## Siuslaw

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the two teams that go, then no additional qualifiers make it," Johnson explained.

No second chances, no padding from previous wins. Just one single race determines a team's status for state.

"It's almost a dual meet between us and Marist," Johnson said. "If their No. 1 beats our No. 1, and their No. 2 two beats our No. 2, and [so on], we lose. We have to break up their really powerful top five."

And it's not going to be easy.

"Marist is at the highest level and they have a great coach and it's always going to be a battle," Johnson said. "You just have to execute and do your thing and go from there."

Is Johnson confident that they can do well? He laughed at the question.

"I can't control what others do," he said. "We're going to play our game and see what happens."

But so far, the boys and girls teams appear to be on the right track, with the girls showing well at the Warner Pacific meet two weeks ago.

"In a way, Warner Pacific was also kind of frustrating," Johnson said. "It takes us to this point in the season where kids are able to run their fastest. We try and find a course where there's competition that's going to bring that out of them and where the course is relatively fast and flat. That course is all of those things, but it rained so much that it got muddy and was pretty slippery. We just didn't get the times that we wanted to see because of the weather and the conditions."

Still, the girls took first place overall, with Hannah Rannow finishing fourth, Brea Blankenship taking 25th, followed by Rylee Colton in 26th and a breakout performance for Gracie Fruedenthal, who took 27th.

"The girls are strong," Johnson said. This is one of the better teams that we've ever had. I think all of them had great seasons so far. They're competitive and confident. They know that we have to be a lot better to beat someone like Marist, but that's the name of the game. You train really hard and you put yourself in the best position to be successful and then you go out there. If you have to go out there against a team that looks better than you on paper, then you just roll up your sleeves and get to work and you see how it all shakes out."

The boys team is a different situation. At Warner, they placed sixth overall, but that doesn't reflect the quality of the runners.

"Our eighth guy is better than most teams' fifth guy," Johnson said. "But we've only had one person who's been finishing in the top three or four spots, and that's Brendon Jensen. For our team to be competitive at the district level, if we get there, our pack has to move up, and they know that."

Johnson said that if history is any indication, the team has a tendency to move up relative to other teams this late in the year, but only time will tell.

"I think our boys have gotten better," he said. "I think our day in the sun still remains to be seen, but all our pieces are there. We do have a tendency to slow-play things. I think this is as deep a boys team as I can remember having. You kind of roll the dice at the state meet, if you get there. And you sort of see things shake out."

So, until Thursday, the players are practicing with a combination of nervousness and confidence.

"We have a formula that we have in terms of preparation and how we decide to race postseason, which has been successful in the past, but that doesn't mean anything this year. We have to go in and take care of business and do what we can do. Then we see how the chips fall."

The Sky-Em District Championship begins with the girls race at noon on Thursday, Oct. 31, followed by the boys race at 12:45 p.m. Both races will take place at at lane Community College in Eugene.

## Fishing

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fair on the Siuslaw River. Recent rains have raised the river and moved many of the fish holding in tidewater up into the river. Both bank and boat anglers should have good conditions early this week to catch a Siuslaw River Chinook. Dry conditions later this week will slow migration and start to hold fish throughout the river and the upper tidewater areas.

*Reminder: Lake Creek (a tributary of the Siuslaw River) is closed for the fall salmon season to protect the forecasted low number of returning Chinook.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River).

No wild coho retention for the 2019 season.

Trout fishing in streams is open until Oct. 31. Late summer and fall are typically good times to target sea-run cutthroat in the Siuslaw River. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES: Warmwater species, cutthroat and rainbow trout

Warmwater fishing is slowing down on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch and is almost done for the season. Many warmwater fish will go into their winter hibernating behavior as the water temperatures cool down for the winter.

Siltcoos also gets stocked rainbow trout, check the stocking schedule for numbers and dates of stockings. Fishing has been slow so far but last week's rainstorms should move fish up the rivers and into the lake systems.

