

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

• MARCH 26

• SHS BASEBALL
VS DALLAS
VS ESTACADA
AT NEWPORT
2:30 P.M. AND 5 P.M.
• SHS SOFTBALL
VS P. HILL
VS MARSHFIELD
AT NEWPORT
1 P.M. AND 5 P.M.

• MARCH 27

• SHS BASEBALL
VS PHILOMATH
AT NEWPORT
NOON
• SHS SOFTBALL
VS ASHLAND
VS NEWPORT
11 A.M. AND 5 P.M.

• APRIL 3

• SHS TRACK & FIELD
FWL JV MEET
AT NORTH BEND
4 P.M.

• APRIL 6

• MHS TRACK & FIELD
AMJ INVITATIONAL
AT MCKENZIE
4 P.M.

Lady Viks bitten by Bulldogs

BY NED HICKSON
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The Lady Vikings opened the season by hosting Sutherlin last week, then made the trip to the ‘Dawg’s house this past Tuesday for a rematch on the road.

In their first match-up, the Lady Viks were outscored by 12 in a 10-run-rule game that ended in five innings.

Tuesday, Sutherlin scored in double digits once again thanks to strong pitching from senior Lady Bulldogs Bailey



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Siuslaw junior Alyssa Richards looks for an opportunity to advance home from third base.

Westrom and Brittany Jakubeic, who threw a 4-hitter.

For Siuslaw, senior Abby Coday pitched to junior Angela Bartlett, allowing 11 hits in a 13-4 non-league loss.

Today, the Lady Viks will be on the road at Yamhill-Carlton as pre-season play continues. Monday, Siuslaw will compete in Newport’s “Battle at the Beach” tournament, beginning at 1 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.)

THE THREE B’S

The Siuslaw Baseball and Softball Association (SBSA) spring games are underway. Teams have been selected and practices have begun.

When my four children played, it was called the Florence Junior baseball League. The Miller Park of today can be attributed to the many previous years of efforts from Rick and Corrine Gehlke. Their devotion to the youth of Florence should never be forgotten.

The sight of Corrine in rubber boots raking the water off the fields so games could be played was a common sight. Right there with her would be Rick, along with a bucket of sand for home plate batting areas and the pitchers’ mounds.

Many games that otherwise would have been cancelled because of rain were played thanks to their due diligence. Though many others helped, Rick and Corrine were the foundation of the current Miller Park.

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Clockwise from top: Freshman Andrea Osbon throws for second in the discus; sophomore Ryan Padilla-Rendon lands third in the javelin; freshman Brea Blankenship outpaces North Bend to win the 1,500M; senior Roen Rollin-Khufu competes in the 200-meter dash.

VIKS BREAK THE ‘ICE’

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Siuslaw hosted its annual Icebreaker Invitational on Thursday, with bouts of freezing drizzle and occasional hail underscoring the meet’s title.

Despite the cold, wet conditions, both Viking teams heated up the track with wins in the distance races and relays.

Sophomores Jonah Jarman, Brendon Jensen and Hannah Rannow, along with freshman Brea Blankenship, each

won their distance events, with Jarman and Jensen winning the 1,500 meters and 3,000 meters, respectively.

For the girls, Blankenship outpaced North Bend’s Morgan Bream by a half

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Siuslaw falls to late-rallying Sutherlin

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The Vikings continue to show improvement on both sides of the plate, scoring as many runs in Tuesday’s game at Sutherlin in both of their first two games combined.

“We hit the ball better and more sharply than in our two previous games,” said coach Thomas Shinn. “I was pleased to see the progress in this



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Viking sophomore Zach Stinger watches for an attempted steal at home plate.

game.” The Viks also showed improvement on the defensive end, reducing errors from 7 in their opener last week to 0 in Tuesday’s match-up.

Shinn attributed part of his team’s improved defensive performance to making a few adjustments on the field.

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

March 24
5:30am / 7.2 12:46am / 0.4
7:25pm / 5.5

March 25
6:41am / 7.0 12:38am / 3.3
8:44pm / 5.7 1:59pm / 0.3

March 26
7:59am / 7.0 2:04am / 3.3
9:49pm / 6.0 3:09pm / 0.1

March 27
9:13am / 7.1 3:22am / 2.8
10:41pm / 6.5 4:09pm / -0.1

March 28
10:19am / 7.3 4:27am / 2.2
11:25pm / 7.0 5:01pm / -0.3

March 29
11:16am / 7.5 5:21am / 1.4
5:48pm / -0.3

March 30
12:05am / 7.4 6:10am / 0.8
12:08pm / 7.6 6:30pm / -0.1

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THE LOCAL REGION

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BEST BETS FOR FISHING

• ‘Tis the season for spring Chinook on the Columbia, Willamette, Rogue and Umpqua rivers.

• The Ana River is putting out limits of 12- to 18-inch trout.

• Speaking of limits, most ocean anglers have been getting their limits of lingcod.

• This can be a great time of year to pick up a steelhead on the Imnaha and Umatilla rivers.

• Trout are being stocked in dozens of places — check the zone reports for locations.

BE ALERT TO FISHING REGULATION CHANGES:

Fishing regulations can change during the season, especially during popular salmon seasons. To stay on top of the changes, click the yellow “alert” button at the top of the “Home” and “Fishing” pages. You also

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