

Vik ball clubs finish season

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Siuslaw News

The Viking baseball and softball teams finished out their seasons yesterday around the diamonds (after press deadlines), with the Lady Viks at home against South Umpqua, and the boys on the road.

Friday's doubleheader losses ended any post-season hopes for either team, along with a loss to league-leading Douglas on Monday for the girls.

Friday, the Siuslaw boys lost 17-2, 14-0 to first place North Bend (now 13-1, 18-4), with the Bulldogs clinching the Far West title.

At 5-9, the Vikings are tied for fourth place with Douglas and is 8-14 overall.

On Friday, senior short stop Kenneth Thrall had the Viks only 3 hits, all singles.

In both games, junior Michale Larson pitched complete games and was the losing pitcher in both.

In softball, the Lady Viks (3-11) were swept by North Bend 4-0, 12-0 on Friday, then fell to Douglas in a make-up game on Monday, 6-0.

The win nabbed the Far West League title for the Lady Trojans.

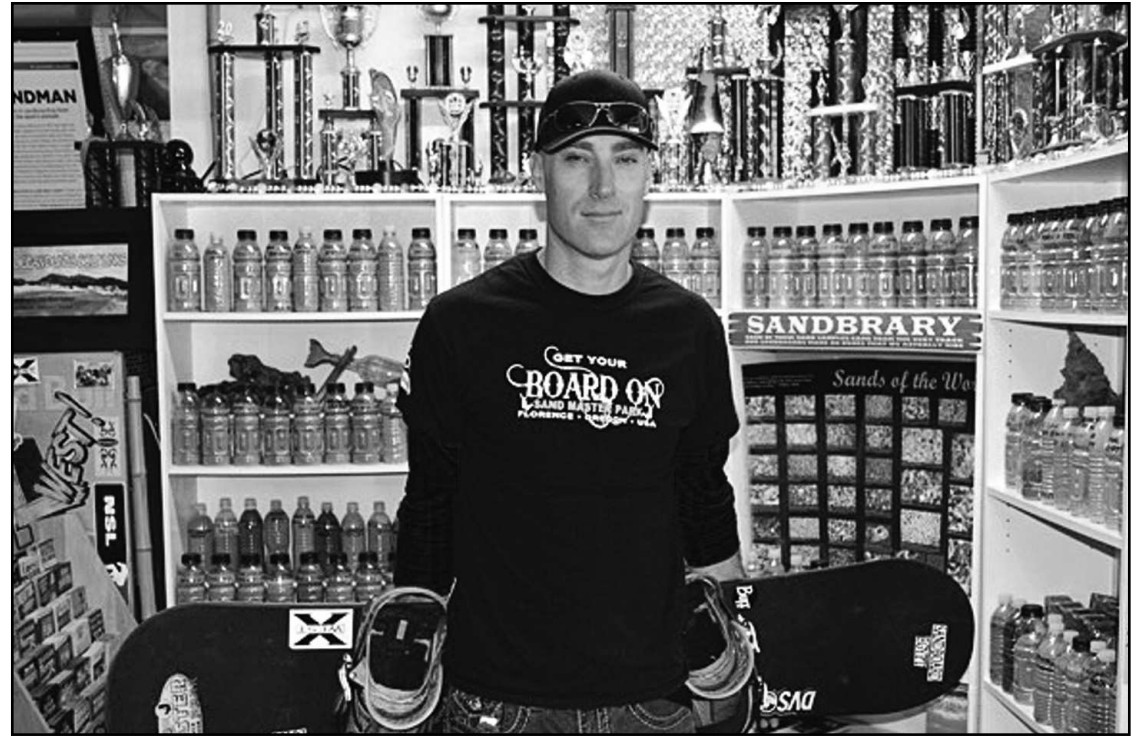
Last night (after press deadlines), the Vikings hosted South Umpqua for their final game of the season, with the team recognizing seniors Hannah Bartlett, Taylor Dotson, Nicole Gordon, Anna Petras and Anna Stonelake.

Sandboard speed record holder scouts Florence to set new mark

Venomous Sandboard team rider, 39-year-old Erik Johnson of Tahoe City, Calif., set a Guinness Book world sandboard speed record at Dumont Dunes, Calif. on April 12, 1999.

That record run of 51 mph (82 kmh) is still standing 17 years later. Johnson came to Florence last weekend to scout the Oregon dunes for a suitable location for setting a new speed record.

Unofficially, Johnson has sandboarded in the upper 50-mph range and is ready to attempt a run of 60 mph for the official record. This will be held in conjunction with the annual Sand Master Jam, July 16, at Sand Master Park north of Florence.



LON BEALE PHOTO

Guinness Book record holder Erik Johnson hopes to set a new sandboard speed record in the dunes near Florence this July.

FREE CLINICS TO TEACH HARVESTING CRAB, CLAMS ON COAST

LINCOLN CITY — The Oregon Coast is teeming with life all year-round. And during the summer, you can learn how to harvest the coastal bounty with crabbing and clamming clinics in Lincoln City.

Led by local expert Bill Lackner, these clinics are a great way to learn how to catch fresh Dungeness crab and purple varnish clams.

This will be Lackner's fourth season hosting the crabbing and clamming clinics, and he is prepared for another fun and educational program.

