



Community & Lifestyle

ODFW asks public to be aware of nesting turtles

ODFW biologists advise Oregonians to be on the lookout for turtles on roadways, bike paths or trails.

Now through July, female turtles begin searching for suitable nesting grounds to lay their eggs.

"It's not uncommon to see female turtles on land at this time of year as they leave the water to lay their eggs," said Susan Barnes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Biologist for northwest Oregon. "If you see a turtle on land, the best thing to do is let it continue on its path. Don't try to return it to water."

It's fine to move it off a road or trail (if it is safe to do so,) but put it on the other side, pointed in the same direction it was headed.

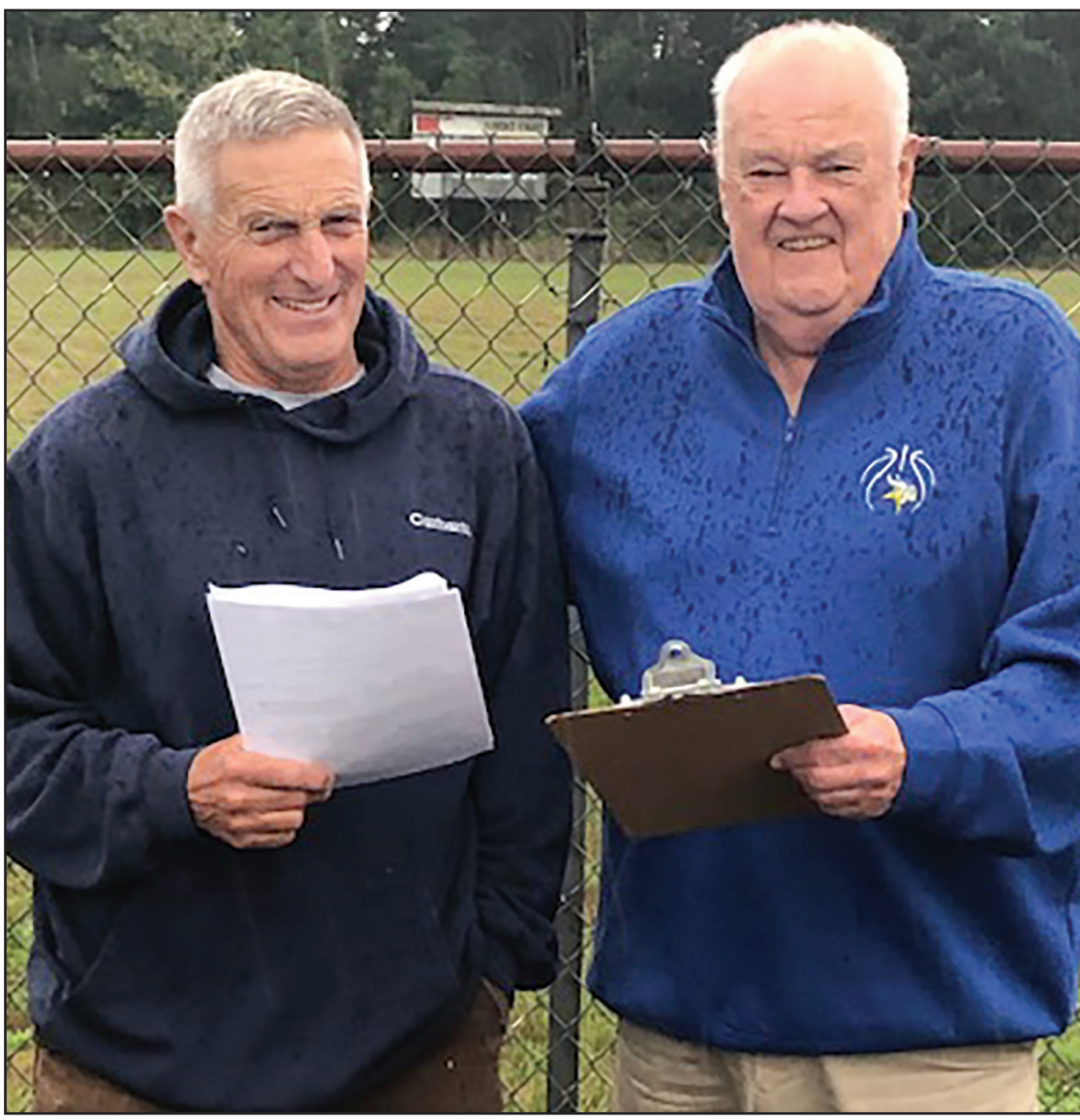
Barnes, a co-chair of the Oregon Native Turtle Working Group, works to conserve Oregon's turtles year-round. "Our

