



Senior outfielder Angela Bartlett connects against Sutherlin in game one of Thursday's doubleheader.

VIKS OPEN PRE-SEASON AT HOME

By Ned Hickson
Siuslaw News

The Lady Vikings opened the softball season with a pair of home stands, beginning Wednesday with a match-up against Harrisburg originally scheduled as a road game in the Eagles' nest. A combination of a fiery Harrisburg offense and a series of Siuslaw errors that resulted in the Lady Eagles picking up their second win of the week after slamming 12 hits and 13 runs against Siuslaw.

In the meantime, the Vikings battled,

led at the plate by freshman Bailey Overton, who had two RBIs, 2 runs scored and a double. Senior catcher Lexi Smith also crossed the plate for the Viks after stealing a base. From the pitcher's circle, junior Nina Aaron struck out 6 Eagles batters and gave up only 5 earned runs — with Siuslaw's 7 team errors contributing to Harrisburg's scoring run. "We have to work at not beating ourselves and staying present with the play that's in front of us," said coach Sean

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Calendar

March 16

• MHS track at McKenzie 10 a.m.

March 19

• SHS baseball at Pleasant Hill 4:30 p.m.
• SHS softball at Pleasant Hill 4:30 p.m.

March 21

• SHS track & field
SHS Icebreaker at Siuslaw H.S. 4 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

March 16 8:10am / 7.1 10:10pm / 5.9	2:11am / 3.6 3:29pm / 0.1
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March 17 9:22am / 7.4 11:00pm / 6.4	3:29am / 3.2 4:27pm / -0.4
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March 18 10:26am / 7.8 11:43pm / 6.9	4:33am / 2.5 5:18am / -0.7
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March 19 11:24am / 8.1	5:29am / 1.7 6:04pm / -0.9
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March 20 12:24am / 7.5 12:18pm / 8.2	6:20am / 1.0 6:48pm / -0.8
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March 21 1:03am / 7.9 1:09pm / 8.1	7:09am / 0.3 7:29pm / -0.4
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March 22 1:41am / 8.1 2:00pm / 7.8	7:57am / -0.1 8:10pm / 0.2
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Siuslaw sophomore Clay Kramer releases a fastball against Sutherlin on Thursday.

SIUSLAW LANDS EAGLES IN SEASON OPENER

By Ned Hickson
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The Vikings baseball team took advantage of good weather and a change in venue to host two games at John "Jiggs" Dodson Stadium last week, beginning with Harrisburg on Wednesday. With three games scheduled over two days, Siuslaw coach Tom Shinn described his pitching rotation as "pitcher by committee," adding that he didn't want to stretch anyone too thin.

Against the Eagles, Siuslaw rotated five pitchers, including Tim Lowder, Jared Northrop, Clay Kramer, Zach Stinger, Caleb Hennessee and Dalton Stinger, who threw a scoreless seventh inning to preserve the win, 8-5. Mapleton senior Gabe Simington and Siuslaw sophomore Chayton James had 2 RBIs each. James, along with Northrop and sophomore Elijah Blankenship, scored 2 runs each. "We had focused on some specific offensive ideas during the first two weeks — things that

really hurt us last season," said Shinn. "I hope the kids see how that work had been successful." Shinn added that he felt the team got away from that focus a little in the third, fourth and fifth innings, "but got refocused in the sixth to close it out." The next day, the Vikings hosted Sutherlin for a doubleheader that included a total of just 11 innings due to darkness. In game one, Blankenship led Siuslaw offensively, going 3-for-3

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MHS tracksters finish among top six at Waldport

By Ned Hickson
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The Mapleton track team had a strong showing during last week's Run for the Clover track and field meet in Waldport on Wednesday, with the boys' team finishing sixth out of nine teams and the girls claiming fourth out of eight. Sophomore Emily Stevens had the day's highest individual finish for Mapleton with a win in the 100-meter hurdles (20.37). Stevens also placed seventh in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.24. Right behind her was freshman Jahala Blake, who ran it in 15.57 for ninth place. Other top finishes for the Mapleton girls included

third place for junior Trinity Holmes in the 400 meters with a personal record of 1:13.94. Holmes also placed 10th in the shot put at 21-02. Meanwhile, senior Brittany Wilson landed seventh in the shot put with a throw of 21-07.75. Holmes, Blake and Stevens joined freshman Brier Shird in the 4x100 relay for fourth place with a time of 1:00.12. In other races, Shird was eighth in the 200 meters (33.40) and junior Daleena Bender was 12th (35.62.). In the 800-meter race, Shird took second (2:58.73) and Blake was fifth in 3:17.95. Wilson and Holmes each competed in the javelin,

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TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little
Retired teacher, coach and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. Each week, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

The importance of season-related sports

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) has designated seasons for sports and other extracurricular activities. These seasons govern the participation of schools around Oregon to provide equitable opportunities for athletes competing in more than one sport. Although Siuslaw is not too small, it is less competitive without the quality athletes playing multiple sports. These designations prevent the high school coach from extra out-of-season practices and games.

The spring sports governed by the OSAA are tennis, golf, track and field, baseball, and softball. Other OSAA competitions that are year-round include speech, dance/

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MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes will begin the first week of February. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. These early stockings include: **Alder and Dune Lake, Cleawox, Lost Lake, Munsel Lake, Thissel Pond, Munsel Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs, and Olalla Creek Reservoir.**

Note: Olalla Reservoir is operated and owned by Georgia Pacific and is

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Beachgoers: Time to share beaches with nesting snowy plover

Beachgoers and residents along the Oregon coast are urged to help recovery efforts of the threatened western snowy plover by respecting nesting areas and beach restrictions during nesting season now through Sept. 15. Beachgoers will see signs and ropes that identify sensitive plover nesting areas and list re-

strictions, including dogs (even on a leash), vehicles, kites, drones, camping and fires. "We're making great strides in reversing the downward slide of this species," said Cindy Burns, Siuslaw National Forest wildlife biologist. "But it takes all of us, so we urge people to do their part to under-

stand nesting season rules and to share the beach this spring and summer." These small birds nest on open sand along Oregon's beaches. Nests, and especially chicks, are well-camouflaged. During nesting season, human disturbances can flush adult plovers away from their nests as

they attempt to defend their young from the perceived predator. Left alone too long, eggs or chicks can die from exposure, predators or people. Recreation restrictions occur in designated plover management areas, small stretches of beach along the entire coastline where plovers

are nesting or could potentially nest. These areas comprise about 40 miles of Oregon's 362 miles of shoreline. Detailed maps can be found on the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department website (<http://bit.ly/wsplover>) and on the Siuslaw

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