

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SHS alumni accepts coaching position with Vik track program

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By the time Collin Cram graduated from Siuslaw High School in 2004, he had etched his name into the school and state record books as a state pole vault champion, and continues to hold the record in the

110 high hurdles (14.57) and pole vault (15 feet, 6.5 inches) And though he was also a First Team All-State wide receiver with 20 touchdowns and Third Team All-State defensive back, his heart remained on the track. After graduation, Cram became a decorated decathlete



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2004 Siuslaw graduate Collin Cram will return as a coach for the Viking track and field program this spring.

for both Lane Community College and Long Beach University. Along the way, he was a two-time Northwest

Association of Community Colleges Decathlon Champion (2006 and 2007) while at LCC in Eugene. In 2015, Cram was recognized by his high school alma mater by being inducted into the Siuslaw High School Hall of Fame. Now, after spending the last

few years as a jumps and multi-event assistant at Oregon State University, Cram will bring his talents back home to Siuslaw to fill the vacancy left by long-time jumps coach Mary Dodson.

In a statement sent by head

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BASKETBALL

FWL BOYS		MWL BOYS	
N. BEND	9-0	T. LAKE	6-0
SIUSLAW	5-4	SILETZ	5-1
MARSHFIELD	4-5	LOWELL	4-2
DOUGLAS	4-5	EDDYVILLE	4-2
BROOKINGS	3-6	MOHAWK	2-4
S. UMP.	2-7	MAPLETON	2-4

FWL GIRLS		MWL GIRLS	
MARSHFIELD	8-1	LOWELL	6-0
DOUGLAS	8-1	ALSEA	4-0
N. BEND	5-4	MCKENZIE	3-3
BROOKINGS	4-5	MOHAWK	3-3
SIUSLAW	1-8	SILETZ	2-2
S. UMP.	1-8	MAPLETON	0-4

