

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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BEST BETS FOR FISHING

Spring can offer some of the best fishing of the year, with almost unlimited possibilities. Check out some of the seasonal opportunities on the MyODFW webpage at www.myodfw.com/fishing/seasonal-opportunities. In the meantime, here are some highlights from this week's Recreation Report.

- If you're not ready to put the winter steelhead fishing gear away, the Nestucca, Wilson and Siletz on the north coast are best bets.

- With the onset of warm temperatures, warmwater fishing is heating up in the Southwest Zone at places like Johnsons Mill Pond, maistem Coquille, Tenmile Lakes, Fords Pond, Galesville Reservoir, Agate Lake, Applegate Reservoir, Emigrant Reservoir, Lake Selmac, Lost Creek Reservoir, Willow Lake

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Mapleton senior Tanner Wilson beats the tag at home plate during a 3-run rally against Douglas on Tuesday.

VIKS DODGED BY DOUGLAS

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

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While the Trojans jumped out to a quick 5-0 advantage during their first at bat in Tuesday's game at John "Jiggs" Dodson Field, the Vikings did their best to battled back in the bottom of the third inning.

By the time Siuslaw hit the meat of its batting rotation, the Trojans had knocked in an additional run to move ahead by 6. That's when the Viks man-



Freshman Clay Kramer looks for the call at the plate. Kramer had two hits against Douglas on Tuesday.

aged to string together a two-out rally with hitting from freshmen Clay Kramer and Elijah Blankenship, along with sophomores Jared Northrop and Caleb Hennessee, Mapleton junior Gabe Simington and senior Tanner Wilson. Kramer, Simington and Wilson each scored in the inning to cut the Trojans' lead to 6-3 heading into

See **VIKS 2B**

Siuslaw track teams place third at FWL meet

BY NED HICKSON
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The Viking track and field team had a number of PRs and individual wins at the six-team Far West League meet held at Marshfield High School last Tuesday, including wins for freshman Brea Blankenship, sophomore Brendon Jensen and a pair of wins for fellow sophomore Ryan Rendon-Padilla in the throws.

For the girls, Blankenship raced to a personal record in the 800 meters at 2 minutes, 28.79 seconds, claiming the win. Teammate and sophomore Anne



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Freshman Brea Blankenship (foreground) hugs sophomore team mate Anne Wartnik following the 800-meter race. Both PRd in the event Tuesday at Marshfield High School.

Wartnik also PRd in the race, finishing third in 2:37.10.

Other standout performances for the Lady Viks included freshman Andrea Osbon, who landed second in the discus at 94-5, then threw a PR in the shot at 33-2, earning her third place overall.

See **TRACK 4B**

Hunt for new Viking football head coach ends

BY STAN PUSIESKI
for Siuslaw News

Chad Smith was introduced to Siuslaw Vikings football during his time as an assistant coach at Sheldon High School in Eugene.

It was then the new Vikings head coach met one of the school's coaching legends, Tim Dodson.

"I came out for summer camp, for 7-on-7 drills," Smith recalled Thursday. "I know Siuslaw has had a successful program, and I want to make it happen again."

Smith, 31, is Oregon born (Bend) and bred (Sweet Home), and grateful for an opportunity to return to the state after a school year adrift in Washington state.

"I left for Seattle to be with my girlfriend," he said. Now she wants him to get his chance to do what he loves in Oregon.

"He was looking for a position that paired football with a (physical education) position," Siuslaw athletic director Chris Johnson said. "He's been a football coach, but he didn't have a PE job with it."

Siuslaw will be Smith's third head-coaching job.

He guided La Grande to a Greater Oregon League title in 2014 and a state playoff berth. The Tigers lost to North Bend in the first round.

Smith moved to Seaside to be an assistant coach in 2015, taking over as head coach in 2016.

Leaving for Seattle, he currently is a physical education teacher and athletic director at Louisa Boren STEM K-8 school.

See **COACH 4B**

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.)

SOCCER

My idea of soccer is a cross country run with a ball. I will probably never be a fan of "futbol." My experience and history with actual football is too saturated into my blood.

I recently attended my first soccer match in more than two decades when I went to Miller Park to watch my grandson play soccer. The weather was on the cool side with potential for rain. The 9 a.m. game was just a little bit late in getting started, but for a first week of play the games proceeded smoothly.

I do not know who organized the soccer program; it was well run. The youngest players played three-on-three. Each seven-member team was divided into smaller three-person teams with a substitute. This enabled the entire team to be playing at the same time on adjacent fields.

The players were fully active for fall our quarters and some players were tired by the end of their game. Accordingly, players could be switched with a teammate from the other field if a competitive balance was needed.

There was no goalkeeper.

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
April 28	
12:03pm / 6.6	5:58am / 0.0 6:00pm / 0.9

April 29	
12:07am / 7.7	6:40am / -0.4 12:51pm / 6.6

April 30	
12:41am / 7.8	7:20am / -0.7 1:36pm / 6.5

May 1	
1:14am / 7.7	7:59am / -0.8 2:19pm / 6.4

May 2	
1:47am / 7.5	8:37am / -0.7 3:03pm / 6.2

May 3	
2:20am / 7.2	9:16am / -0.5 3:47pm / 6.0

May 4	
2:55am / 6.8	9:57am / -0.1 4:35pm / 5.7

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BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

FAR WEST		FAR WEST	
N. BEND	6-0	S. UMPQUA	6-1
BROOKINGS	5-2	N. BEND	5-2
DOUGLAS	4-3	BROOKINGS	4-3
S. UMPQUA	2-4	MARSHFIELD	3-4
SIUSLAW	2-5	SIUSLAW	2-5
MARSHFIELD	1-6	DOUGLAS	1-6

SPORTS

Calendar

• APRIL 28

• SHS TRACK ROTARY INV. AT GRANTS PASS HS 10 A.M.

• MAY 1

• MHS TRACK MAPLETON INV. AT MAPLETON HS 4 P.M.

• SHS BASEBALL HOSTS N. BEND. 5 P.M.

• SHS SOFTBALL A N. BEND. 5 P.M.