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
May 27 3:02am / 6.9 5:14pm / 5.7	10:20am / -0.8 10:21pm / 3.3
May 28 3:54am / 6.5 6:08pm / 5.8	11:11am / -0.6 11:32pm / 3.2
May 29 4:59am / 6.1 7:03pm / 6.0	12:07pm / -0.2
May 30 6:16am / 5.8 7:54pm / 6.4	12:49am / 2.8 1:06pm / 0.1
May 31 7:39am / 5.5 8:42pm / 6.9	2:05am / 2.1 2:04pm / 0.5
June 1 8:58am / 5.5 9:28pm / 7.4	3:12am / 1.2 3:01pm / 0.9
June 2 10:11am / 5.7 10:12pm / 7.9	4:11am / 0.2 3:56pm / 1.2



Bob Hylton (left) and Lanny Nivens stand next to the original Hans Petersen Memorial Field in September 2019. The twosome kept stats for Siuslaw football for 49 years.

Chronicle Viking tradition

As a Florence native, a lifelong sports junkie and a sports writer and columnist in Medford for 32 years, Don Hunt was aware that Siuslaw High School boasted a very rich tradition in football.

In 2015, he launched an effort to capture it in a book.

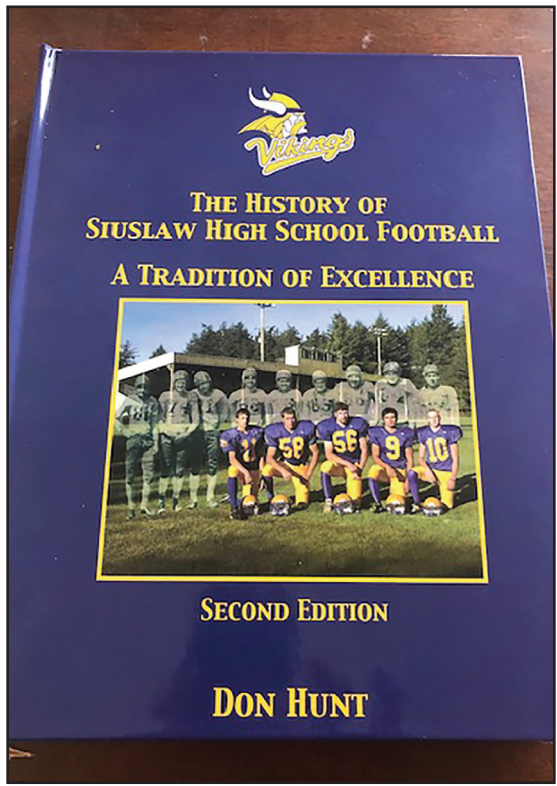
"The project took nearly three years to complete as I waded through hundreds of reports and stories from the archives of the *Siuslaw News*, the *Eugene Register-Guard* and virtually every Siuslaw High yearbook," said Hunt, who also interviewed many former Viking coaches and players, enabling him to write compelling feature stories on several of them and also enrich the recaps of every season from 1955 through 2019.

He learned that Siuslaw's football tradition includes 22 league titles, 32 trips to the state playoffs, two state titles and a pair of state runner-up finishes.

"I also learned that the warriors who have worn Viking uniforms have gone on to very noteworthy careers in fields such as medicine, science, business and coaching," Hunt said.

The first edition of his book, "The History of Siuslaw High School Football: A Tradition of Excellence," appeared in May of 2018.

"My greatest regret was not including a feature chapter on longtime statisticians Lanny Nivens and Bob Hylton," said Hunt. "I was also troubled by the downward spiral of the program in 2016, 2017 and 2018, but thrilled with its resurgence



under new head coach Sam Johnson."

