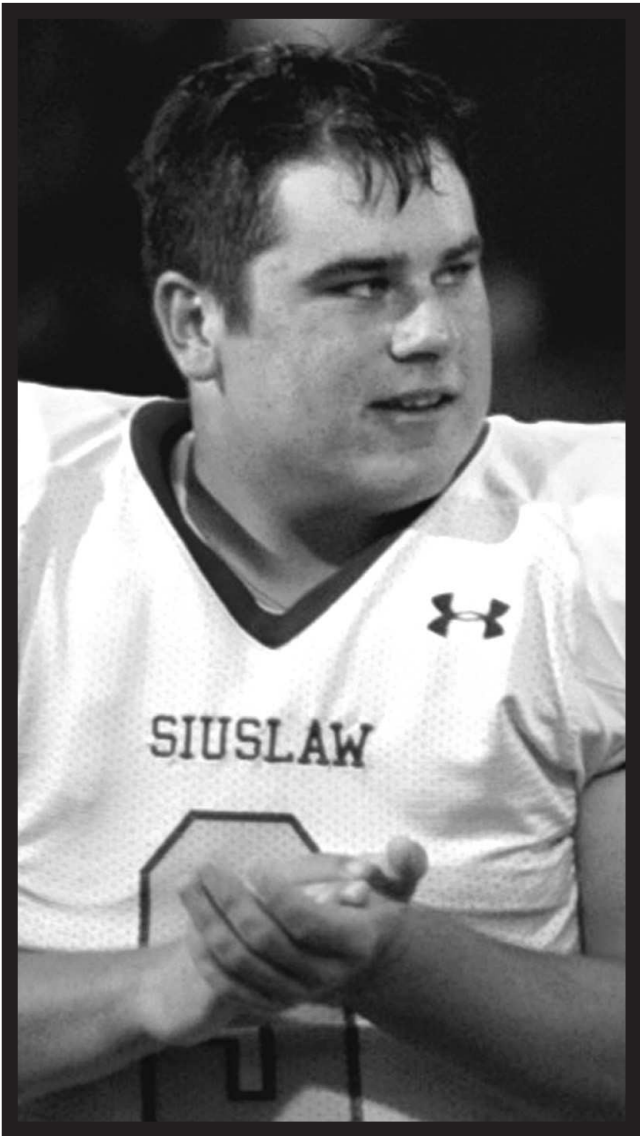


ATHLETES OF THE YEAR 2016



Kenneth Thrall

Kenneth Thrall frequently defies the laws of physics. He’s the kind of athlete who makes plays that bring fans to their feet, often while rubbing their eyes in amazement.

It’s this level of athleticism that has put him in Siuslaw’s record books.

This past football season, the senior was named First Team All-League Runningback, Linebacker, Punter and Kicker, with his 62-yard punt against Hidden Valley just 2 yards short of a school record.

In his first season of basketball this year, he was one of the team’s top scorers and defenders; in baseball, Thrall hit .465 in the Far West League with

no strikeouts, leading the team in RBIs and earning him First Team All-League for his work at short stop. And as a testament to his character, Thrall’s teammates named him their “Player of the Year.”

This fall, he will take his talents and character to Linn Benton College.

Mikaela Siegel is the good kind of two-timer.

In this case, a two-time AOTY recipient and a two-time 4A state champion in the 100-meter hurdles. As a junior last year, Siegel broke her own school record in the 100-meter hurdles at state with a time of 15.50, a time that remains the fastest time in Siuslaw history. This year, though Siegel didn’t break her own record, her time of 15:61 was still the fastest time at the state meet, where she retained her state crown in the hurdles.

A two-sport athlete, Siegel also competed on the Viking girls’ 4A state championship cross country team.

Her high level of achievements continue inside the classroom as well, with Siegel carrying a 4.0 GPA and earning a recurring spot on Siuslaw’s Honor Roll and as a member of the National Honor Society.

A recipient of multiple scholarships due to her academic achievement and community involvement, Siegel will attend the University of Idaho, where she will pursue a degree in biology while competing on the Vandal track and field team.



Mikaela Siegel

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