pm / 0.4

March 15

12:00am / 6.3 5:44am / 2.3
11:33pm / 7.1 6:13pm / 0.2

March 16

12:30am / 6.6 6:22am / 1.8
12:14pm / 7.3 6:46pm / 0.2

SIUSLAW

NEWS

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Returners for this season’s Siuslaw High School track and field team will include senior Kyle King (above), who was named first-team all-league this past basketball season and was a standout in the jumps last spring. Siuslaw’s line-up will also include junior Madison Reynolds, who placed third at district last season in the shot put as a sophomore, behind a pair of Far West League seniors who have graduated — creating the potential for a top finish at district this season.

VIKS LEAP INTO TRACK SEASON

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

With the departure of several state qualifiers due to graduation at the end of last season, outside appearances may be that Siuslaw’s track and field team is in a “rebuilding” year — which, in most cases, could set mediocre expectations. But despite not having stand-outs like Clark Hooper, Jack Pickell, Carissa Oliver, Celie Mans and Destine Tatum in this season’s line-up, an influx of talented freshmen combined with solid returners spread throughout the sophomore, junior and senior levels

could set a tone that is anything but mediocre.

For the girls, second-place finishes last season in the 1,500 and 3,000 meter events at district for then-freshman Hannah Rannow bodes well for Siuslaw, particularly with senior Kayle Graham returning in both hurdles events. Also returning is junior Madison Reynolds, who finished third in the Far West League in the shot put last season, behind a pair of seniors who have since graduated.

In addition, the girls team will get an injection of freshman talent from Brea Blankenship, Gracie Freudenthal and

Andrea Osbon, all of whom were middle school district champions last year as eighth graders.

And though the only returning state qualifier for the boys team is current school-record holder in the discus and javelin Trent Reavis, who is still on the mend from a basketball injury, Siuslaw still fields a group of strong performers from last season.

Among them are sophomore Ryan Rendon-Padilla in the javelin and fellow sophomore Kiger Johnson in the 800-meter event.

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ODFW trout stocking schedule now mobile friendly

SALEM — ODFW released its 2018 Weekly Trout Stocking Schedule for western Oregon on its recently launched website MyODFW.com., and like the new website itself, the new trout stocking schedule is mobile-friendly and easier to use.

Anglers can now search by waterbody for a complete list of stockings in

that lake or pond for the entire year. Users can also search by date for all stockings in Oregon’s six Fishing Zones for a certain time period.

Previously, all stockings were listed in a PDF document organized by stocking date, making it difficult to see a waterbody’s full stocking schedule for the year.

“‘When are you stocking my pond or lake?’ is one of the most popular questions we get at ODFW. Some anglers even plan their vacations around it,” said David Lane, Acting Deputy Administrator, I&E, ODFW. “Now, it’s much easier to find the stocking

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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.)

IS IT A SPORT?

After years of debate, the criteria for an activity to be classified as a “sport” must meet three criteria:

1) A human activity involving skill and exertion.

2) Governed by a set of rules or customs.

3) Undertaken competitively and capable of achieving a result. (winners/losers)

In elementary school, my friends and I would draw a three foot in diameter circle in the dirt. We would all toss five marbles into the circle. Rock, paper, and scissors decided the first shooter. Each shooter tries to knock marbles out of the circle.

If successful, their turn continues until a marble fails to cross the line or the shooter’s marble left the circle; shooters got to keep all marbles they knocked out.

The game ended when all marbles were out. This was my first sport and I won a box of marbles that year.

My next sport was four-square. I see by the squares at Rhododendron Elementary the game continues today.

The rules are simple: Catch a ball directed to your square before it bounces twice — or you are out. I played almost the entire recess most days. Though most schoolyard games are just for fun, I say many meet the criteria of a sport. Exertion, rules and a result are all present.

My early games were

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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.