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It was a year that included outstanding performances that underscored the athletic commitment and tenacity that runs through the veins of local athletes. It was also a year that tragically claimed the life of Viking wrestling standout Jose Delamora. What follows is a timeline of some of the most significant moments in Siuslaw and Mapleton sports in 2015.

BY NED HICKSON
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JAN. 17 VIKS PIN TRIO OF TITLES AT HOME MEET Siuslaw claimed fourth among 17 teams at Lutz Inv.

"We had some teams and several wrestlers who pinned their way through the meet," said Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik. "That, and smaller rosters overall meant that finals started earlier than normal by about an hour."

When the final whistle blew and the winning arm of the last wrestler was raised to the crowd, the Vikings had claimed three individual titles and fourth place overall.

Freshman Ricky Huff, wrestling in the 106-pound bracket, pinned his way through the meet, including a rematch with a nemesis from Grants Pass.

At 120 pounds, junior Jose DelaMora went undefeated, winning each match by pin to earn the bracket title as well as Most Outstanding Wrestler in the middleweight division.

Fellow junior Isaiah Burkhalter continued his dominance at 138 pounds by winning each of his matches by pin to take the bracket title.

The Vikings also got third place from junior Dylan Jennings at 285 pounds, and fourth place from sophomore 220-pounder Kainan Lane.

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 win.

FEB. 18 SIUSLAW SENDS THREE WRESTLERS TO STATE TOURNEY All three grapplers will make first state appearance

The best wrestlers from both the Far West and Skyline leagues went head-to-head during two days of intense competition, with the top four wrestlers from each bracket advancing to state Feb. 28-29.

"To go through what this team went through over the course of the season, and rise above the odds by remaining focused is very satisfying," Siuslaw coach Neil Wartnik said of the regionals at Marshfield High School.

The Vikings advanced three wrestlers to the state mats: Junior Jose DelaMora ranked fifth at 120 pounds; sophomore Kainan Lane ranked second at 220 pounds; and junior Dylan Jennings ranked fourth at 285 pounds.

FEB. 14 SAILORS SECURE PLAYOFF SPOT Mapleton hosts Alesa for a chance to advance

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

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.

FEB. 28 SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT Siuslaw's cheerleading team placed 8th at state

At 4:15 a.m. on Feb. 14, members of Siuslaw's cheerleading squad weren't home dreaming about their Valentines. While most of us were sleeping, all nine members of the mostly freshmen Viking squad were already loaded onto a bus and heading to Portland to compete in the OSAA's 4A state cheerleading tournament.

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NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS
The Sailors celebrate after their dramatic win over Eddyville on Friday.

SAILORS RALLY TO LAND EAGLES, 38-37

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"It was the most exciting finish to a basketball game in my coaching career," said Mapleton coach Will Crook, whose team took visiting Eddyville down to the wire for the team's first win of the season Friday night.

After a virtual stalemate throughout the first half of the opening period against the Eagles, the Sailors moved ahead 10-8 on an offensive rebound by

Nick Smith. Hunter Simington scored a short jumper 20 seconds later to make it 12-8, with Dominic Wells grabbing an offensive board and Simington draining a long 3-pointer to go ahead 17-9 heading into the second period. The Sailors held the lead through the next 23 minutes of playing time — until the Eagles rallied to tie the game at 35 with just over a minute on the clock.

Wells was sent to the charity

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Lady Sailors nab first win

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MAPLETON: 13 EDDYVILLE: 7

The Lady Sailors ended the first quarter of Friday m=night's home game against Eddyville with a steal from Gabrielle Gibney, who relayed the ball to Destiny Weber, who passed to Hannah Rodet for a 7-0 lead.

The move underscored what was to become a solid first win for Mapleton, which went on to hold the

See WIN 2C

SPORTS Calendar

- Jan. 15**
 - SIUSLAW BB AT S. UMPQUA GIRLS 6 P.M. BOYS 7:30 P.M.
 - MAPLETON BB AT LOWELL GIRLS 5:30 P.M. BOYS 7 P.M.
- Jan. 16**
 - SHS WRESTLING SIUSLAW INV. 9 A.M.
- Jan. 19**
 - SIUSLAW BB HOSTS MARSHFIELD GIRLS 6 P.M. BOYS 7:30 P.M.
 - MAPLETON BB HOSTS MCKENZIE GIRLS 5:30 P.M. BOYS 7 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Jan. 13 2:28am / 7.3 1:55pm / 7.7	8:11am / 2.4 8:38pm / -0.4
Jan. 14 3:11am / 7.5 2:49pm / 7.1	9:06am / 2.2 9:22pm / 0.2
Jan. 15 3:57am / 7.6 3:51pm / 6.5	10:08am / 2.0 10:10pm / 0.9
Jan. 16 4:47am / 7.7 5:03pm / 6.0	11:17am / 1.7 11:04pm / 1.5
Jan. 17 5:41am / 7.8 6:26pm / 5.6	12:30pm / 1.3
Jan. 18 6:38am / 8.0 7:52pm / 5.6	12:06am / 2.2 1:42pm / 0.9
Jan. 19 7:37am / 8.1 9:09pm / 5.8	1:15am / 2.7 2:47pm / 5.8

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