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ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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LAKE, PONDS, RESERVOIRS:

Mid-coast lakes scheduled to receive stockings the week of Feb. 8 include **Cleawox, Munsel, Lost, Carter, Dune, Alder** and Thissel. Tis' the season for mid-coast trout. This week (Feb. 15), the Big Creek Reservoirs near Newport will be stocked.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siuslaw like all the other coastal rivers this season. The river has dropped into shape and will have good conditions through the upcoming weekend. Expect the fishing to improve as February is typically the peak month on the Siuslaw. The Whitaker Creek area is the best place to target returning hatchery fish.

ALSEA RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Alsea. Even with the ideal conditions over the weekend, the fishing was slow. Anglers are still catching some fish everyday throughout the system from the NF Alsea bank fishery all the way down to the plunking shacks on the lowest portions of the river, but it's been tough. The later returning wild broodstock fish are providing the majority of the catch now and typically peak in February and early March

Reminder: The popular winter steelhead bank fishery around the Alsea Hatchery remains open but the hatchery grounds are closed to the public. Anglers

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide **Low Tide**

Feb. 27

12:17am / 6.9 5:56am / 1.9
11:47pm / 8.2 6:29pm / -0.8

Feb. 28

12:49am / 7.3 6:40am / 1.4
12:34pm / 8.0 7:06pm / -0.5

March 1

1:23am / 7.6 7:26am / 1.0
1:22pm / 7.7 7:43pm / 0.0

March 2

1:58am / 7.9 8:15am / 0.6
2:14pm / 7.1 8:21pm / 0.8

March 3

2:36am / 8.0 9:08am / 0.4
3:11pm / 6.5 9:02pm / 1.5

March 4

3:18am / 8.0 10:07am / 0.4
4:18pm / 5.9 9:49pm / 2.4

March 5

4:06am / 7.8 11:14am / 0.4
5:38pm / 5.4 10:47pm / 3.2



ZEAHNA YOUNG/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Lady Vikings were back in the gym in groups of six this week in preparation for the first games of the six-week season, which begin Tuesday at home against Marist.

Now serving

Siuslaw and Mapleton volleyball teams return to the court this week

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
Siuslaw News

Until this past Tuesday (Feb. 23), the fate of many local schools' volleyball seasons hung in the balance as the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) and state agencies decided on the latest county risk assessments. As of this past week, Lane County was designated as "high" risk, moving it out of the "extreme" category. Under the new designation and current state guidance, indoor volleyball is only allowed in counties that are assigned a high-risk level or lower.

With Tuesday's announcement that Lane County has officially moved into high-risk, both Siuslaw High School and Mapleton High School finally know they will be allowed to play their season as planned.

The Lady Vikings have had limited opportunity to practice up to this point. As coach Ashlee Cole explained, "Practice started on Monday (Feb. 22), and right now we're doing some group work because we can only have six people [indoors], for 45 minutes. It's a little rough to work with, and it's different than nor-



FILE PHOTO 2019/ SIUSLAW NEWS

Briena Jensen, back in 2019 serving up for the Sailors, is one of three seniors on Mapleton's team this season.

mal years, but we're just trying to work through it and teach the most that we can with

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Siuslaw Youth Soccer Assoc. registration closes March 1

Siuslaw Youth Soccer Association will be holding a spring season in 2021 for youth Kindergarten through 8th grade.

Registration is currently open and closes March 1. Visit the SYSA website at www.siuslawssoccer.com to register. The league will follow all applicable Covid-19 protocols and orders per the State of Oregon.

Details are contained in the SYSA Covid-19 Return to Play plan. Pertinent details are as follows:

1) Masks will be worn at all times by everyone in at-

tendance including players, coaches, and spectators.

2) High fives, handshakes, fist bumps, hugs, and all other contact between players, coaches, etc. is not allowed.

3) The number of people in attendance will not exceed the governor's orders. These numbers are: Extreme Risk — 50 people; High Risk — 75 people; Moderate Risk — 150 people.

This includes coaches, players, officials, and club administrators.

Spectators will not be allowed if they will cause the total number of people pres-

ent to exceed the allowable attendance. If spectators are allowed the number of spectators per player will be limited.

4) Balls will be sanitized every 10-15 minutes at practices and at the end of each half of games.

5) Players, coaches and officials will use hand sanitizer before and after each game and practice.

6) Temperatures will be checked and a health screening will be conducted upon arrival for all persons in attendance.

LCC offering tuition-free courses to local high school juniors, seniors

High school students graduating in 2021 or 2022 can take one tuition-free course this spring or summer from Lane Community College to jump-start their college education. That's a \$480 savings for one four-credit course.

Courses will be held re-

motely from March 29 to June 12 for spring term, and June 21 to Sept. 11 for summer term.

Students will receive free access to Moodle, Zoom and other important college resources to take their course.

Registration and a Tui-

tion-Waiver Request form must be completed by the first day of each term; March 29 and June 21 respectively. This includes courses that start in July or August.

This initiative started in

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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.

Sports, while meaningful, isn't the meaningful thing

In the movie "Coach Carter," the school board has just voted to end the lock out of the gymnasium. When leaving the meeting, Carter is confronted by angry parents. "How could you lock our boys out of the gym? Basketball is the most important thing these boys have!" They shouted.

He replies, "You need to consider the message you are sending these boys by ending the lock out. It says this school will prioritize sports over education and I am not going to do that."

This movie, similar to "Remember the Titans" in that it represents a real-life situation, is played out all over our country. The parents of talented athletes seek out schools emphasizing the sport their sons and daughters play. The ever increasing salaries of sports stars are blinding athletes and parents alike. Parents are moving their families to different towns so that their athlete may get better coaching and attention by big name schools.

There are athletes devoting their entire lives on the chance of making it to the professional level. The phrase "putting all your eggs in one basket" comes to mind with the singularity of their lives. Carter understands the importance of an education to fall back on when the athletes fail to "make it big."

The percentage of high school athletes becoming professionals is less than 1 percent. Without a firm educational foundation these athletes will be unprepared for their future in the workplace.

Kenny Rogers wrote a song titled "If I Knew Then What I Know Now." The song can be applied to multiple choices in a young person's life. Young athletes need advice from the

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Sports Calendar

March 2

- SHS V-ball hosts Marist 6:45 p.m.
- SHS Soccer Hosts Marist 6:30 p.m.

March 4

- SHS Cross Country Hosts Tillamook 3 p.m.
- SHS Soccer At Marshfield 6:30 p.m.

March 5

- SHS Football At La Pine 7 p.m.