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## Sports & Recreation

### Calendar

#### Aug. 24

• Vik football  
Blue & Gold game canceled

#### Aug. 29

• MHS volleyball vs F. City, M. Point 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
• SHS volleyball at North Bend 7 p.m.  
• MHS football at Lowell Jamboree 6 p.m.

#### Aug. 30

• Vik football SHS Jamboree/BBQ Hans Petersen Field 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (BBQ 11 a.m. - 2p.m.)  
• Vik volleyball hosts Bandon (noon) Douglas (4 p.m.)

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

**Aug. 24**  
7:38am / 4.6  
7:02pm / 6.6

1:17am / 1.1  
12:40pm / 3.0

**Aug. 25**  
9:00am / 4.8  
8:06pm / 6.8

2:26am / 0.6  
1:56pm / 3.2

**Aug. 26**  
10:07am / 5.2  
9:10pm / 7.2

3:29am / 0.0  
3:11pm / 3.1

**Aug. 27**  
11:00am / 5.7  
10:10pm / 7.6

4:25am / -0.6  
4:15pm / 2.7

**Aug. 28**  
11:45am / 6.1  
11:06pm / 8.0

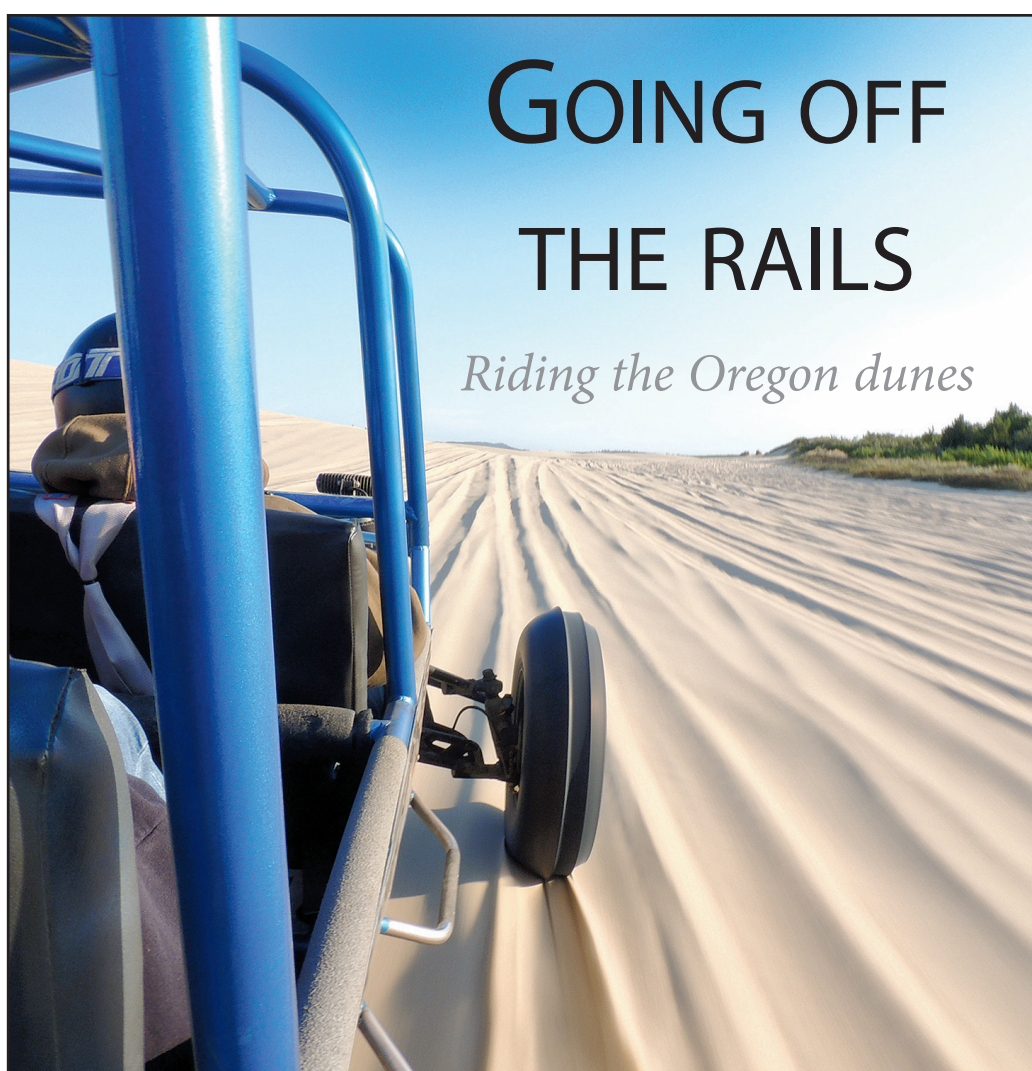
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**Aug. 29**  
12:27am / 6.6  
11:59pm / 8.2

6:02am / -1.4  
6:04pm / 1.5

**Aug. 30**  
1:08pm / 7.0

6:46am / -1.5  
6:55pm / 1.0



## GOING OFF THE RAILS

Riding the Oregon dunes

PHOTOS BY CHANTELE MEYER/SIUSLAW NEWS

By Chantelle Meyer  
Siuslaw News

Florence marks the beginning of the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area, 31,500 acres of sand dunes, forests and ocean that stretches 40 miles between Florence and Coos Bay.

