

Siuslaw from 1B

interactive maps that tell the tale of this landscape in flux — from its geo-

logic formation to the many different people who have stewarded and shaped its ecology.

In “Restoring the Siuslaw” ([http://bit.ly/re-](http://bit.ly/re-storingthesiuslaw)

storingthesiuslaw), look through the layers of the local ecosystem, learn more about how critical habitats support coho in their various stages and

the economic benefits of restoration for local communities in return.

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page for new content to appear. To jump to a different section of the story map, see the section titles in the black menu bar at the top of the page.

For more information about the Siuslaw Watershed Council, visit siuslaw.org and follow the group on social media.

Birds from 1B

If the nest is out of reach, place the bird on an elevated branch or fence, or in a nest made from a small box, out of reach of children and pets.

Leave the area so the parent birds can return. Similarly, if you find ducklings near a road or other hazard without an adult, they should not be taken home, but left in a

safe location (like a water body with other ducklings) near where they were found.

- *Bring your pets indoors.* Cats are a major cause of injury and death for all birds, killing millions of birds in the U.S. annually. Keep your pets away from wildlife.

- *Be careful when pruning trees.* There may be a bird nest in the branches of trees being pruned. Wait until the birds nesting attempt is completed

(no viable eggs or young). Native birds and their active nests are protected by state and federal wildlife laws.

- *Be aware of cavity nesters.* Barn owls, woodpeckers and other birds could be nesting in hollowed-out trees or logs, in haystacks and even human-made cavities like open fence posts, chimneys, and other spaces around homes.

Be proactive and exclude wildlife from these

attractive nesting sites by using chicken wire or hardware cloth outside of the nesting season.

- *What if a bird flies into a window and appears hurt?* Birds can be confused by reflective surfaces and mistakenly fly into windows. If you find a bird that has been stunned as a result of a window strike, put the bird in an uncovered box with a towel on the bottom.

Keep it in a quiet and

cool place, outside and away from pets. Check on the bird in a couple of hours. If the bird has recovered, it will have flown off. If not, contact your local ODFW office or your local ODFW-licensed wildlife rehabilitation facility. Keep in

mind that many of the state’s wildlife rehabilitators are experiencing limitations on animal in-take capacity from operational changes due to COVID-19. If a bird can survive in the wild it needs to be left alone now more than ever.

Snyder from 1B

They have become cornerstones in our day to day life. They bring untold joy and camaraderie to groups of fans, players, coaches and families all over the country.

They are multi-generational shared experiences passed down through the years. They are also, as we’ve found with so many other pockets of life over the past few weeks, non-essential.

Extracurricular. Unimportant in the face of illness and deaths caused by COVID-19.

Don’t get me wrong. It’s easy enough to stay busy despite spending 98 percent of my time in the same few hundred square feet. Streaming services are plentiful, books still exist, recent weather has been downright lovely and I consider myself one of the lucky ones to still have a job to wake up to every morning.

But I miss sports.

I miss Damian Lillard becoming a one-man wrecking ball in an injury-marred season for Portland. I miss the pomp and grandeur of a live NFL draft. I miss that laziest of Sundays in April, languidly watching the final day of the Masters Tournament while lulled to sleep by the dulcet tones of announcer Jim Nance.

I miss walking into the high school gyms and onto the fields I find myself at while covering sports.

But, that’s just not quite it.

I guess I could classify myself as an introvert. To clear up a common misconception, I’m not anti-social. As I mentioned earlier, keeping myself busy and entertained is quite simple, quite enjoyable and often preferable. Yet, I crave social interaction like any member of a social species will; maybe just slightly less often than others.

Being essentially forced

— albeit understandably — into introversion, however, is a different wrinkle and it has led me to the conclusion that I don’t really miss sports at all. I’m not sure any of us do.

I don’t miss Dame Time. I miss experiencing it with my best friends, all fellow Blazer fanatics. I don’t really care that there aren’t 15 baseball games on every day; I *do* care that I can’t talk to my mom in person — however much a pipe dream it may be — about when the Seattle Mariners will break their 18-year playoff drought.

The NFL draft can get intensely boring, but not if I can watch it over a beer or two with my dad, my friends... anyone!

And although I have no relationship with the Cottage Grove High School gym, I do with many of the people who are often in it.

I don’t miss sports; we don’t miss sports. Not really. We miss each other, us introverts included. They may be mere entertain-

ment. They may be extraneous when all our social institutions are itemized and prioritized.

But, for better or worse, they are a central conduit in American society through which we connect, share, celebrate, grieve, triumph and everything in between — and we rarely do it alone.

The only way we get them back — the only way we get each other back — is through continued cooperation, compassion and care for each other’s health and safety. A team effort, if you will, just like the kind we so enjoy watching, from local gyms to international TV broadcasts.

I hope it works. I hope we get sports back sooner rather than later. Until then, I’ll dutifully bide my time, keeping myself occupied, but I’ll do it looking forward not to getting back the things I miss, but getting back the *people* I miss.

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