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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

The Dean's List

For the first month or so, times were fun — even a bit giddy — in Cole Field House at College Park, Maryland. Led by head coach Gary Williams, the early '90s edition of the Maryland Terrapins were off to a hot start, and their newest recruits, like Joe Smith and Exree Hipp, were electrifying to behold. Smith played center with a calmness and physical grace that made watching him a pleasure. Hipp, who would later go on to play for the Harlem Globetrotters, spent most of his time above the rim, or trying to get there. The Terps were on a roll, and the

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Little league signups, meeting Feb. 19

Little league baseball in Florence is gearing up for the spring season.

Siuslaw baseball little league signups will be Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Siuslaw High School commons beginning at 6 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 5 to 12 are encouraged to come sign up for the program.

Baseball assessments will be held Feb. 21 and 22 at Miller Park. Specific times for grade levels will be announced.

An open board meeting also will be held Feb. 19, following the little league signups at the high school.

The program is also looking for volunteers to help in a few extra projects this year. Anyone interested can contact Siuslaw Baseball Association board members John Meier at 971-221-3896 or Mike Blankenship at 541-991-7826.

Sports Calendar

Feb. 17

- SHS girls BB at Douglas 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB at Douglas 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 18

- MHS boy BB MWL playoffs hosts Alsea 7 p.m.

Feb. 20

- SHS girls BB hosts N. Bend 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB hosts N. Bend 7:30 p.m.

Ocean Dunes part of Three Rivers Casino and Resort evolution

With the acquisition of Ocean Dunes Golf Course and an entertainment venue, Three Rivers is taking the next evolutionary step to becoming a full resort in Florence.

As reflected in its new logo, the facility is now known as the Three Rivers Casino and Resort. The casino's director of consumer marketing, Rich Colton, explained these additional amenities will provide a more complete experience for visitors.

"We want the local people of Florence and visitors to have a truly fulfilling experience," Colton said. "This expansion allows people to do that — to bring their families and enjoy a wide variety of activities. With added amenities, we expect people to stay longer in Florence and provide more economic boost to this community," he added.

The evolution into a full resort property also reflects the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians long-term commitment to the local



COURTESY PHOTO

Director of Golf Operations Bob Rannow (right) and Grounds Manager Mike Poston (left) makes upgrades to the course.

Florence community.

With increased resort offerings, more local jobs will come about as well.

"Building and maintaining

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Ned Hickson/Siuslaw News

Mapleton freshman forward Dominic Wells leaps for a block as Chris Free, Daniel Collins and Hunter Simington put pressure on from below.

Sailors secure playoff spot

Mapleton will host Alsea Wednesday for a chance to advance

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

MAPLETON: 58 MOHAWK: 38
LOWELL: 60 MAPLETON: 50

The Sailors were a dominant force Tuesday night, hosting Mohawk to an easy 58-38 win that helped secure fourth place in the Mountain West League — and a playoff spot next week.

Utilizing a halfcourt trap and 1-3-1 defense, Mapleton picked up multiple steals and kept Mohawk along the

perimeter, where the Indians met with no baskets for most of the first period.

Seniors Chris Free and Tucker Ford helped establish an early 16-0 lead. Both players scored in double digits, along with sophomore Hunter Simington, which gave the Sailors a three-pronged approach to its offense.

Though the Indians were able to mount a short rally in the second period with some outside shooting to close the gap within 10 points by halftime, shooting from Free at the end of the third quarter and through the first two minutes of the fourth resulted in eight consecutive unanswered points for Mapleton — and a 51-33 lead.

Pressure at the point from sophomores Tyler Packebush and Daniel Collins kept the Indians from penetrating the key and resulted in several late-game turnovers and easy buckets for the Sailors.

"Having Tyler and Daniel rotate at the top of our defense was very successful for us and led to a lot of turnovers and easy scoring opportunities," said Mapleton coach Will Crook.

The win put the Sailors into a tie for fourth place in the Mountain West League as they hosted a match-up with Lowell (10-3) last Thursday night against the second-place Devils.

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On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

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MID COAST LAKES:

The rainbow trout stocking program will begin in many mid coast lakes in early February. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to date information. Fishing for the various warm water fish species can still be productive during the winter months but anglers may need to target different areas of a lake (typically deeper) versus when fishing in the spring or summer.

ALSEA RIVER:

Steelhead

The winter steelhead fishery has produced fair to good results recently. This week should be productive in the mid to lower reaches of the river while flows are low and river temperatures are warming.

SALMON RIVER:

Steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing is starting to pick up in many coastal basins. The Salmon River is now open to harvest of wild winter steelhead (Jan 1 – March 31). Anglers are advised to read the new regulations as there are harvest restrictions and new deadlines in effect.

SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead

Steelhead fishing is slow to fair but should start to pick up in the coming weeks. Fish can be found throughout the river for both bank and boat anglers. River conditions should be

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Feb. 14
7:20am / 7.3 1:06am / 3.4
9:08pm / 5.6 2:38pm / 0.6

Feb. 15
8:23am / 7.7 2:19am / 3.3
10:01pm / 6.1 3:32pm / 0.0

Feb. 16
9:21am / 8.1 3:23am / 2.9
10:47pm / 6.6 4:21pm / -0.6

Feb. 17
10:15am / 8.4 4:19am / 2.3
11:29pm / 7.2 5:06pm / -1.0

Feb. 18
11:07am / 8.6 5:11am / 1.7
5:50pm / -1.1

Feb. 19
12:10am / 7.7 6:01am / 1.2
11:58pm / 8.6 6:33am / -1.0

Feb. 20
12:51am / 8.0 6:51am / 0.7
12:49pm / 8.4 7:15pm / -0.7

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