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Sports & Recreation

Calendar

Aug. 10

• SHS Booster Auction
"Havana Night"
At the FEC
5 p.m.

Aug. 14

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

Aug. 19

• Fall sports season
Practices begin
At the SHS and MHS

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Aug. 10
9:56am / 5.1
9:05pm / 7.1

3:23am / 0.0
3:01pm / 2.9

Aug. 11
10:58am / 5.4
10:00pm / 7.1

4:21am / -0.3
4:04pm / 2.9

Aug. 12
11:47am / 5.6
10:49pm / 7.2

5:11am / -0.5
4:59pm / 2.8

Aug. 13
12:27am / 5.9
11:33pm / 7.2

5:53am / -0.7
5:45pm / 2.6

Aug. 14
1:01pm / 6.0

6:31am / -0.7
6:27pm / 2.3

Aug. 15
12:13am / 7.2
1:33pm / 6.0

7:06am / -0.7
7:05pm / 2.1

Aug. 16
12:51pm / 7.1
2:02pm / 6.1

7:39am / -0.6
7:41pm / 1.9



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Siuslaw High School football assistant coach Jerry Fleming (center) runs with participants in last year's Youth Skills Football Camp; (below) Camp participants work on throwing and catching fundamentals. This year's camp begins Monday at SHS.

Camp to host future Viks

The annual youth football skills camp begins Monday

By JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw football team will be holding its 27th annual Youth Skills Football Camp for 1st through 12th grade beginning Monday, giving young children and future Vikings the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the sport — and older kids the chance to hone their skills or discover football for the first time.

"We're making it a lot more of a community feel," said new varsity football head coach Sam Johnson. "The camp has been going on forever, but over the last three years it's been a little down, so we're trying to get the excitement back. We're not just trying to get it back to what it was, but even a little better than it used to be."



Johnson explained that during the past few years, the overall program has become fragmented, with elementary, middle and high schools focusing on their own programs.

"It used to be just juniors and seniors that helped. This year, our full program is going out for every camp," said

See CAMP 3B

Siuslaw Watershed to host discussion on salmon returns

Join the Siuslaw Watershed Council on Wednesday, Aug. 28, at the Siuslaw Public Library from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a presentation about ocean and river ecosystem indicators of salmon returns and how folks use those indicators to determine salmon fishing limits on the coast as set by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

John Spangler, District Fish Biologist with the ODFW will bring his 26 years of experience in the Northwest Oregon district to inform attendees about salmon spawning survey data collection, population estimates, forecasts and regulation development for Coho and Chinook salmon on the coast.

Laurie Weitkamp, Research Fisheries Biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will discuss ocean conditions and survival of salmon while they're in the ocean.

Since 2014, ocean temperatures across the much of Northeast Pacific have been



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Coho salmon returns declined from over 400,000 in the late 1800s to as low as 500 in the 1990s.

above average. Warm temperatures that started with the "Blob" and the strong 2015/2016 El Niño have persisted across much of the region despite two weak La Niñas.

The initial marine heat wave resulted in dramatic changes to marine ecosystems at all trophic levels from diatoms to marine mammals. While the distributions and abundances of many species have returned to normal, other changes continue due to biological lags and the persistence of warm water species in our area. This talk provides an update on how the "Blob", El Niño, and La Niñas

changed the ocean and the biological response to those changes, including many observations from our local area.

Weitkamp has been a Salmon Biologist at NOAA's Northwest Fisheries Science Center since 1992. Her research focuses on the ecology of salmon in estuarine and marine environments, including how physical conditions influence biological processes that are important for survival. This topic includes documenting the impacts of recent anomalous conditions on marine ecosystems across the North Pacific Ocean.

The Siuslaw Watershed Council, along with local partners including the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Siuslaw National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management, the Soil and Water Conservation District, McKenzie River Trust and others, are working to restore habitat for

See SALMON 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.

It is just a game

I was wedged in the door-frame of our commercial fishing boat the Nelma. One moment, all I could see was white capped waves and giant rocks. The next moment all I saw was sky and clouds. The flopper stoppers were useless.

Cabin drawers opened and spilled their contents onto the floor. Cupboard doors were slamming open and shut. The knuckles of my dad's hands were white from gripping the wheel tightly. Water washed over the deck from both sides as our boat shifted from starboard to the port side. I realized my dad was steering the boat close to the South jetty instead of running wider to reach the safety of the Columbia River channel.

Why?

It started in May. I tried out and made the Warrenton Babe Ruth All-Stars team. I knew the team played several games during the summer. I also knew I would be working as a boat puller on my dad's boat in the summer and had told the coach of my summer job. He assured me that if I was in port, on game day, he would make sure I played. I knew we were often gone for up to six days fishing. Once in port, we usually were home for one or two days. I copied the game schedule and marked the game days on our boat calendar (where it would be easy for my dad to see)

We left port on Sunday. There were games on Tuesday and Friday of that week. I knew Tuesday was not an option but just maybe we would catch enough fish and be back in port by Friday.

See LITTLE 2B

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

NOTE: Temporary regs for wild Chinook in coastal rivers — Due to low forecasted returns this year, wild Chinook fishing will be restricted in most coastal rivers. Most of these temporary regulations will be in effect from Aug. 1-Dec. 31, though a few don't start until Sept. 16 or Oct. 1.

Before planning your fishing trip, be sure the check the regulation updates.

MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes ended in June. Warmwater fisheries are improving in several lakes around the Florence area including Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Mercer and Munsel lakes.

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

See FISHING 3B

MATSTAKE MUSHROOM PERMIT SALES TO BEGIN SEPT. 4

Annual permits for matsutake mushrooms will go on sale from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4, at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Visitor Center, 855 Highway 101, in Reedsport.

Anyone gathering matsutake mushrooms within the Siuslaw National Forest for the purpose of selling must carry a commercial-use permit while harvesting.

One hundred permits will be available for sale at \$250 a permit.

One permit per person.

Permits will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

To purchase a permit, the following information must be provided:

- Valid identification card

issued by a state or U.S. federal government

- Vehicle make, model and license plate number

Permits can be purchased using cash, check or credit card.

After Sept. 4, unsold permits can be purchased at the Siuslaw National Forest Supervisor's Office in Corvallis, the Central Coast Ranger Station in

Waldport and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area Visitor Center office in Reedsport.

No permits are needed if gathering matsutakes for personal use. Personal-use restrictions are six matsutakes per person a day, and the mushroom must be cut in half length-wise immediately upon harvesting to remove its commercial value.