

Viks have tough time with Marshfield

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The Lady Vikings were never able to find their stride against visiting Marshfield on Tuesday night, due mostly to the Pirates' focus on shutting down junior guard Destinie Tatum.

As the team's leading scorer, Tatum was Marshfield's biggest threat. The Pirates were able to hold Tatum to just five points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, seniors Sierra



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Siuslaw junior Destinie Tatum had five points and six rebounds before fouling out.

Potter and Taylor Dotson led Siuslaw against Marshfield, with eight points and six points, respectively.

The loss put Siuslaw at 1-1 and in a four-way tie for second place heading into last night's road game at Far West leader Brooking-Harbor (2-0) after press deadlines.

Tuesday, the Vikings will be on the road at Douglas, beginning at 6 p.m.

Avoid tragedy by ensuring guns are stored safely

Every year we hear tragic stories about a youngster playing with a gun and accidentally shooting a friend or themselves. Often times, these tragedies end up with a death.

For more than one decade, this country has experienced active shooter events resulting in death where the guns used were

lock box for handguns. There are also gun-safes for long-barrel firearms. Store ammunition separately — and locked up.

• If you are a family member and are experiencing high levels of anger, fear or depression, remove guns from your home. It is during these times a gun is often used against a loved

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owned by a parent or friend. Regardless of your opinions about gun ownership, the issue of safe storage is one that everyone should take seriously.

• Every gun owner should carefully consider the reasons for having a gun. If there is no compelling need to own a gun, remove it from your home.

The reality is that a gun increases — not decreases — the danger to your family.

• If you own firearms, carefully consider where to keep them. Hall closets, nightstands, drawers by the outside doors of your home and other traditional places are often where criminals and curious children look first.

• Store guns unloaded, locked up and with a lock on the trigger. Consider a

one or against oneself.

• Never handle a gun after consuming alcohol or other drugs.

• Never leave a gun in your vehicle. Guns are often stolen from cars.

• Teach children never to touch a firearm without supervision, and to immediately tell an adult if they find a gun.

• Know where your firearms are at all times. You are accountable for them, and it is your responsibility to ensure your gun is not used against a family member.

• All gun owners should receive training in the safe handling and care of their guns and ammunition.

• Free gunlocks are available at your local Sheriff's Office.

—Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

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when he or she chooses Ocean Dunes, it's my personal goal to make sure their round is both fun and satisfying.”

Rannow not only understands golf, he understands Oregon coast golf. His background includes successful stints at some of the coast's premier facilities, including Salishan and Sandpines.

“I learned an awful lot from these positions and it's both fun and exciting to bring that experience to Ocean Dunes as we transform it to a true destination resort golf course,” said Rannow.

That transformation will take place over the next few years and will include a new clubhouse and some re-routing of the course, which will connect it to Three Rivers' main buildings for easier access for resort guests and daily players.

Complementing Rannow is assistant professional and tribal member of The Confederated Tribe of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Brandon Hepner, who brings academic,



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Ocean Dunes hosts multiple tournaments for all ages.

marketing and management expertise to his extensive golf knowledge and playing experience.

A graduate of the Golf Academy of American in Phoenix, Ariz., Hepner is an Oregon native who played high school golf in Eugene before pursuing his professional career.

Hepner connected to Ocean Dunes through a marketing internship at Three Rivers Casino Resort.

“It was a truly serendipitous situation,” said Hepner. “Three Rivers has a strong commitment to hospitality and guest satisfaction and I'm able to apply that to the golf course operation — a real win-win.”

The third member of the management team is Dick Shores, who assists with tournaments and special projects.

A latecomer to golf, Shores was a computer expert who counted both Sandpines and Ocean Dunes among his cus-

tomers. Through this relationship he took up golf, which became his passion.

He sold his business and went to work at Sandpines, where Rannow was the head pro. “I blame Bob for hooking me on this great game,” said Shores. “But, seriously, he's shown me an enormous amount, both on and off the course.”

Shores stayed on at Sandpines when Rannow went to Ocean Dunes, eventually becoming the Director of Golf Operations until the course sold and a new management team was put in place.

“I jumped at the opportunity to head over to Ocean Dunes and rejoin Bob,” said Shores. “What's going on here is truly exhilarating.”

Over the past decade, Oregon coastal golf has become world-renowned. Now, with a high-quality, experienced team firmly in place and a clear vision for the future, Ocean Dunes Golf Links is poised to take its position as one of the outstanding destinations of this new golf Mecca.



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