

Calendar

April 2

- MHS track
MHS home meet
3 p.m.
- SHS softball
hosts Douglas
3 p.m. (DH)
- SHS baseball
hosts Douglas
3 p.m. (DH)

April 6

- SHS track
at Marist H.S.
10:30 a.m.
- MHS track
at AMJ Invite
McKenzie H.S.
11 a.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide

Low Tide

March 27

5:12am / 6.9
7:01pm / 5.4

12:21pm / 0.7

March 28

6:11am / 6.4
8:21pm / 5.3

12:16am / 3.5
1:30pm / 1.0

March 29

7:21am / 6.1
9:30pm / 5.5

1:36am / 3.6
2:39pm / 1.1

March 30

8:32am / 6.1
10:21pm / 5.8

2:54am / 0.5
3:39am / 1.0

March 31

9:35am / 6.2
10:59pm / 6.0

3:57am / 3.1
4:28pm / 0.8

April 1

10:28pm / 6.4
11:31pm / 6.2

4:45am / 2.6
5:09pm / 0.7

April 2

11:13am / 6.5

5:26am / 2.1
5:45pm / 0.7



NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw junior Nina Aaron pitched both games against Phoenix, striking out six.

LADY VIKS SUNK BY PIRATES, PREPARE FOR LEAGUE

By Ned Hickson
Siuslaw News

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Siuslaw wrapped up its pre-league season on Saturday with a home doubleheader against visiting Phoenix, with the Pirates taking both games by a total of 28 runs to 8 runs scored by the Lady Vikings.

While the losses may have looked substantial on the scoreboard, the young Vikings team also exhibited a tremendous amount of growth from the March 13 season opener.

“The scores definitely don’t reflect the growth the Vikings are showing,” said Siuslaw coach Sean O’Mara, whose team includes a freshman and two sophomores in the starting lineup.

In fact, most of Siuslaw’s problems came in errors committed in a single inning in both games,

rather than through a continuous series of mistakes in the field. Perhaps most telling has been the team’s ability to respond to those errors by playing solidly after a tough inning.

“We come back and continue to swing the bats and work hard at aggressive baserunning, trying to get more prepared for the difficult league opponents that are only a couple of weeks away,” said O’Mara, referring to the team’s final pre-league game set for next

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SIUSLAW SCOOPED BY PELICANS

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The Vikings baseball team was on the road last Saturday (1-5) in a doubleheader against

the Pelicans (3-3) at Klamath Union High School.

In the opener, Siuslaw started left-handed pitcher Gabe Simington, a Mapleton senior, who went on to strike out 14 in just over 5 innings of work on the mound — throwing 69 strikes on 109 pitches.

Simington also led the Viking offense, smacking a double and driving in 3 runs from the clean-up spot in the rotation.

The Vikings kept things close throughout the opener, tying the game at 2-2 in the top of the

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MID COAST
LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes will began 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.

Note: Olalla Reservoir is operated and owned by Georgia Pacific and is currently closed due to low water and hazardous conditions.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing on the Siuslaw has been slow with the recent high water but is improving as the river drops back into shape this week. The Whitaker Creek trap numbers have been good the last two weeks indicating that fish are moving in the system. Fishing should be good as the river clears up this week and into the weekend.

Lake Creek steelhead fishing has been fair this year so far. The river was in good shape over the weekend and should fish well this week. The majority of fish are being caught near and around Green Creek. 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.

ALSEA RIVER:
Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing improved on the Alsea with the recent rains and rise in

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WHEN ON BEACHES, GIVE SPRINGTIME SEAL PUPS THEIR SPACE

It’s that time of year again: Seal pups are appearing on beaches along the Oregon coast. Beachgoers are asked to stifle their desire to assist these animals in some way, and instead give them space.

Every spring, harbor seals give birth on secluded beaches or reefs along the Pacific coast. The pups are born ready to swim but cannot tread water for long; they need ample time on shore to rest and stay warm. They can remain there for days while their mothers forage at sea.

Concerned observers often report “abandoned” seal pups on the beach, not realizing that the mother might be foraging nearby, or swimming just offshore to maintain distance from curious humans and their dogs.

Humans approaching or otherwise trying to “help” these unattended pups may inadvertently cause them harm, as the presence of people may deter mother seals from coming ashore to nurse. Seal pups are vulnerable and they may yank at our heartstrings, but we often jeopardize matters further by intervening in their affairs.

Harbor seals are wild animals that face many challenges to reaching maturity, and pup mortality is a natural check on robust seal populations in our region. In general, the Oregon Coast Aquarium is committed to the rescue and rehabilitation of indigenous wildlife when they are deemed injured by human interference. But in the case of harbor seal pups, humans should not be

approaching these animals in the first place, and the Aquarium advises the public to obey marine mammal protection laws and let nature take its course.

“Concerned observers can call the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network 541-270-6830 if a pup is spotted,” said Jim Burke, Director of Animal Husbandry at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. “Their staff can post signs near the seal to inform other beachgoers of the situation.”

Stern warnings aside, finding a harbor seal pup on the beach can be an enchanting and poignant experience. To keep these creatures safe, watch with binoculars or take pictures from afar — let the seals take care of themselves.



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