

Calendar

Feb. 14

• SHS basketball at Junction City
Girls: 5:45 p.m.
Boys: 7:15 p.m.

Feb. 16

• SHS cheerleading 4A State tourney
Vet. Memorial Col.
9:20 a.m.

Upcoming:

Feb. 21

• SBSA registration at Siuslaw H.S.
6 p.m.

Feb. 22

• SHS wrestling 4A OSAA state meet
Day one
TBA

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Feb. 13 5:30am / 7.1 7:05pm / 5.0	12:46am / 1.3

Feb. 14 6:30am / 7.3 1:51pm / 6.8	12:05am / 3.4 8:24pm / 0.7
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Feb. 15 7:34am / 7.6 9:34pm / 5.8	1:23am / 3.6 2:57pm / 0.1
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Feb. 16 8:37am / 8.0 10:27pm / 6.2	2:36am / 3.5 3:52pm / -0.6
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Feb. 17 9:36am / 8.4 11:13pm / 6.7	3:40am / 3.1 4:42pm / -1.1
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Feb. 18 10:31am / 8.7 11:55pm / 7.2	4:37am / 2.5 5:29am / -1.4
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Feb. 19 11:24am / 8.8	5:30am / 1.9 6:13pm / -1.4
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NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw sophomore Elijah LaCosse will wrestle in the 126-pound division at state Feb. 22-23.

FOUR VIKS ADVANCE TO STATE MATS

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Come Feb. 22, four Viking wrestlers — sophomores Elijah LaCosse and Ryan Jennings, junior Matthew Horrillo and senior Riley Jennings — will be among the state's top wrestlers competing for the title in their respective weight brackets.

All told, six Vikings returned from last weekend's 4A Special District 2 tournament in Junction City with medals, including sophomores Brady Libby at 120 pounds and Hector Garcia at 160 pounds.

"We really wrestled pretty well," Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik said of his underclassmen-dominated team's performance. "We just don't have the depth and experience of other schools."

Though Libby and Garcia were

able to medal, they just missed qualifying for state.

LaCosse (126 lbs.) and Horrillo (220 lbs.) each placed third in their divisions, with brothers Ryan (152 lbs.) and Ryan (170 lbs.) Jennings each placing fourth.

LaCosse went 4-1 at the tournament, earning his third-place finish in a dramatic come-from-behind win the consolation semifinals round against Blaise Pindell of Philomath.

Pindell had won the bracket a week earlier at the 29-team Cottage Grove Invitational, where LaCosse didn't place.

On Saturday, the two faced off for the third-place medal, with Pindell holding a 2-point lead to start the third round.

"Elijah worked hard for an escape with just over a minute left," said Wartnik.

Then, with 45 seconds remaining, LaCosse changed tactics and out together a complicated take-down sequence and scored a takedown to tie the match. LaCosse was then able to hold Pindell to the mat for the remaining 45 seconds to score the final, match-winning point and third place.

"Elijah worked very hard this week to compete at 126 pounds," Wartnik said. "His performance at district in that final match was gutsy — the performance of the week."

Horrillo, Siuslaw's other third-place finisher, went 3-1 at district, losing a nailbiter in the championship semifinals match when a move went awry with the score tied at 1-1. His opponent was able to score the final point

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SIUSLAW GIRLS TO WRAP UP SEASON THURSDAY

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw: 24
Marshfield: 60

Following last Friday's match-up between defending state champion Marshfield and Siuslaw, the Pirates maintained their undefeated status in the Sky-Em (8-0) and improved to 20-1 overall with a definitive 60-24 win over the Lady Vikings,



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Siuslaw sophomores Savannah Morris (left) and Brea Blankenship bring the ball down for the Lady Viks.

who remain winless in league (0-8) and 4-18 overall.

In Friday's game, sophomores Lindsey Long and Gracie Freudenthal led Siuslaw's offense, with ling scoring 6 points and Freudenthal nabbing 13 boards.

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VIKINGS SUNK BY PIRATES

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Siuslaw: 43
Marshfield: 56

The Vikings and Pirates each took turns shooting across each other's bow, starting with fifth-ranked Marshfield, which opened with Siuslaw scoring the first 4 points Friday night at Glenn Butler Court.

The Pirates battled back to



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Siuslaw freshman Braydon Thornton scored 11 points against Marshfield last Friday.

take a narrow 11-10 lead to start the second period. Marshfield built on its lead by firing four 3-pointers while holding Siuslaw scoreless for the first half of the quarter.

The Viks fired back with eight points but still trailed 29-18 entering the half.

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FREE FISHING WEEKEND FEB. 16-17

SALEM, Ore.—It's free to fish, crab or clam in Oregon on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16-17 of President's Day Weekend.

During these two days, no fishing licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement) are required to fish, crab or clam anywhere in Oregon for both residents and non-residents. Although no licenses or tags are required, all other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions.

This time of year, the best opportunity will be winter steelhead on the coast, stocked hatchery rainbow trout in the Willamette Valley and mid-coast lakes, and ice-fishing in northeast and southeast Oregon.

Look for the latest on fishing conditions and regulations at ODFW's Weekly Recreation Report, which is updated every Thursday.

Also see the trout stocking schedule to find out when your local lake is getting stocked with hatchery rainbow trout.

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MID COAST LAKES: Stocking of the mid-coast lakes will begin the first week of February. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. These early stockings include: Alder and Dune Lake, Cleawox, Lost Lake, Munsel Lake, Thissel Pond, Munsel Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs and Olalla Creek Reservoir.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing has still been good on the Siuslaw with the lower water. The Siuslaw holds a little bit of color even when it gets low which helps the fishing conditions. The numbers of fish returning to the Whitaker Creek trap have increased for the end of January and now into February.

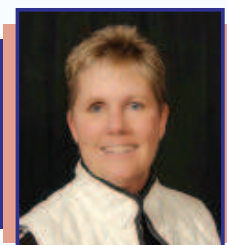
Fish are being caught every day with the best fishing around Whitaker Creek for both the bank and boat anglers.

Lake Creek steelhead fishing has been fair this year so far. Currently, Lake Creek is low and clear creating tough conditions and could benefit from some rain and a bump in the river level.

Hatchery fish in the Siuslaw system return to Whitaker Creek (Siuslaw) and Green Creek (Lake Creek).

Bobber fishing with bait/jigs, drift fishing, and

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