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## Little from 1B

the state play-offs — including a state championship in 2006. Since Coach Dodson retired from teaching and coaching, the program has had two different coaches from different football back-grounds. As qualified as these coaches may have been, they lacked Viking player experience. The selection of Sam Johnson as the new head football coach for the Siuslaw Vikings rekindles the Viking player-to-Viking coach connection. Coach Johnson may be young in years but he has years of Viking blood: He could be seen on the sidelines as an elementary age ball boy; his father has been a Viking assistant coach at various levels; young Sam and his brother,

John, would run dry footballs to the officials during home football games. This early and close proximity to Coach Dodson and his staff could only have contributed to his game day knowledge about the intensity and efforts given by those coaches. Our Coach Johnson also comes from a family of football coaches. Adding to the experience of his father as a coach are two uncles. They each happen to have been in charge of the 6A Sheldon Irish, with each winning at least one state championship. Coach Johnson's dad remarked to me a quote from his son about Florence when he said, "Oak Street for Life." This refers to the entire educational and sports arenas, which are located on Oak Street. Coach Johnson was educated there, played his ath-

letics there — and now he will be coaching and teaching on Oak Street. There are challenges ahead to be sure. The Vikings are heading into another season with their fourth coach in five years; this comes after having just two coaches in the previous 45 years with Lutero and Dodson. Also, the student body is smaller. And the league they are competing in at the 3A level is one of the toughest in the state. The players need to know Coach Johnson and his staff will work tirelessly to instill Viking Pride. It is a pride that comes from being the hardest working football team in the state, at any level. They will make Hans Petersen field once again the place to be on Friday nights. We, the community of

Florence, need to help our team by attending and making noise in support of their efforts on the field. Winning is not the only objective. Rather, it is creating a competitive spirit from the opening kick-off until the time runs out. We want our players and coaches to know we appreciate the time and commitment they give in their efforts to be successful on and off the field. Coach Johnson was one of the smallest players on the field when he played. He was a receiver on offense and a safety on defense. He, and his teammates, demonstrated to all that "It is not the size of the team on the field, it is the fight of the players on that team." I urge all of you to attend games this year as Coach Johnson brings back the Viking spirit.

## Salmon from 1B

fund, Oregon Coast Coho Salmon, are well on the way to recovery. In addition to benefiting salmon, these improvements help make our water drinkable and

our rivers swimmable for all Oregonians. Watershed councils, soil and water conservation districts, land trusts, landowners and local communities plant trees, replace culverts with bridges, and restore estuaries and natural stream-banks. This work improves

water quality and reduces flood risk for local communities. Irrigators use the program to reduce their water use, which can also reduce their energy costs while putting more water back in streams for fish. "Investing in salmon habitat restoration benefits

Oregon and Oregonians — from east to west, north to south, rural to urban," said Jan Lee of the Oregon Conservation Partnership. Lee is also acting executive director of the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts, a member of the partnership.

## Fishing from 1B

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

**SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES:**  
Warmwater species  
Warmwater fishing has been good on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes as well as many other lakes in the

Florence area. Water temperatures are warm and fish can be found throughout the lake in a variety of habitats. Warmwater fishing will continue to be good through the summer and into the fall. Siltcoos also gets stocked rainbow trout, check the stocking schedule for numbers and dates of stockings.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:**  
Cutthroat trout  
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