"This is my passion. I love teaching visitors of all ages

how to do this, especially the kids," says Lackner. "At first, they are a little intimidated by it. But after I show them how fun and easy it is, then their faces light up.

"There is nothing more rewarding than watching a kid feel a sense of accomplishment.

These clinics are great character building exercises for kids and kids at heart."

The first crabbing clinic will



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Learn how to catch Dungeness crab.

be Wednesday, June 8, at 9 a.m., at the SW 51st Street beach access (near Mo's Restaurant) in the Historic Taft

District of Lincoln City.

Each participant over the age of 12 will need a five-gallon bucket, a large package of chicken legs for bait, a pair of rubber gloves, and a valid shellfish license.

Crab traps and gauges can be purchased from Lackner at the clinic. Prior to crabbing, participants will meet for a brief orientation on crabbing regulations, harvest methods, identification, and cleaning and cooking techniques.

The first clamming clinic is

Thursday, June 9, at 10:30 a.m., beginning with a presentation at Driftwood Public Library, 801 SW Highway 101, on the second floor of City Hall.

Talks last approximately 45 minutes, followed by clam digging on Siletz Bay. Participants will need a five-gallon bucket, a pair of gloves and a shellfish license.

Clam bags and shovels will be available for purchase on site.

Looking back on four years of hosting the crabbing and clamming clinics, Lackner thanked the city for its support

of the clinics.

"Lincoln City is a leader in supporting recreational opportunities like crabbing and clamming," says Lackner. "When we started these clinics, we wanted to show off the wonderful bay-front here in town and all of the great things you can do on it. Now it has taken on a life of its own, and I am thankful that the city continues to support it."

For the full clinic schedule and more information on the crabbing and clamming clinics, call 800-452- 2151 or visit www.oregoncoast.org.

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Tatum also placed third in the high jump (4 feet, 10 inches) and anchored the second-place 4x400-meter relay team.

In the throws, Oliver won both the shot put and discus, setting

personal bests in both with throws of 38 feet, 6 inches and 129 feet, 9 inches, respectively.

Oliver's marks this season rank her second in the 4A and fifth in the shot put.

In the hurdles, defending state 100-meter hurdles champion Mikaela Siegel, a senior, won the

event in Cottage Grove (16.31) and was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (48.77) and landed sixth in the triple jump at 31 feet, 9 inches.

Siegel's winning 100-meter time was nearly two seconds off her season best time of 15.75, which is the time to beat in the 4A

this season.

Junior sprinter and leaper Annmarie Precht won the long jump with a mark of 17 feet, then went on to place second in both the 100-meter dash (13.14) and 200 meters (26.77).

Fellow junior Morgan Bingham placed second in the

1,500 meters (4:58.10) and was fifth in the 800 meters with a PR time of 2:23.92.

The Viking girls also got scoring from junior Celie Mans, who placed fourth in the 800 meters with a personal best of 2:22.76 and was third in the 3,000 meters at 11:10.35.

In the relays, freshman Kaeli Ramos teamed up with Precht, Bingham and Tatum for the day's second-fastest 4x400-meter time (4:09.03), which is also the second-fastest time in the 4A so far this season. North Valley, which won the event on Friday, set the state's best time this season to win it at 4:07.74.

For the boys, freshman Murray Bingham won the 3,000 meters well ahead of Far West League rival Michael Brown of North Bend, crossing the finish in

9:04.81 — more than 2 seconds ahead of Brown, and enough to post the 4A's fifth-fastest time of the season. It was also a 14-second improvement off of his previous best time.

Reavis, a sophomore who has dominated the throws all season, placed second in the shot put at 48 feet, 9.75 inches. He was also fourth in the discus at 149 feet, 2 inches, a mark that was more than a 7-foot improvement, bumping him up to No. 4 on Siuslaw's all-time list.

In the shot put, Reavis is No. 4 this season in the 4A and No. 3 in the discus.

The Viks will take this week to prepare for district competition, which begins Friday, May 13, at Douglas High School and continues through Saturday.

KAYLA'S CANCER FUNDRAISER

This info was taken from Kayla's gofundme page, please visit the link and read more.

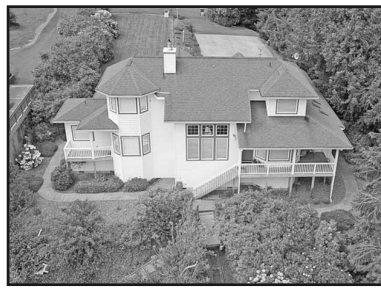
"Kayla Strenke is a 26-year-old single mom. She is a hard worker and a great student. Kayla is currently working on getting her Bachelors in Human Development and Family Sciences while working 40+ hours a week and raising a 4-year-old.

Recently Kayla was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She will be spending the next 6-12 months getting chemotherapy treatment, imaging, labs, and other necessary procedures to treat her lymphoma. Whatever we can do to help her with will be amazing. She appreciates every kind gesture and helping hand."

Her link is: www.gofundme.com/kayla-sfund

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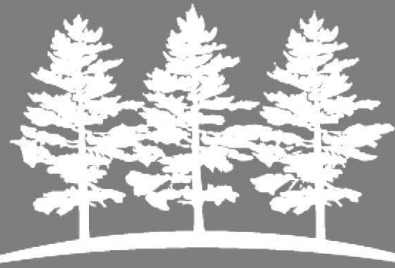
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