

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

Aug. 27
• SALMON RUN
5K
MHS TRACK
9 A.M.

SEASON OPENERS

Aug. 30
• MHS V-BALL
HOST SILETZ,
MCKENZIE
4 P.M.

Sept. 1
• SHS V-BALL
AT PHILOMATH
4 P.M.
• MHS XC
AT TOLEDO
CHALLENGE
TBA

Sept. 2
• MHS F-BALL
HOSTS WASCO CO.
5 P.M.
• SHS F-BALL
AT ELMIRA
7 P.M.

Viking fall sports season tickets on sale Monday

Season tickets for the upcoming Viking football and volleyball seasons go on sale Monday, Aug. 29, at Siuslaw High School.

For football, a total of three home games are scheduled for the fall:

- Sept. 16, in a preseason game

against Newport

- Sept. 30, in a regular-season game against North Bend
- Oct. 21, against Brookings for homecoming and final game of the regular season

Volleyball will host eight home

matches, beginning Thursday, Sept. 1, against Junction City in preseason play.

Family passes for both the football and volleyball seasons is \$50, or get individual reserved tickets for all three football contests for \$20.

Tickets will be available for advanced purchase at the high school office Monday, Aug. 29, through Thursday, Sept. 1, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

For more information, call the school office at 541-997-3448.

Setting the pace



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Mapleton's (from left) Cole Spencer and Richie Gastelun are hoping to start a new cross country tradition.

SAILORS BLAZE NEW TRAIL

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

It's been nearly 30 years since the trails winding through the woods in and around Mapleton High School carried the footfalls of cross country runners. But this past Thursday morning, Mapleton junior Cole Spencer and freshman Richie Gastelun were climbing the trail woven between old logging roads before eventually emerging onto the main campus and looping back up

the steep hill leading to the mesa of Bill Bowerman Field.

Until he went in to register as a freshman Wednesday, Gastelun didn't even know there was a cross country program at the high school.

"That's mostly because we haven't had one since as far back as 1987," says Aaron Longo, the school's athletic director as well as its track and field coach and, now, cross country coach. "Cole and I talked about it at the end of last football season, and he was committed to doing it if it

was a possibility.

"So we made it happen. We started with one runner and, thanks to Richie signing up yesterday, the program has already doubled in size."

Spencer attended running camps over the summer to prepare, including the Tillamook Running Camp.

Also a track athlete, Spencer says he wants to improve his times in the distance races and pace his 5K time at 17:00 this cross country season.

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Local man nabs fourth archery 'triple crown'

He's about as close as Florence has to a real-life "Hawkeye."

Jim Campbell competed in the Oregon Bowhunters 3D State Archery Tournament this past July in La Grand, Ore., where his archery skills earned him a first-place trophy in the Oregon State Championship in his class.

The win was the bullseye that completed Campbell's own triple crown by accumulating the top total of points in all three state archery tournaments in his designated class of "Bowhunter Freestyle," which is five fixed pins and release.



COURTESY PHOTO

Jim Campbell is a multiple state archery triple crown winner.

The competition included indoor shooting at 20 yards; NFAA (National Field Archery Association) marked yardage anywhere from 20 feet to 80 yards; and finally a 3D trail shoot with unmarked yardage anywhere from 3 to 50 yards.

During that same tournament, Campbell also won a trophy for the

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Special Olympics seeks bowlers

Special Olympics Florence is looking for interested bowlers for the bowling season beginning Tuesday, Aug. 30, at Holiday Bowl.

Practices are Tuesdays, from 4 to 6 p.m., through October, followed by a regional competition in Bend in November.

Anyone who has been identified as having an intellectual (or cognitive) disability by a medical professional is eligible to be involved in Special Olympics. Athletes must be at least 8 years old to compete in regional competitions.

Athletes may participate in practices at age 6.

There is no upper age limit.

There is no cost to join Special Olympics, nor is there a cost to train or compete. Special Olympics raises funds through sponsorships, private donations and special events.

For more information, contact head coach Linda Stent at 541-991-3161 or email her at lstent@charter.net.

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES:

Rainbow trout stocking is complete along the mid coast. Holdover trout will be available in most lakes through the summer. Fishing for the various warm water fish species is good this time of year as fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Cutthroat
For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams above tidewater is restricted to artificial flies and lures until Sept. 1. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat

The Alsea River is open for cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Bait is not allowed above the head of tide until Sept. 1.

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