

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

JUNE 16-17

• **Gehlke All-Star Baseball/Softball Tourney**
at Miller Park
all day Saturday
and Sunday

JUNE 18-22

• **SHS football**
weight training
8 to 10 a.m. and
6 to 8 p.m.

JUNE 23

• **Kiwanis Golf Scramble**
9 a.m.
Ocean Dunes Golf
Links

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

| High Tide | Low Tide |
|--|---------------------------------|
| June 16 1:57am / 8.2 3:38pm / 6.6 | 9:00am / -2.2 9:03pm / 2.2 |
| June 17 2:49am / 7.8 4:30pm / 6.6 | 9:49am / -1.8 10:04pm / 2.2 |
| June 18 3:46am / 7.1 5:24pm / 6.6 | 10:41am / -1.2 11:12pm / 2.2 |
| June 19 4:49am / 6.4 6:19pm / 6.7 | 11:35am / -0.6 |
| June 20 6:00am / 5.8 7:13pm / 6.8 | 12:25am / 1.9 12:31pm / 0.1 |
| June 21 7:18am / 5.3 8:05pm / 7.0 | 1:39am / 1.5 1:28pm / 0.8 |
| June 22 8:37am / 5.0 8:54pm / 7.1 | 2:48am / 1.0 2:27pm / 1.4 |



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

An estimated \$135,000 will be spent on repair work taking place beginning July 1 at the Heceta Lighthouse.

LIGHTHOUSE TO BE CLOSED FOR JULY

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

The iconic Heceta Head Lighthouse, the most photographed lighthouse on the west coast, will be a little less photogenic during the month of July as repair work is completed on the historic structure.

Work to repair cracked interior metal columns on the upper floor of the lighthouse will begin July 1 and is expected

to continue through July 31, requiring the light to be out of service and covered as a precaution to avoid damaging the custom-made Fresnel lens.

While the renovations are being completed, access to the interior of lighthouse will be closed to the public.

However, the grounds surrounding the lighthouse will remain open and visitors can still walk up the trail to the lighthouse, but not enter the building.

In addition, interpretive programs

will continue on the grounds surrounding the lighthouse.

All told, the repair work will cost an estimated \$135,000, with \$75,000 of the sum donated by park visitors.

The remaining \$60,000 is being funded with Oregon Lottery dollars dedicated by voters to park repairs and improvements.

See **LIGHTHOUSE 2B**

Leave wildlife in the wild, says ODFW

Young animals are rarely orphaned, so leave them alone this time of year.

Put it back.

That's the advice you're likely to hear if you bring a young wild animal home to "take care of it" — and you might get a warning or citation from Oregon State Police, too.

Oregon's deer and elk give birth from May through July and many other wildlife species also bear their young at this time of year. It's natural for mother animals to leave their young alone for extended periods of time while they go off to feed, so never assume a young animal is orphaned when you see it alone. The mother will return when it's safe to do so — when people, pets or predators aren't around.

Unfortunately, every year around this time, ODFW offices, licensed wildlife rehabilitators and even Oregon State Police are flooded with calls from people who picked up a deer fawn, elk calf, fledgling bird learning to fly, or other young animal they assumed was orphaned because it was alone.

Animals taken away from their natural environment miss the chance to learn important survival skills from their parents like where to feed, what to eat, how to behave as part of a group and how to escape from predators. Usually this leads to a shortened life span for the animal.

Removing an animal from the wild and/or holding it is a violation of state



COURTESY ODFW

A black-tailed deer fawn in Lincoln City last month after being put back where it was found by someone who picked it up, assuming it was orphaned.

law (OAR 635-044-0440 "Wildlife may not be captured from the wild and/or held...") Doing so is considered a Class A Misdemeanor and a court could impose a maximum fine of \$6,250 fine and/or one year in jail. Last year (2017), Oregon State Police issued seven warnings and one citation to people who had picked up deer fawns, bear cubs, a baby turkey, a baby raccoon, nine baby opossums and an injured osprey.

If you are certain a young animal is

orphaned because you saw its mother die, or if you see an injured animal or one in distress, call one of Oregon's licensed wildlife rehabilitators. Wildlife rehabilitators have the training and facilities to properly care for young wildlife and eventually return them to the wild.

You can also call your nearest ODFW office during regular business hours, or Oregon State Police dispatch if an animal is in distress.

MARINE BOARD REMINDS BOATERS TO PROTECT WATERWAYS

The Marine Board, Oregon Invasive Species Council and Department of Fish and Wildlife are reminding boaters to "Clean, Drain and Dry" their boats and equipment to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

This effort, in conjunction with border inspection stations will help protect the fragile balance of Oregon's aquatic ecosystems.

"Clean, drain and dry your boat after every outing," said Glenn Dolphin, the

Marine Board's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program Coordinator and 2018 Chair of the Oregon Invasive Species Council. "Recreational boaters, whether propelled by paddle, oar or motor, can help protect our waterways by draining all water within any interior compartments and letting everything thoroughly dry.

"If every boater embraces this practice, it will go a long way in preventing the spread of invaders that are already

in Oregon."

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are non-native animals, plants, microorganisms and pathogens that out-compete or prey on Oregon's native fish and other wildlife. They can harm the environment, hinder salmon recovery efforts, negatively impact human health and hurt local business economies.

They come to Oregon from other

See **BOATERS 2B**

TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach
and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

The value of lifetime sports/activities

The participation in a lifetime of activity benefits most people. Whether you choose to call it a sport or activity is up to you.

Most contact sports are not continued throughout a person's life. Team or individual sports can begin as early as five — our local soccer and Tee-ball starting age — and can last a lifetime.

In tee-ball, there are softball leagues for players over 80. As technology has driven many individuals into a sedentary life, it is important for all of us to stay active. Your health and well-being are greatly

See **LITTLE 3B**

On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR THE
LOCAL REGION
www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

It's a great time for trout fishing

Air and water temperatures are starting to heat up — and both fish and anglers are getting more active. Dozens of waterbodies are being stocked this week, and many others will still have fish from earlier stockings. Check out the zone reports for the latest conditions.

Warmwater fishing heating up

Smallmouth bass on the John Day or Umpqua rivers, walleye on the upper Columbia, bluegill on Empire Lakes, largemouth bass on Tenmile Lakes, crappie on Willow Creek Reservoir — take your pick! There are great warm-water fisheries in every corner of the state. You'll find fishing updates in the zone reports.

Spring Chinook ain't over yet

Anglers are still finding fair to good fishing for spring Chinook from the Oregon Coast to the northeast corner of the state. Check out reports for the Siletz, Rogue, Clackamas, North Fork Santiam, and Umatilla rivers.

See **FISHING 4B**

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