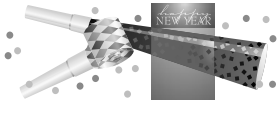
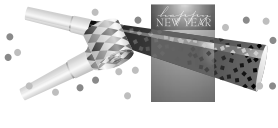


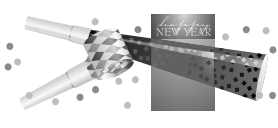
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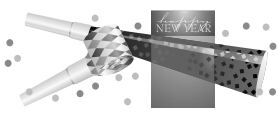
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**FEBRUARY (cont.) SAILORS NAB MWL PLAYOFF SPOT**

Though they were narrowly edged out 36-32 at McKenzie, the Sailors came back to even the score during a bid to reach the league's basketball playoffs.

This time, Mapleton was able to keep its big men on the floor and out of foul trouble.

The result? A decisive 19-point win over the Eagles that put the Sailors into last night's opening round of league play-offs (after press deadlines) against another Eagles team — this time at Eddyville.

Mapleton's 52-33 win was the Sailors' highest-scoring game of the season, and a dramatic turnaround after a 4-point loss to the same team two nights earlier. It was a game that saw a double-double, 10 points and 13 rebounds, from junior guard Hunter Simington, who also had 6 steals in that matchup. Simington was one of four Mapleton players named to the Mountain West League All-League team earlier this week, with Simington named Second Team All League.

Sophomore post Dominic Wells, junior wing Tyler Packebush and junior post Nick Smith each received Honorable Mention nods for their efforts this season.

**FOUR VIK WRESTLERS HEAD TO STATE**

Four Siuslaw wrestlers earned their way to the 4A state dance on the mats at Portland.

Taking on teams from the Far West as well as Skyline league, the Vikings competed in the 4A Sky-West District 3 Regional meet in Klamath Falls, with the four top qualifiers in each division advancing to this weekend's state meet.

Viking senior Dylan Jennings, who came into the regionals ranked No. 1 at 220 pounds, pinned all three of his opponents during the two-day meet.

Fellow senior Talamoa Tupua, wrestling at 152 pounds, made it to the title round but narrowly lost to Austin Tillery of Henley in a 5-3 decision.

Sophomore Ricky Huff pinned Oscar Baza of Henley in just 1:21 during the match for third place, securing an unseeded spot.

Joining the three Viking wrestling veterans was freshman Murray Bingham, in his first year of wrestling, after placing fourth at regionals.

**MARCH**

**TWO VIKS PIN STATE MEDALS**

Four Vikings earned their way to the OSAA state tournament mats at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland, and two came home with hardware for Siuslaw.

Senior 220-pounder Dylan Jennings earned the VIKS 16 team points over two days of wrestling that began with wins by fall over Bronson Holthusen of Astoria and Dalton Doerfler of Sweet Home.

Dylan took Holthusen in just 1:53 minutes, then Doerfler in 3:29 minutes.

The wins advanced him into his third match on day two, where he lost 12-2 to Crook County's Brogan Howard.

Jennings came back to defeat Justin Crum of Sutherlin, 4-2, in the consolation round, earning him a chance at third place against Louie Sanchez of Cascade.

After a virtual stalemate during the first two rounds, Jennings was taken down and lost by fall to Sanchez in 5:19 minutes, to finishing fourth overall.

At 116 pounds, sophomore grappler Ricky Huff had a full dance card Saturday, facing off in four matches after going 1-1 the day before.

The sophomore continued on with another victory after taking down Tillamook's Cameron Reeves with a sudden victory 3-1 win to eventually finish sixth overall.

**SIUSLAW GIRLS SET HISTORIC RELAY MARK**

Only one week into the track season, and four members of the Siuslaw girls 4x400 relay team had already made Viking history.

At the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland, Siuslaw runners Morgan Bingham, Destinie Tatum, Annmarie Precht and Mikaela Siegel were among the 144 prep sprinters making up the 36 teams competing in a special high school relay competition held in conjunction with the championships at the Oregon Convention Center.

It was the first time in the event's 30-year history that prep athletes had the opportunity to race on the same track as some of the world's best track and field athletes vying for a spot in the Olympics.

Siuslaw's 4x400 girls relay team ran in one of six heats included in the final three days of the four-day world-class meet. The team made history, winning the special 1A/4A race during the IAAF World Track and Field Championships at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

Bingham, Tatum, Precht and Siegel ran in the 1A/4A division, finishing 4 minutes, 13.23 seconds to win the event and land a 10-second improvement over their winning time at their home opener on Hans Petersen Field.

**APRIL**

**DODSON LEAVES VIKING HELM**

Rumors that Tim Dodson was hanging up his coach's whistle before next football season went from speculation to signed paperwork as he submitted his retirement papers for final approval as his wife, educator and assistant track coach Mary Dodson, sat next to him.

"It was like signing a letter of intent," Dodson said with a laugh while in his office. "It was a milestone for sure."

In this case, Dodson's intent is to shift gears from being one of Siuslaw's longest-running and most successful coaches, to being able to do the things his dedication to football has forced him to sideline for so many years.

