

Calendar

Nov. 8

- SHS football
- 3A state play-offs
- TBA

Nov. 9

- MHS football
- 1A state play-offs at Camas Valley
- 1 p.m.
- SHS cross country
- 4A state meet
- LCC-Eugene
- Girls: 11:45 a.m.
- Boys: 12:20 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High TideLow Tide

Nov. 6
8:08am / 6.3
7:45pm / 5.7

1:23am / 1.2
2:17pm / 2.9

Nov. 7
8:48am / 6.6
8:45pm / 5.8

2:15am/1.4
3:06pm/ 2.3

Nov. 8
9:21am / 6.9
9:37pm / 6.0

3:00am / 1.5
3:48pm / 1.6

Nov. 9
9:52am / 7.2
10:23pm / 6.1

3:40am / 1.7
4:25pm / 1.1

Nov. 10
10:21am / 7.5
11:06pm / 6.3

4:16am / 1.8
5:00pm / 0.6

Nov. 11
10:50am / 7.7
11:47pm / 5.4

4:50am /2.1
5:34pm / 0.1

Nov. 12
11:19pm / 7.9

5:24am / 2.3
6:09pm / -0.3



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The Sailors have been holding evening practices this week under the lights in preparation for Saturday’s play-off game.

PLAYING UNDER THE NOVEMBER LIGHTS

“We haven’t practiced under the lights for 17 years,” Mapleton football coach Jeff Greene said. “This is the first opportunity we get, practicing with the lights on.”

For the past 17 years, the Sailors practiced during the months of September and October, just before Daylight Savings Time. They ran plays into the early evening, where cracks of sunlight make their way

through the hill and the fog, illuminating the secluded football field above the Mapleton School District.

By the time November hits, along with early black skies brought on by the time change, the Sailors are benched as other teams continue into the playoffs.

But not this year.

Last week, Coach Greene was turning the lights on for a night-time practice.

“It’s the first time we’ve been to state in 17 years,” he said. “That was a cool thing for our kids. It’s the little things like that,

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— Sailors head coach Jeff Greene, speaking about the team’s first November game in nearly two decades

you know? You want to make it to November. We made it. We’re in the sweet 16. Anything can happen.”

Greene believes the players haven’t really grasped the magnitude of the moment.

“This is a big deal for them, and we’re going to make it a big deal for them in Mapleton,” he said. “We’re going to get a banner up for them in the gym. I’m really proud of our kids and just how hard they fought all year. It never goes the way you plan it, but it’s a hell of an accomplishment.”

And it’s an accomplishment that’s been difficult to achieve for the rag-tag group of players. The team has battled injuries, concussions, two blown-out knees.

“We’ve overcome so much sickness and injury with our kids,” Greene added. “They made it over the hump we’ve been waiting to get over all these years. We made it to state as a large berth. All the stuff they’ve overcome — it’s been incredible. Most teams would have been done. With us, we man-up. That’s what I’m proud about.”

The adversity has been catching up to the Sailors recently. After a 6-0 win streak, they’ve lost the last three games on the road, most recently to Perrydale, 40-70.

“We started off really good,” Greene said. “We scored within a minute in the first quarter, going up 8-0 on them. Everything was looking good.”

Until it wasn’t. The Sailors’ bench was short from the get-go when Kody Sovern, the team’s starting running back and corner, had to call out due to sickness.

“So, we were short again,” Greene said, an issue that has been plaguing the Sailors the latter half of the season.

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Viks prepare to face Mustangs

Though Siuslaw fell to Sutherin, their playoff run continues

By JARED ANDERSON
SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw football closed out its regular season with a loss on Friday night, with the Viks falling to the Sutherlin Bulldogs 18-56 — due in large part to a string of injuries that had beset the team.

Going into the game, the Viks had high hopes.

“We were thinking it would be really nice to win the game, but we had already earned a playoff spot,” quarterback Elijah Blankenship said. “We still had to play our cards, but knowing Camp [Lacouture] would be out was a bummer.”

Runningback Skyler Loomis

added to the lament over Lacouture, who will be out for the rest of the season. “Usually, Camp has about 200 yards a game on our offense, and usually has five or six tackles on defense. So, it did impact our game a lot.”

In addition, safety Beau Erickson was also out for the season and, for Friday night, a host of other players had injuries that prevented them from being on the field — including senior lineman Matthew Horrillo and wide-receiver and safety Brady Libby.

Despite that, the Viks came out fighting in the first quarter, with Blankenship making a 50-yard pass to Braydon

Thornton for 6 points just a minute into the game.

“That definitely boosted our confidence,” Blankenship said. “It was definitely an uplifting moment.”

But then Sutherlin answered back halfway through the first quarter, crossing the end zone twice in a two-minute period.

“It was kind of a punch in the face,” Loomis said. “But you gotta come back and keep playing your game.”

They did come back when Blankenship again passed to Thornton for a touchdown with three minutes left in the quarter, but the Bulldogs

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MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes ended in June. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. Some of the bigger lakes have “hold-over” trout and the fishing typically picks up in the fall when these trout are feeding to prepare for the winter months ahead. In the mid-coast these lakes include: Olalla, Big Creek reservoirs, Cleawox, Mercer, Munsel, and Siltcoos.

Warmwater fisheries are slowing down for the year as water temperatures cool down.

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