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TIME OUT

Lady Viks hoosiers seek new coach

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The Siuslaw girls varsity basketball team will see its third coach in as many years this winter with the departure of Chad Smith, who took over as head coach of the girls basketball program last season, along with football.

Following his resignation as head football coach of Siuslaw's football program this past June after a year at the helm, Chad Smith is leaving Siuslaw altogether to take the head football position at Cottage Grove High School.

That means Siuslaw is once again in the hunt for a coach, this time for the Lady Vikings basketball program, which Smith had initially agreed to continue coaching.

Last Friday, Smith, 32, received the call from CGHS principal Kevin Herington offering him the position as both head coach and P.E. teacher at the high school.

"They've [the team] had success, which is obviously great, (but) they are great kids [at CGHS] as well — not just as athletes, but the kids are

respectful," Smith said in a phone interview on Thursday. This will mark Smith's

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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.

Ironman (not the movie)

When I read about the 2019 Dunes City Triathlon/Duathlon, I remembered my first thoughts of entering a triathlon back in 1981.

My feeble efforts to train for a triathlon were to ride my bicycle to Cleawox Lake early in the mornings; I would swim out into the lake and back; I would ride back into town and shower for work; after work and coaching, I would run in the evenings.

On my third day while treading water and turning

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PEDDLING WITH PURPOSE



COURTESY PHOTOS

Twenty-eight Texas 4000 bicyclists made a stop in Florence this past weekend, staying overnight with host families before continuing their 4,000-mile trek from Austin, Texas, to Anchorage, Alaska.

The Florence Elks Lodge provided a turkey/ham feast and Sea Lion Caves gave the group free passes to the cave. A total of 14 families welcomed the riders into their homes for showers, laundry and comfortable beds to sleep in.

Early Monday morning, the group was treated to a hearty breakfast at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church before heading north approximately 100 miles to



Members of the Texas 4000, riding from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska, in an effort to raise cancer awareness and funds stopped in Florence last Sunday.

their next stop in Pacific City.

"We adopted them for the night and they adopted us as substitute parents," said Terri Pennington, who helps organize the stop-over in Florence each year. "As one of the guys said on arrival,

"OK, where is my mom and dad for tonight?"

Pennington added that, after 14 years of hosting the group, "Florence has a reputation as being their favorite place to stop, thanks to everyone who supports this fun event."

Lads, lasses invited to 'chip in' for good cause

It is time again to "chip in for the cause" at the ninth annual Siuslaw Open to benefit Siuslaw Outreach Services.

The Siuslaw Open, presented by Oregon Pacific Bank, Florence Dental Clinic, Edward Jones Investments and PeaceHealth, is one of the premier golfing events in Florence. The tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 7, at Florence Golf Links — a course that features wide-open Scottish style fairways and views of the dunes and ocean.

"Nik Remer and his staff have made the planning an enjoyable process," said SOS Executive Director Bob Teter. "We are really excited for this year's event. Last year's record setting year has put the pressure on us to make this year even better."

In that effort, organizers have brought back the tournament's signature putting and chipping contest, Johnston Motors has once again supplied a new Ford pick-up for one of



COURTESY PHOTO

SOS Executive Director Bob Teter (left) and Brian Johnston, owner of Johnston Motor Company.

the hole-in-one contests, and the Dixon Golf Challenge is back.

The Siuslaw Open has been raising funds to help needy individuals and families for the past eight years. Siuslaw Outreach Services provides advocacy for victims of domestic

and/or sexual violence, homelessness prevention and intervention, emergency vouchers for clothing, food, showers, laundry, transportation, prescriptions, rent and utilities as well as self sufficiency

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ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes began the first week of February and will continue into June. 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, Mercer Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs, Ollala Reservoir and Devils Lake.

Warmwater fisheries are improving in several lakes around the Florence area including: Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Mercer, and Munsel.

ALSEA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Trout fishing in streams is open. Check regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SALMON RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Trout fishing is open in rivers and streams. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SILETZ RIVER: *Summer steelhead, spring Chinook, cutthroat trout*

The Siletz River is open year-round for steelhead. Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow so far this season but should continue to improve through August. The 4-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend. Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one mile gate and start from there.

Trout fishing is open. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SIUSLAW RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Open to trout fishing. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, cutthroat trout*

Summer steelhead are available throughout the system. These fish can be challenging to catch but are great fighters and good table fair for those who are successful. The Wilson offers plenty of bank access, especially on the upper river. The river is low and

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FREE SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS CONTINUE AT CAPE PERPETUA

Throughout the summer, at Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, field rangers and local experts are hosting a variety of free family events at Cape Perpetua.

Visitors can choose from any of the activities below to experience these special places in new ways:

- July 22-23 and July 29-30 — Marbled Murrelet Survey: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Contribute to research aimed at saving this threatened seabird. Join scientists and land managers to learn about murrelet nesting and feeding habits, then help identify and count birds as they fly between the forest and ocean.

RSVP at www.goo.gl/forms/KgY1ESmcep91uQ8I3.

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Calendar

July 17

- Florence Softball 5:30 p.m.
- Beachcomber vs Welton (North)
- Lofy vs ACC (South) 7 p.m.
- ACC vs Beachcomber (North)
- Lofy vs Welton (South)

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

July 13

11:08am / 5.3 4:40am / -0.6
10:18pm / 7.6 4:15pm / 2.6

July 14

12:02am / 5.6 5:28am / -1.0
11:03pm / 7.6 5:08pm / 2.7

June 15

12:48am / 5.8 6:12am / -1.2
11:46pm / 7.5 5:56pm / 2.7

July 16

1:28pm / 5.9 6:52am / -1.2
6:41pm / 2.6

July 17

12:27am / 7.4 7:29am / -1.2
2:05pm / 6.0 7:22pm / 1.8

July 18

1:05am / 7.2 8:05am / -1.1
2:40pm / 6.0 8:02pm / 2.5

July 19

1:43am / 7.0 8:40am / -0.9
3:14pm / 6.0 8:43pm / 2.5