With some dunes rising up to 500 feet above sea level, areas open to motorized vehicles are often filled with speeding sand rails, all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes and vehicles with four-wheel drive.

All it takes is an orange dune flag and an off-highway vehicle (OHV) permit.

Businesses in the area offer rentals of some of these vehicles.

Both Sandland Adventures, 85366 Highway 101 near South Jetty Road, and Sand



A view from one of the smaller, 6-person dune buggies (top) offers riders an up-close-and-personal experience of the Oregon dunes.

Dunes Frontier, 83960 Highway 101 in Dunes City, offer dunes tours on smaller, faster sand rails as well as slower, large-group tours on

giant dune buggies. For more information on riding the Oregon dunes, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/activity/siuslaw/recreation/ohv](http://www.fs.usda.gov/activity/siuslaw/recreation/ohv).

## 'Sportsmanship' from fans a must

New bi-partisan house bill creates sportsmanship requirements

By Jared Anderson  
Siuslaw News

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), in reaction to legislation passed by Oregon lawmakers this summer, has issued new regulations on how spectators are expected to conduct themselves during school sporting events.

"All cheers, comments and actions shall be in direct support of one's team," OSAA regulations read. "No cheers, comments or actions shall be directed at one's opponent or at contest officials. Some examples of unacceptable conduct include but are not limited to: disrespecting players by name, number of position; negative cheers or chants; throwing objects on the playing surface; use of derogatory or racially explicit language; discriminatory harassment or conduct that creates a hostile environment that is disruptive to the educational

environment. Spectators shall not be permitted to use vulgar/offensive or racially/culturally insensitive language or engage in any racially/culturally insensitive action."

"Anything that's not directed toward your team, the OSAA

The spectator, the coach, the players, the officials — it's not the spectators' job to coach or officiate or play. It's about understanding what your roll is when you're there. If you're there because you're a fan of the sport, a fan of the team and

**"Everybody who is at a contest has a role — the spectator, the coach, the players, the officials. It's about understanding what your roll is."**

— Chris Johnson, SHS Athletic Director

is saying doesn't have a place in high school athletics, which means yelling at the coach, yelling at opposing players, ridiculing other players, singling other players out or yelling at officials," said Siuslaw High School Athletics Director Chris Johnson. "Everybody who is at a contest has a role.

a fan of the kids, you're there to support them. We just want people to come to our gym or our fields and support their team — and have everybody leave feeling good that we put on a sporting event where all the people involved feel safe and valued as much as possible."

Examples of cheers that are now discouraged include any yell that is intended to antagonize an opponent or detracts from a positive atmosphere, such as "Air ball! Air ball!" booing or "You got swatted."

See OSAA 3B

## AREA RESIDENTS REMINDED THAT FEEDING BEARS IS ILLEGAL

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon State Police (OSP) are reminding residents in the Florence and Dune City communities that knowingly feeding bears is against Oregon state law (ORS 496.730) and can lead to habituated bears that become a human safety threat. Unintentionally fed bears can lead to the same problem.

Fed bears can become a significant human safety issue as bears lose their natural fear of

people and begin associating them with an easy handout of food.

This summer, several bears in the area have shown signs of being intentionally fed.

Bears have killed a pet, clawed at residential windows, and broken into houses, garages, and other permanent structures in the Florence area. ODFW, OSP and other agencies have been forced to euthanize several of these bears already to protect human safety.

"Feeding birds, deer, raccoons, pets, and burning food garbage seem harmless but this often leads to bears getting food and this unintentional bear feeding is one of the root causes of the bear problems in this community," says Jason Kirchner, ODFW district biologist. "We are now receiving bear complaints from the area on a daily basis and expect more bears will need to be put down."

See BEARS 2B

## 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.

### One, two or three sports?

A new school year is about to begin. It's a time when parents and their student/athletes need to decide on which sports they want to participate in. There are many factors to consider before selecting their sports. Travel, equipment costs, time, interest by athlete, desire, experience, teammates and coaches for their chosen sports all need to be considered before making the commitment to play. The athletes of today attending schools the size of Siuslaw or larger are being asked to do more to prepare for each season. The result is fewer athletes electing to play three sports. Schools the size of Mapleton almost through necessity need their best athletes to play every sport season.

But the three-sport athlete

See LITTLE 2B

### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://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* The Siletz River is open year-round for steelhead. Summer steelhead fishing continues to be slow so far this season but did pick up last week with some better fishing. Although it has been a slow year so far, anglers are catching summer steelhead everyday primarily in the gorge area and pressure continues to be light.

The 4.0 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.

**SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES:** *Warmwater species*

See FISHING 2B