SPORTS

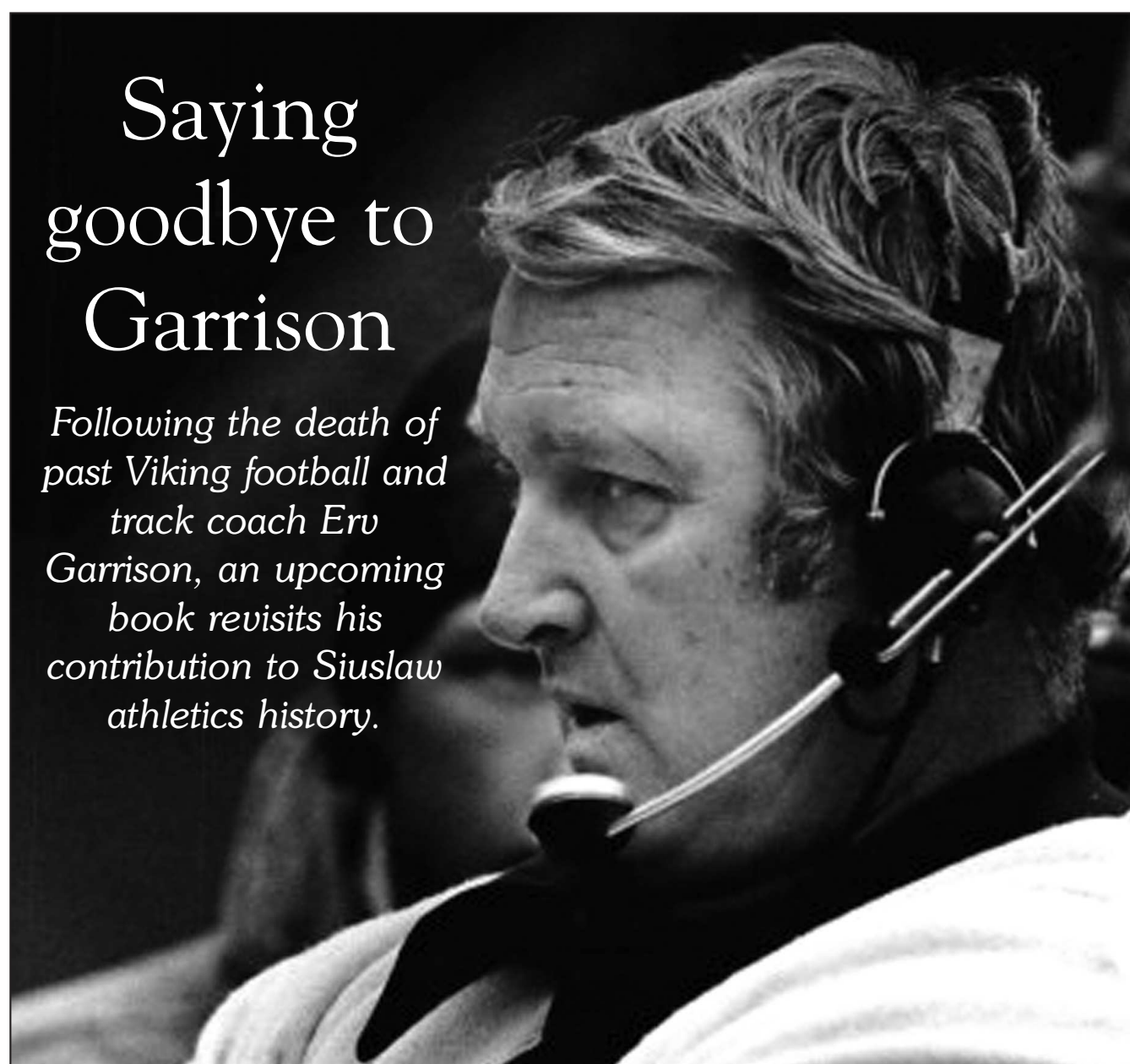
Calendar

Feb. 18

• MHS B-BALL
MWL PLAYOFFS
VS LOWELL
AT NCU
11 A.M.

Feb. 24-25

• SHS WRESTLING
4A STATE MEET
PORTLAND
TBA



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Saying goodbye to Garrison

Following the death of past Viking football and track coach Erv Garrison, an upcoming book revisits his contribution to Siuslaw athletics history.

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Known for his aggressive style and formidable Wing-T offense, Erv Garrison chalked up 185 wins before retiring in 1990 after 32 years coaching football at the high school level. He headed up programs at five different schools in those years, the last 12 of which were spent at Canby High School.

Garrison died Feb. 6, in Milwaukie, Ore.

But from 1961 to 1964, he was credited for sparking a culture of hard work and a winning attitude that helped transform Siuslaw football into one of the state's most consistently successful programs over the next 50 years under coaches Len Lutero and Tim Dodson.

Garrison, who took the Vikings to the semi-finals in 1963, also coached the track and field team to a fourth-place finish at state in 1964, highlight-

ed by individual championship medals for Siuslaw Hall-of-Famers Les Conley (100-yard dash) and Tooley Emery (220).

In his upcoming book, "The History of Siuslaw Football: A Tradition of Excellence," Don Hunt, a 1971 graduate of Siuslaw and starting quarterback in 1969 and 1970, reminisces about the early days of Garrison's career at Siuslaw — and a style that has become a hallmark in the Siuslaw tradition.

What follows is an excerpt from Hunt's book recalling those early days in Garrison's career as Siuslaw...

The Siuslaw High School football team arrived in Brookings in the early afternoon of Nov. 9, 1963, to square off against the previously unbeaten and No. 2-ranked Bruins.

It marked the first postseason game in school history and third-year head coach Erv Garrison had the Vikings

ready. An hour before kickoff, he led them to a dark room under the gym floor. As part of their pre-game ritual, the players lie silently together for about 10 minutes, collecting their thoughts and thinking about their assignments on the gridiron.

Above, in the Brookings locker room, the Vikings could hear loud music, laughter and reveling.

Suddenly, Garrison burst into the downstairs room and flipped on the lights. A scowl occupied his face.

According to Siuslaw quarterback Jim Weber, Garrison declared, "boys, there's no need for us to play this game because Brookings has already won it! They're up there celebrating! They're dancing on your grave!"

Garrison knew football. He also knew how to motivate.

Breathing fire, Siuslaw romped to a 42-14 victory behind a

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VIKS TOPPLE TOJANS, SECURES PLAYOFF BID

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SIUSLAW: 59
DOUGLAS: 48



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According to Siuslaw boys basketball coach Dylan Perry, the Vikings came into Tuesday night's road game at Douglas with one goal: secure a playoff spot.

When the final buzzer erupted, it announced the end of the game and also the continuation of Siuslaw into the Far West League playoffs for the first time in seven years with a 59-48 win.

Senior guard Brogan Cornish had 4 points and 7 rebounds against Douglas.

"We were focused and motivated to do whatever was necessary to win against Douglas," said Perry. "The intensity of the game was the highest of any game this season."

"Everyone on the team stepped up and did their jobs very well."

Leading the team in scoring was junior post Trent Reavis, who claimed 23 points, along with 11 points from junior Kyle King, 8 points each from juniors Jared Brandt and Jake Hickson, along with 5 points from freshman Sam Myers and 4 points from senior point guard Brogan Cornish.

The Vikings came out strong, nabbed an early lead

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Sailors play for state seed today

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MAPLETON: 52
SILETZ: 64

Thursday night, the Mapleton boys basketball team was on the road for post-season play at Siletz High School, where the Sailors and Warriors battled for Mountain West League seeding and a ticket to the 1A state tournament next week.

The winner would nab the No. 2 seed from the MWL, with the loser facing off today for the third — and final — seed to state from the Mountain West.

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MID COAST LAKES:

Holdover trout will be available in most lakes. Fishing for the various warm water fish species will slow as water temperatures cool. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Steelhead

The Siuslaw River and bay is closed to Chinook salmon.

Fishing is slow.

The Siuslaw River and Lake Cr. are open for steelhead fishing. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

ALSEA RIVER: Chinook, steelhead

Steelhead fishing opened on the Alsea River and listed tributaries. Fishing is fair when river conditions are favorable.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead

The Salmon River opened for wild and hatchery steelhead is open. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River.

Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1/day and 3/year. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

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