

Dunes City Triathlon seeks volunteers

Dunes City is making plans to host its 4th Annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Saturday, May 7. Organizers are recruiting volunteers to help staff the event.

Volunteers provide invaluable assistance to ensure that the races and venues run smoothly and safely. They also play a vital support role for all of the participating athletes by providing encouragement and hospitality.

Dunes City will award a \$250 donation to the organization that provides the most volunteers. Be sure to include your organization's name when registering to volunteer. If your group has the most volunteers present on race day, your group will be awarded with a \$250 check.

Volunteers are needed between about 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. on race day.

Anyone who has a few hours to spare and wants to be part of this exciting event, call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338 to register as a volunteer.



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Siuslaw's winter 2015-16 cheerleading squad

SHS cheerleaders place sixth at state

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Siuslaw News

After cheering for both Viking basketball teams late Friday night as Siuslaw took on Brookings-Harbor at home, the Viking cheerleading squad was on the road at 4:30 a.m. Saturday for the long drive to Portland, where the

OSAA's state 4A small schools cheerleading competition was taking place.

Competing against teams from Klamath Union, South Umpqua, North Marion, Baker, Scappoose, Junction City, Sisters and Molalla, cheerleaders were judged in three different categories: skills, jumps and routine.

A season of practice and perform-

ance came down to just 2 1/2 minutes in front of judges. Siuslaw finished second out of nine schools in the tumbling and jumps categories, and sixth overall with 138 points.

Klamath Union won the top score and state title with 175 points. South Umpqua was second with 161 points.

Siuslaw's 10-member squad, coached by Diane Conlee, includes

seniors Meg Donohue and Amilia Perez; junior Habana Ramos; sophomores Tallyn Bello, Emilee Christensen, Siarra Rain, Victoria Rojas and Ariel Rosinbaum; and freshmen McKenzie Colton and Marissa Wells.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Dylan Jennings

Siuslaw H.S. Wrestling

The Viking 220 pounder is currently the fifth highest ranked active wrestler in the state at the 4A level. The team captain has been the anchor for the team and won his weight class in both Far West League Crab Pool tournaments this season. He was also a runner-up at the Bend Invitational and finished fourth at Cottage Grove.

Honorable Mention Sierra Potter

Honorable mention is given to Viking guard Sierra Potter. She had seven steals in last week's game against Marshfield, then added one more against Brookings-Harbor, bringing her season total to a team-leading 71.

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held a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter with scoring from sophomores Jared Brandt and Trent Reavis, and senior Preston Mitchell. Though the Bruins closed the gap to a single bucket to start the second period, sophomore Jakob Hickson answered to help preserve the two-basket advantage with a drive inside the paint.

Brookings came back to tie things up at 14-14 with a minute remaining before the half, but Reavis drained a pair of charity shots in the last 32 seconds to keep Siuslaw holding a small 16-14 lead heading into the break.

By the end of the third period, the teams had deadlocked into a 22-22 tie to start the fourth quarter.

That's when, much like Marshfield three nights earlier, the Bruins struck, nailing a pair of 3-pointers, then scoring off of a steal, a pair of free throws and a fastbreak opportunity to suddenly move ahead 32-22.

Junior guard Brogan Cornish drained a long 3-pointer to help



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Siuslaw senior Preston Mitchell scores on a fastbreak lay-up against Brookings-Harbor.

spark the Vikings' offense. Mitchell, Reavis and senior post Reese Siegel each scored, bringing Siuslaw within seven points, 36-29, with 2:03 remaining.

But the Bruins were able to stay beyond reach with foul shooting down the stretch to preserve the win, 41-32.

Last night (after press deadlines), Siuslaw's seniors — Scott Gordon, Kenneth Thrall, Siegel and Mitchell — were honored for the final home game of their Siuslaw careers during Senior Night.

In addition, Thrall was given the Spirit of a Champion award from the Oregon Athletic Directors Association. Sponsored by Bi-Mart, the award is given to honor athletes who demonstrate good sportsmanship, outstanding effort, integrity and other qualities that make them a good ambassador for their school.

Friday, the Vikings will suit up in blue and gold for the final time this season as they take on the Bulldogs at North Bend.

Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

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Taylor Dotson, a senior post for the team and multi-sport athlete, also left the game early due to an eye injury. Still, she had the team's second-highest scoring of the night with 6 points, 2 blocked shots and 6 rebounds before leaving the floor late in the game.

That tenacity has been Siuslaw's calling card this season, and something the Vikings have hung their hats on, regard-

less of final scores or league standings.

To underscore that notion, junior guard Claire Waggoner, herself dealing with injuries this season, earned the Spirit of a Champion award from the Oregon Athletic Directors Association. Sponsored by Bi-Mart, the award is given to honor athletes who demonstrate good sportsmanship, outstanding effort, integrity and other qualities that make them a good ambassador for their school.

Last night (after press deadlines), Potter, Dotson and Anna Minten, a transfer student from Belgium, were honored in their final home game of their careers.

Friday, they will be on the road to finish the season, taking on the Bulldogs at North Bend.

Tipoff is set for 6 p.m.

Siuslaw freshman Zoe Leech grabs as loose ball against Brookings-Harbor. Leech had her first varsity basket during Friday's game.



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