*Reminder: Retention of wild Coho is still allowed for the 2019 season, 1 wild adult Coho per day (as well as 1 jack per day) and 5 adult Coho for the year in aggregate with Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, and Tenmile Lakes.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing on the Alsea River picked up with the recent rains as many fished moved up into the river. Last week's rain brought the river up and moved many of the fish in tidewater up into the river heading for the spawning grounds. The river is now dropping and clearing which will slow the upstream movement. Fish are spread out from the estuary up to the salmon deadline located at River Edge boat landing. Both bank and boat anglers will have good conditions for a few more days this week in the river.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River).

No wild coho retention for the 2019 season.

Trout fishing in streams is open until Oct. 31. Late summer and fall are typically good times to fish for sea-run cutthroat. Check regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

SALMON RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing has been fair on the Salmon River. The September rains moved some fish up into the hatchery but the low clear conditions have slowed this movement and fish are still holding in the tidewater waiting for the next big rain.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the north coast aggregate (Necanicum River to Salmon River).

No wild coho retention for the 2019 season.

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

SILETZ RIVER: Fall Chinook, summer steelhead, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing was fair on the Siletz prior to the rain last week. Now many of the fish that were in the estuary have moved up into the river headed for the spawning grounds. Both bank and boat anglers will have good conditions this week as the river drops back into shape and keeps fish on the move. Fish are now spread throughout the Siletz River from the estuary up to the deadline located at Illahee boat ramp.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River).

No wild coho retention for the 2019 season.

The Siletz River is open year-round for steelhead. Summer steelhead fishing is still slow on the Siletz River and is starting to wind down for the season. There are still a few fish around and the fishing should be fair for the next couple of weeks until the big fall rains hit. Most of the fish are being caught in the gorge.

Trout fishing is open until Oct. 31. Late summer and fall are typically good times to target the sea-run cutthroat on many coastal streams including the Siletz River. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook, cutthroat trout

The Wilson is in shape and starting to get some fishing pressure. There should be fish throughout the system after this rain.

Anglers are reminded that this year's bag limit for wild Chinook is 1 per day and 5 per year from the North coast aggregate (Necanicum River to Salmon River).

Trout fishing should be fair to good throughout the river. These are aggressive fish and fun fighters on light gear.

YAQUINA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing was fair on the Yaquina River last week before the rains. Many of the fish that were staging in the estuary have now moved up into the river after the big rainstorms. Dry conditions this week will slow the migration and have fish holding in the upper tidewater areas as they start to stage for the next big rain.

Due to low forecasted fall Chinook returns, this year's daily bag limit has been reduced to 1 wild Chinook per day and 5 per year for the mid-coast aggregate (Siletz River to Siuslaw River).

No wild coho retention for the 2019 season.

This is a good time of year to fish for sea-run cutthroat trout in many of the coastal streams including the lower Yaquina and estuary.


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1,471 NOS Comic books, tools, fishing gear, glassware, clothes, camping equipment, twin bed complete, table/chairs, 36' motorhome.

The staff at the Siuslaw News is preparing to publish the annual Veterans Day publication, which is a special supplement that is devoted to all military veterans who currently are Florence-area residents or have a connection to this area. It will be printed in the Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 edition, before Veterans Day, annually held each Nov. 11. If you are interested in sharing your military background information in the annual tribute publication, or in updating information that we have published previously, please complete this form and submit it to the Siuslaw News. Service photographs are also welcome. Submit forms and photos by email to mberg@thesiuslawnews.com, by regular mail to Siuslaw News, Attn: Misty Berg, P.O. Box 10, Florence, OR 97439; or drop off materials at the Siuslaw News office in Historic Old Town Florence, 148 Maple St. If your profile was published previously in the Veterans tribute and you do not wish to make any changes to the profile, there is no need to resubmit this form or your military information. Please be sure that all materials are carefully labeled with your name and phone number and are submitted by **Monday, Oct. 28, 2019.**

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