Thus, a second edition, which includes chapters on Nivens and Hylton, Johnson and the 2018 and 2019 seasons, along with updates on the program's school records, seemed necessary and appropriate.

What follows is an excerpt from Hunt's second edition, and the chapter devoted to Nivens and Hylton...

Lanny Nivens has a treasure trove of fond and funny memories when he harks back to his nearly three decades serving as Siuslaw's football statistician.

But one stands out above the others. At an away game during the 1980s, head coach Len Lutero took issue with an official's call and promptly drew a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Convinced that the Vikings were getting the short end of the deal, Lutero shouted louder and received another yellow flag.

Then another. Lutero turned to Nivens, who was standing a few yards away along the sideline, and yelled: "Lanny,

where the hell is he going?"

"It looks like he's headed all the way to the end zone if you don't shut up," Nivens said, suppressing a chuckle.

Nivens kept stats for the Vikings from 1967 through 1995, which was the entire length of Lutero's head coaching reign. When Nivens stepped aside, Bob Hylton stepped in and kept stats for Tim Dodson during his 20 seasons as the Vikings' mentor.

Statisticians are unsung and often unacknowledged members of a football

program, yet they serve a valuable purpose: keeping weekly records of games and seasons. Without them, there would be no accounts of game, season and career school records.

And Nivens and Hylton took their stat-keeping a step further — publishing a comprehensive school-record book that details the top 25 to 30 players in virtually every statistical category, dating to the 1950s.

Nivens, who also kept basketball stats for Siuslaw for many years, started out working in the press box but moved down to the field after a couple years.

"You get really involved when you're on the sidelines," Nivens said. "You get the flavor of the action and can hear everything that's going on — from the coaches, players and officials. Good and bad. There's nothing else like it."

Lutero often asked Nivens questions, such as how far the Vikings needed to gain a first down or what yard line the ball was on.

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Some SNF rec sites open for day-use

Beginning May 22, many developed recreation sites on the Siuslaw National Forest reopened as part of a phased re-opening process.

With some exceptions, most national forest boat ramps, day use sites and trailheads throughout the SNF, and some off-highway vehicle staging areas on the Oregon dunes, will be available for day use, in many cases with limited or no services.

Visitors are strongly encouraged to follow state and local guidelines for physical distancing and staying close to home.

The ability to open recreation sites, and the level of service offered at open sites, depends on several factors, including workforce capacity and the ability to provide services in a manner that is safe for employees.

Visitors should be prepared to be self-sufficient as they may encounter a reduction in or lack of services, such as bathrooms and trash collection.

"We understand how important outdoor recreation is to our local economies and to Oregonians who rely on public lands for their physical, mental, and spiritual health," said Donna Mickley, acting forest supervisor. "Since we're not yet able to provide the level of service at recreation sites that visitors may be accustomed to, we're asking everyone to please protect and respect their public lands, as well as other visitors, by packing out all of their waste."

For more information and the complete list of recreation sites that are open, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xdzAE>. This website will be updated regularly and the list of open sites may change with little notice. Visitors should review the list prior to leaving home to ensure their destination is open for use.

Planning for opening remaining sites and campgrounds is ongoing, with dates yet to be determined.

Limited camping returning to state parks in June

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will offer limited camping at many state park campgrounds beginning June 9.

State park camping closed statewide March 23 in an effort to contain the spread of coronavirus and limit travel, especially to smaller communities and rural areas.

A list of which campgrounds will open June 9 is still being finalized.

That list will be published online at oregon-stateparks.org by the end

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Hello Florence! I hope you all had a safe Memorial Day. I have to admit I did miss having the Rhody Festival last week. I missed my yearly corndog, curly fries, going on a couple of rides and the Rhody Run. This last weekend we did venture out on Friday afternoon and had lunch for the first time out. We sat outside at Bridgewater and felt entirely at ease. As the weekend progressed, I did not venture out since there were so many people visiting without masks. It's amazing how we view things now with this pandemic. Next week, Coldwell will be back to regular 8-5 hours. Hopefully we can get back to some semblance of normalcy soon.

Take care and be safe!

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