



Sports & Recreation

Calendar

Feb. 16

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

Feb. 21

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

Feb. 22

- SHS wrestling 4A OSAA state meet Day one TBA

Feb. 23

- SHS wrestling 4A OSAA state meet Finals — TBA

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Feb. 16 8:37am / 8.0 10:27pm / 6.2	2:36am / 3.5 3:52pm / -0.6
Feb. 17 9:36am / 8.4 11:13pm / 6.7	3:40am / 3.1 4:42pm / -1.1
Feb. 18 10:31am / 8.7 11:55pm / 7.2	4:37am / 2.5 5:29am / -1.4
Feb. 19 11:24am / 8.8	5:30am / 1.9 6:13pm / -1.4
Feb. 20 12:36am / 7.6 12:16pm / 8.7	6:21am / 1.4 6:56pm / -1.2
Feb. 21 1:17am / 7.9 1:07pm / 8.4	7:12am / 1.1 7:38pm / -0.8
Feb. 22 1:57am / 8.0 1:59pm / 7.8	8:03am / 0.9 8:20pm / 0.0

RECREATIONAL CRABBING CLOSED ON SOUTHERN COAST

The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announce the immediate closure of all recreational crabbing on the southern Oregon coast from Bandon to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes Dungeness and red rock crab harvested in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties.

Recreational crab harvesting from Bandon north to the Columbia River (including the Coquille river estuary) remains open in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties. Meanwhile, for commercial crabbing, ODA and ODFW are requiring that all crab harvested from Bandon to the California border be eviscerated (gutted) before it can be deemed safe for consumption.

Domoic acid levels are elevated only in crab viscera, or the guts, of crab sampled and tested from this area of the Oregon coast. For recreational crab harvesters, it is recommended that crab always be eviscerated prior to cooking, which includes removal and discard of the viscera, internal organs, and gills.

See CRABBING 3B



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw senior Alyssa Richards blocks defends the key during last Tuesday night win over Elmira.

LADY VIKS CLIP FALCONS

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

SHS: 56
EHS: 51

The Lady Vikings basketball team's final home game proved to be its best of the season, providing fans good reason to celebrate during what was the final night on Siuslaw's hardwood for the

team's four seniors: Alyssa Richards, Hailee Edgerly, Madison Reynolds and Lillian Wenham. In a hard-fought first quarter that saw Siuslaw narrowly trailing 10-8 to start the second period, the Vikings fell behind 17-12 halfway through the quarter after a 3-pointer by the Falcons. Sophomore Gracie Freudenthal put the Viks back

within three, sparking an 8-point run that ended with a rebound by sophomore Brea Blankenship that closed the gap to within 1 point, 23-22 — and prompted an Elmira timeout. For the remaining 22 seconds of the half, both teams had possessions but neither managed to score before the buzzer.

See LADY VIKS 2B

SIUSLAW WRAPS UP SEASON AT J. CITY

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

SHS: 48
Elmira 71

In the final home game of the season for the Vikings boys' basketball team — and last home game of their career for seniors Jordan Taniguchi, Nick Swift and Dylan Wynn — Siuslaw found itself in a perimeter battle against visiting Elmira last Tuesday night. Wynn was the first to light up



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Siuslaw senior Jordan Taniguchi works the top of the key in the Viks' 2-3 zone.

the scoreboard on a long 3-point bucket, but the Falcons responded with their own long ball at the end of the court. The Falcons gradually moved ahead 8-3, then sank another 3-pointer to extend their lead to 8. Sophomore Liam McClellan scored a 3-pointer but Siuslaw's scoring ended there for the rest

See SIUSLAW 3B

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. Each week, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

Role Models (Part 1)

Teachers, coaches and professional athletes are role models for more children than ever before. The traditional mom, dad and children family dynamic is on the decline, with divorces result in many-single parent home environments. More often than not, even in two-parent families, the economy has led to both parents working or, in the case of

See LITTLE 2B

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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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 casting lures are good techniques to catch a Siuslaw winter steelhead.

Trout fishing in streams will reopen May 22, 2019.

ALSEA RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing has slowed down on the Alsea with the low and clear water conditions. Numbers entering the Alsea hatchery trap have slowed down as well.

A few fish are still being caught everyday but it will improve with the next shot of rain. The extended forecasts look cold and dry

See FISHING 3B

DROP A LINE; IT'S FREE FISHING THROUGHOUT OREGON TODAY, TOMORROW

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 north-



east 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.