

Sports Calendar

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.

March 6

- MHS Football vs Chiloquine (at P. Hill) 5 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
March 3 2:36am / 8.0 3:11pm / 6.5	9:08am / 0.4 9:02pm / 1.5

March 4 3:18am / 8.0 4:18pm / 5.9	10:07am / 0.4 9:49pm / 2.4
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March 5 4:06am / 7.8 5:38pm / 5.4	11:14am / 0.4 10:47pm / 3.2
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March 6 5:04am / 7.6 7:10pm / 5.3	12:28pm / 0.4
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March 7 6:13am / 7.3 8:36pm / 5.6	12:04am / 3.6 1:43pm / 0.3
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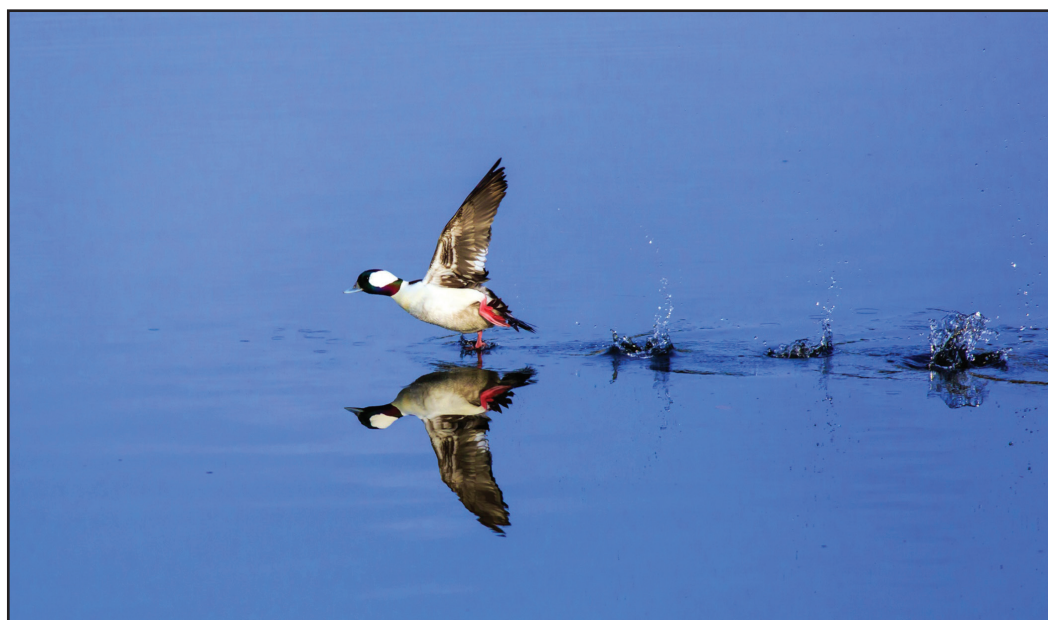
March 8 7:28am / 7.3 9:40pm / 5.9	1:31am / 3.7 2:52pm / 0.0
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March 9 8:38am / 7.3 10:27pm / 6.2	2:49am / 3.5 3:48pm / -0.2
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First-place photo "Days End" by Jim Buch was the winner of February's Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club photo contest, which was themed "Water in Nature."

Picture perfect



Second-place photo of a Bufflehead duck on take-off from the water, by Stephanie Ames.

The Siuslaw Viewfinders Camera Club held its judging of photos for the group's February contest, which was themed: "Water in Nature." First place went to Jim Buch with his photo "Days End."

Stephanie Ames earned second place with her photo of a Bufflehead duck trying to become airborne. Third place went to Cliff Harvey's photo, which was of a light-hearted moment of a bevy with swans following a leader.



Third-place photo by Cliff Harvey

Salvage ends, repairs continue along Highway 101

Over the weekend, the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) crews successfully removed the massive drill rig that had fallen from Highway 101 to the shore below during reconstruction of a retaining wall near Yachats at milepost 170.5.

On Saturday, large cranes were able to remove the rig and finish work that had been requiring a road closure from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day for more than a week.

As of Sunday, the road is open, but ODOT officials warn that long delays at the construction site will likely continue through mid-March.

In addition to the milepost 170.5 location, travelers along Highway 101 will continue to experience delays along other areas of the coastal highway.

Bridge repair work continues at the Siltcoos River Bridge, where traffic is reduced to a single lane of traffic as crews replace old

bridge railings. Because the location of the project is on a dangerous curve in the road, ODOT is cautioning drivers to reduce speed in the area.

A temporary traffic light has been placed to control traffic. The bridge work is expected to continue through March.

For Highway 101 construction and repair updates, visit www.tripcheck.com or call 511.

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 every-day 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 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 are required to park in the designated parking lot to access the river and are not allowed to park near or enter the hatchery grounds.

Be respectful of the hatchery staff and follow these rules to ensure this popular fishery remains open for the 2021 season.

Cutthroat trout fishing will reopen May 22.

SALMON RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead are around in the Salmon River. The peak for winter steelhead on the Salmon River is typically January to March.

Note: Reminder, the Salmon River hatchery remains closed to walk in anglers. Anglers can use access points upstream and downstream of the hatchery to access those traditional fishing locations.

SILETZ RIVER: Winter steelhead

Winter steelheading continues to be slow on the Siletz despite the ideal conditions and dropping river levels over the weekend. There are still fish being caught every day but it has been tough. The river remains in good shape for the weekend with good color.

Mid-February to mid-March

See FISHING 2B



Lynnette Wikstrom
Broker

Welcome to March and hopefully the start of some warmer sunnier days. This weekend I noticed it was like summer on Bay Street. There were so many people out and about and enjoying indoor restaurant dining. Not as many masks as I'd like to see though. We still need to be vigilant since we all have not been vaccinated yet, but the end is in sight. It's hard to believe it's been a year since we started closing businesses and wearing masks. Hopefully by summer things will be back to mostly normal, although I think it will never be the same as before COVID.

Take care, wear a mask, wash your hands and be safe.

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