According to Dodson, the plan had been in the works for a while. But until all the official retirement paperwork had cleared and everything was in place, he wanted to avoid saying anything.

"You just never know how things will play out, and I didn't want to be the guy who says he's leaving then there I am again in the fall."

**LONGO NAMED AD OF THE YEAR**

When members of the Oregon Athletic Directors Association (OADA) sat down to decide who would receive the Athletic Director of the Year for 2016, Aaron Longo's name came up.

Three times, actually.

First, as a recipient for the Mountain West League Award of Merit — a pool from which the Athletic Director of the Year is chosen for each division.

As AD for both Mapleton Middle School and High School, as well as coach of the high school's track and field team, Longo is well known within the 1A division for his dedication to athletics.

However, it was his commitment as the school's Leadership adviser, metals and woodshop teacher, small engines and geometry teacher and Electric Car Program adviser that brought his name up for a third time:

For the OADA's prestigious

Leadership Award.

**MAY**

**SIUSLAW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES ANNOUNCED**

Eight individuals and two teams, spanning nearly 40 years of Siuslaw athletics history, were named for induction into the Siuslaw Athletics Hall of Fame for 2016.

Inductees included:

Harold McClellan (1958); Les Conley (1965); Toni Winthers-Stonelake (1965); Dick Pickett (1967); Wayne Jackson (1974); Danielle Wilson (1987); Brent Sanford (1992); Doug Kelley (1993); 1996 Boys XC team; the 1997 Boys Track team.

**LADY SAILORS WIN**

**DISTRICT TRACK TITLE**

When Mapleton track coach Aaron Longo was approached by teammates Alyssa Richards, Hannah Rodet, Erin Michael and Clarissa Triebkorn about forming a 4x400-meter relay team for district competition, he was left scratching his head. "They begged me actually," Longo said. "I'm sure glad they did."

As it turned out, the event was the last of the day following the 3,000 meter race, which, despite a second-place finish by Richards, still left Mapleton trailing by five points to McKenzie.

When Rodet, Michael, Triebkorn and Richards lined up for the 4x400, they were virtually assured a win.

"We had the only horse in the race," said Longo, who discovered that no team in the district had posted a 4x4 time this season. "The girls figured that out and, when it came down to it, those five points made the difference."

The move edged out host McKenzie, 126 to 121, securing what is unofficially Mapleton's first girls track team district championship.

According to the school's trophy case, second place is the highest team finish in school history, captured back in 2006.

**SHS TRACK NABS 16 STATE SLOTS**

In spite of Marshfield's ability to platoon athletes into multiple events during the Far West District championships at Douglas High School, the Pirates held a slim 1-point advantage over Siuslaw's girls track team after the first day of competition.

Thanks to their strength on the track, particularly in the distance races and sprints, the Lady Vikings were able to finish day two winning seven out of 12 event finals overall, including wins in 100 and 200 meters by Annmarie Precht, 400 and 800 meters by Destinie Tatum, 1,500 meters by Celie Mans, and Carissa Oliver in the discus.

The Vikings also won the 4x400-meter relay with leg work from Kaeli Ramos, Morgan Bingham, Tatum and Precht.

That, coupled with wins for Bingham in the 3,000 meters, Mikaela Siegel in the 100-meter hurdles, Oliver in the shot put and Tatum in the high jump the day before would seem enough to put Siuslaw's girls team over the top.

But it wasn't.

The Pirates were able to claim the league title by 1 point, 183-182.

Still, all told, the lady Vikings qualified for 12 events at the 4A stage meet at Hayward Field, along with four events for the boys team for Trent Reavis and Murray Bingham.

**POOL CALLED TO VIKING FOOTBALL HELM**

With the announcement that long-time Viking football head coach Tim Dodson was retiring at the end of the year, Siuslaw players and fans were left with

the question of who would next blow the coaching whistle.

And while there were signs pointing to assistant coach Jamin Pool toward the end of last season, with Pool leading the sidelines during the last few games while Dodson watched from the skybox, there was nothing conclusive until the official announcement went out in an email from Siuslaw High School principal Kerri Tatum.

**TWO STATE TRACK TITLES FOR VIKS**

At the close of the OSAA 4A state track and field meet, Siuslaw took away some of its own bit of history with two individual state titles and a new school record.

Senior Mikaela Siegel and junior Destinie Tatum each brought home gold in their events, along with a new Siuslaw High School record in the 800 meters for Tatum.

For Siegel, it was an especially sweet victory in the 100-meter hurdles that meant retaining the crown she captured last year, along with setting the season's fastest mark in the 4A (15.61).

**JUNE**


**ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**

Over the course of the last three sports seasons, 27 new school records and 14 individual district and state champions were named between Siuslaw and Mapleton high schools.

Among the athletes were 13 finalists: Preston Mitchell, Celie Mans, Morgan Bingham, Dylan Jennings, Murray Bingham, Trent Reavis, Carissa Oliver, Hunter Simington, Hannah Bartlett, Destinie Tatum, Annmarie Precht, Kenneth Thrall and Mikaela Siegel.

Siuslaw seniors Mikaela Siegel and Kenneth Thrall were named the 2016 Athletes of the Year.

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