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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

Bye-bye 'Boo-Yah'

One of my first "real" newspaper assignments for a small weekly newspaper in a small town was to take a big picture of somebody's big Halloween display in their small front yard. With a clear sense of duty and purpose, I grabbed the house digital camera and marched over to the property, where, as promised, a big pumpkin-head ghost thing awaited.

I took the shot and turned it over to the editor.

"That's a page one, right there," I said.

"What's the headline?" he asked.

"Duh ... BOO-YAH!"

Nobody else in the room got it but he and I, and that's because we were both avid watchers of ESPN's "SportsCenter."

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Sports Calendar

Jan. 16

- SHS girls BB at Marshfield 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB at Marshfield 7:30 p.m.
- MHS boys BB at Mohawk 6 p.m.

Jan. 17

- SHS wrestling Nick Lutz Inv. at SHS 9 a.m.

Jan. 18

- SHS girls bowling District at Firs Bowl 9 a.m.

Jan. 20

- SHS girls BB at Brookings 6 p.m.
- SHS boys BB at Brookings 7:30 p.m.
- MHS boys BB at Lowell 7 p.m.

Head to head



Sophomore heavyweight Kainan Lane will be among nine Vikings going head to head with wrestlers from 16 teams during this Saturday's annual Nick Lutz Invitational at Siuslaw High School.

Viks gear up to host Lutz Inv.

Invitational will include teams from throughout the region.

STORY & PHOTO
BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

The Siuslaw Invitational has been a mainstay event for wrestlers throughout the region for more than 20 years, with the annual multi-divisional meet renamed The Nick Lutz Invitational six years ago to honor Lutz, a 189-

pounder from Siuslaw who won the 3A state title in 2005, and who died in a tragic drowning accident in 2009.

"Nicky was a special young man who left a lasting legacy for Viking wrestling," said Wartnik, who coached Lutz to the state title. "This is our way of honoring him, his accomplishments and his memory on and off the mats."

This Saturday, wrestlers from 17 different schools will converge at Siuslaw in Lutz's memory while competing on many of the same mats that the state champion practiced and

wrestled on.

"It's always a special tournament," said Wartnik, who will enlist the help of nearly 40 volunteers to help coordinate and run the invitational. "They say it takes a village to raise a child. It also takes one to run a wrestling meet — and the community support is always amazing."

Friday night, members of this year's team will cut practice short in order to participate in a long-standing tradition of moving the enormous

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Sailors scratched by Wolverines

Late rally by Alsea edged out Mapleton.

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

ALSEA: 58 MAPLETON: 52

Even with five 3-point shots from senior shooter Tucker Ford finding their way through the net, the Sailors were unable to keep the Wolverines from mounting a late-

game rally on their home turf at Alsea on Friday night.

"It was a tough loss," said Mapleton coach Will Crook. "It was back and forth all night, and Hunter Simington had his best game of the season."

Simington converted a pair of steals into fastbreak layups right before the half to give Mapleton a nine-point lead heading into the

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Vikings move into league schedule

BY NED HICKSON
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Last weekend's Sky-West Crossover Invitational marked the end of the pre-season for Siuslaw, with the Vikings kicking off the Far West League season this Friday at Marshfield.

At the invitational, the boys' team

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On the Bite

A weekly fishing report for the local region

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MID COAST LAKES:

The wild coho salmon fishery in **Siltcoos** and **Tahkenitch** lakes is slow. Most fish have migrated onto the spawning grounds.

ALSEA RIVER:
Chinook, steelhead

Winter steelhead season is underway with reports of some steelhead being caught from the lower river up to the hatchery. Good numbers of fish typically start returning over the next few weeks.

SALMON RIVER:
Steelhead

Winter steelhead are starting to show up in most coastal basins. Salmon River does get a good return of wild winter steelhead and an occasional stray hatchery fish.

SILETZ RIVER:
Steelhead, Chinook

Winter steelhead season is underway with a small number steelhead being

See **FISHING 3C**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

Jan. 14
6:14am / 7.0 1:20am / 1.9
7:19pm / 5.0

Jan. 15
7:05am / 7.3 12:35am / 3.1
8:34pm / 5.2 2:20pm / 1.2

Jan. 16
7:58am / 7.6 1:40am / 3.3
9:37pm / 5.6 3:13pm / 0.6

Jan. 17
8:49am / 8.0 2:43am / 3.3
10:28pm / 6.0 4:01pm / -0.1

Jan. 18
9:39am / 8.4 3:40am / 3.1
11:14pm / 6.5 4:46pm / -0.8

Jan. 19
10:29am / 8.7 4:33am / 2.8
11:58pm / 7.0 5:30pm / -1.2

Jan. 20
11:17am / 8.8 5:24am / 2.5
6:13pm / -1.4

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