

# 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 stopped in early June, but fishing for warmwater species can still be good in several area lakes, including Ollala Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake and Tahkenitch Lake.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing on the Siuslaw river/bay remains open. A few fish are being caught low in the system but overall fishing has been slow. Expect numbers of fall Chinook entering the bays and estuaries to increase later in the month and into October. Best techniques include trolling herring/spinners and bobber fishing with bait.

Sea-run cutthroat will begin entering the lower river later this month and into the fall. These fish are very aggressive, respond

See **FISHING 3B**

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
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<b>Oct. 17</b> 8:02am / 5.6 7:04pm / 5.8	1:05am / 1.2 1:37pm / 3.6
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<b>Oct. 18</b> 8:59am / 5.8 8:15pm / 5.8	2:09am / 1.2 2:48pm / 3.4
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<b>Oct. 19</b> 9:44am / 6.0 9:18pm / 6.0	3:06am / 1.2 3:43pm / 2.8
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<b>Oct. 20</b> 10:20am / 6.4 10:11pm / 6.1	3:54am / 1.2 4:28pm / 2.2
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<b>Oct. 21</b> 10:53am / 5.7 10:59pm / 6.4	4:35am / 1.1 5:08pm / 1.6
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<b>Oct. 22</b> 11:24am / 7.1 11:43pm / 6.6	5:12am / 1.1 5:45pm / 1.0
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<b>Oct. 23</b> 11:54am / 7.4	5:47am / 1.2 6:21pm / 0.4
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**SIUSLAW**

**NEWS**

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Siuslaw's boys and girls cross country team begin the 3,000-meter race Thursday afternoon at Florence Golf Links.

## SIUSLAW SWEEPS 'BROWNIES' RUN

By NED HICKSON  
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There were a lot of smiles during Thursday's annual Run for the Brownies, a 3,000-meter run hosted by the Siuslaw High School cross country team at Florence Golf Links.

The run always falls in the week before districts, allowing runners to enjoy a more light-hearted event before racing for a league title — and a chance to reach state competition Nov. 3.

Along with Siuslaw, teams from Waldport, Pacific and Myrtle Point were on hand for the event, which begins and ends at the third hole on the golf course and includes a brownie for each participant.

All runners race at the same time, with finishes marked in order, regardless of gender. Team scoring is still kept according to girls and boys divisions, however, and in Thursday's run both Siuslaw teams finished with a perfect score of 15.

Overall, Siuslaw junior Brendon Jensen had the day's top time, crossing



From left, Siuslaw varsity girls team members junior Anne Wartnik, freshman Rylee Colton and sophomore Gracie Freudenthal gather after winning the girls race; junior Brendon Jensen is the first runner to cross the finish, winning the 3,000-meter race with a time of 9:54.0.

the finish in 9:54.0., becoming the first of 10 Viking boys team members to finish among the top 10.

Sophomore Ryan Jennings was second (10:16), followed by junior Jonah Jarman in third (10:25), Gold Beach senior Brycen Pitchford (10:32), Siuslaw

junior Jared Northrop (10:41), freshman Chad Hughes (10:42), junior Kiger Johnson (10:48), senior Robert Mans (10:54) and sophomore Jaxson Jensen in ninth place at 11:01.

See **SIUSLAW 3B**

## Lady Vikings' season ends in Tigers' den

By NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

**J. City d Siuslaw:  
25-18, 25-18, 25-21**

Heading into the final game of the regular season last Tuesday, the Lady Vikings volleyball team was just one step away from a post-season appearance as the state's No. 21-ranked team.

Only the top 20 teams advance to the 4A play-in round, so Siuslaw needed to not only manage an upset over the Lady Tigers on their home court, they also needed some other upsets within the league in order to be bumped up into the top 20.

Earlier in the season, Junction City swept Siuslaw in three sets. Tuesday night saw a repeat of the sweep in straight sets once again.

The loss dropped the Vikings to 2-8

See **LADY VIKS 3B**



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Siuslaw's Makenzie York (from left), Zoe Alberty, Alyssa Richards and Emily Edmonds react after losing to Junction City earlier in the season.

## BLUE-GREEN ALGAL IDENTIFIED IN SILTCOOS

A blue-green algal bloom was identified on Kiechle Arm of Siltcoos Lake last week on Friday resulting in a warning being issued by Dunes City at the request of the Oregon Health Authority.

The cyanotoxin level at that site is above drinking water values for vulnerable people, who include children under age 5, pregnant women, the elderly and the immune compromised. The Oregon Health Authority recommends that raw lake water not be ingested by these individuals. The general population, however, is not affect-

ed. The Boy Scout Camp, which tests its water on the west side of the Boy Scout peninsula, reports no presence of cyanobacteria at their site. Also, local public water systems, such as South Coast Water District, that draw from Siltcoos are testing clear of toxins after treatment.

Concern, however, is expressed for those homes that draw out of Siltcoos for their domestic water source. Dunes City Administrator Mills explained "Home water treatment systems may

not reduce or eliminate the toxin and boiling and camp-style filters are not effective either.

The best bet is to limit any form of ingestion (drinking or cooking) of the water from Siltcoos until we get the all-clear from the Oregon Health Authority."

Efforts are being made by the City to contact each Siltcoos Lake use permit holder. For more information about blooms, exposures or illnesses in people or pets, call the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0440.

## 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.

## Choosing Sports

Previously, I have written about the advantages of participating in multiple sports. The possibility of injury exists in all sports, and the likelihood of sustaining a concussion can occur in any sport.

For obvious reasons, football has grabbed the media's focus for Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) found in professional football players. The results of this have filtered down to all levels of football, with the fear resulting in parents and players electing to forgo their dreams of playing in the NFL.

In its place has come a resurgence in the sport of soccer.

On any given Saturday in Florence, you can see upwards of 200 youngsters playing soccer as part of the Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association (SYSA).

What are the reasons behind the climb in the number of soccer players in Florence, which has primarily been known as a football town?

Is it about the current lack of wins by the Siuslaw High School football team? Is it about the concussion and CTE headlines we have been seeing more frequently in newspapers?

There is the obvious football helmet to helmet contact we see in person and on television frequently. Then there is also contact of helmet to ground, which also can cause a concussion. Helmets have

See **LITTLE 3B**

## SPORTS

## Calendar

**Oct. 25**  
• SHS XC Sky-Em District meet at LCC-Eugene Varsity girls: noon Varsity boys: 12:45 p.m.

**Oct. 26**  
• SHS football hosts Sutherlin at 7 p.m. \*Senior Night