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Sports & Recreation

Calendar

Winter Sports

openers:

Dec. 4

- SHS boys BB hosts Newport 7:15 p.m.
- SHS girls BB hosts Newport 5:45 p.m.
- MHS boys BB hosts Lowell 7 p.m.
- SHS girls BB hosts Lowell 5:30 p.m.
- 7 p.m.

Dec. 6

- SHS wrestling at Harrisburg Noon

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide **Low Tide**

Nov. 13

12:29am / 6.5 5:57am / 2.6
11:50pm / 8.0 6:45pm / -0.5

Nov. 14

1:11am / 6.5 6:32am / 2.9
12:21pm / 8.0 7:23pm / -0.6

Nov. 15

1:56am / 6.4 7:10am / 3.2
12:57pm / 7.9 8:05pm / -0.6

Nov. 16

2:45am / 6.3 7:53am / 3.5
1:37pm / 7.7 8:51pm / -0.5

Nov. 17

3:39am / 6.1 8:44am / 3.6
2:25pm / 7.3 9:43pm / -0.2

Nov. 18

4:38am / 6.1 9:49am / 3.7
3:24pm / 6.9 10:41pm / 0.1

Nov. 19

5:39am / 6.3 11:09am / 3.6
4:39pm / 6.4 11:43pm / 0.4



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Members of the Siuslaw girls cross country team display their second-place trophy from last weekend's 4A state meet.

LADY VIKS SECOND, BOYS SIXTH AT STATE MEET

By JARED ANDERSON
Siuslaw News

It was a day of mixed emotions for Siuslaw Cross Country at the OSAA 4A State Championship on Saturday.

The girls team took second — a repeat performance from last year — while the boys took sixth, besting their eighth-place finish the year prior. Individually, Hannah Rannow took third overall in the girls' race, while Brendon Jensen took fifth in the boys' division.

"You have to be pretty excited about a top-six finish for the boys. That's top six in the state. Obviously, the girls were second place, and that's great too," Coach Chris Johnson said. But still, both teams felt a twinge of disappointment after Saturday's race was finished.

"The girls were trying to win a state title and the boys were trying to trophy — and we both came up short," Johnson said. "That's athletics, I guess."

The teams followed their usual strategy, running at an even pace.

"You look at Brendon Jensen, he was moving up the entire race and was aggressive," Johnson said. "He got all the way to fifth place, which was a great performance. The rest of the kids didn't move up. It's hard to explain, I don't know why. I don't think we went out too hard, we didn't come out too slow. We just weren't aggressively moving up, which has been kind of our hallmark over the years. For one reason or the other, we just couldn't move up through the ranks."

The placement is particularly tough for the teams when considering the expectations.

"You come into a situation where you think you can win, and you don't — It's tough," Johnson said. "Last year, we got



Siuslaw seniors Brendon Jensen (left) and Hannah Rannow each stood on the podium Saturday, with a fifth-place medal for Jensen and third for Rannow.



second place and we felt like we were on top of the world because it didn't feel like we had any chance to win. This year, 10 days before, we beat the team [Marist] that won the state title. Obviously, you're excited to win second place. But when you think you have a chance to win, second place sometimes is a bitter pill to swallow."

Before Saturday, Siuslaw was riding high with a pair of first-place wins at the Sky-Em League meet, with both teams beating rival Marist by one point.

"During that game, Siuslaw was prepared, aggressive and competitive, and we were able to beat the defending state champions," Johnson said.

But Marist didn't seem to take the loss lying down, especially on the girls' side.

"Maybe it was like shooting a bear with a .22," Johnson said. "I think we just made Marist mad, and they came out and ran an inspired race. We didn't run poorly, but we didn't run with the type of intensity it takes to beat a team like Marist. Not on that day. Maybe where I screwed up is, it's difficult to

come back and match the same intensity you had the week before when you come out victorious. Marist was upset that they lost district, and they were determined to come out and put up a fight."

That doesn't mean that Siuslaw wasn't fighting on Saturday.

On the girls' side, Rannow ran one of her fastest times ever, finishing with 18:34.0.

Sisters harrier Ella Thorsett capped a stellar year, finishing the race with an outstanding time of 17:43.7 for first place, followed in second place by Junction City's Anika Thompson, who is "far and away the best athlete in the state this year," Johnson said. To come in third above the Marist runners, along with harriers from Tillamook and Stayton that were running personal bests in the race, Rannow finished her high school cross country career strong.

"Obviously, she would love to have a state title, but I have to hand it to her," Johnson said.

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Viking, Sailor football post seasons end

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Both the Viking and Sailor football seasons continued well into the November night lights for the first time in years this season, with Mapleton reaching the post season for the first time in nearly two decades.

For Siuslaw, it was the first November game since 2015, during long-time coach Tim Dodson's final season.

And in the case of both teams, the play-offs ended on the road over this past weekend — Siuslaw at Hidden Valley and Mapleton at Camas Valley.

For Siuslaw, it was a particularly tough draw, with the Vikings taking on the undefeated

Mustangs (10-0) during the first round of the 3A division playoffs last Friday night.

While senior runningback Hector Garcia had a breakout game with 176 yards on 33 carries, and sophomore quarterback Elijah Blankenship stepped into the recordbooks as Siuslaw's unofficial (final numbers are still being tallied) all-time leader in single-season pass completions, it wasn't quite enough to overcome the Mustangs' 40-12 victory.

After Hidden Valley took a 6-0 lead following the first play of the game on a 47-yard pass from junior quarterback Sam Vidlak, the Viks' Garcia answered at the top of the second quarter on a 3-yard scamper into the end zone that tied the

game at 6-6.

The Mustangs then went on to score 20 unanswered points until, just 15 seconds before halftime, junior runningback Skyler Loomis broke through on a 2-yard run to score.

The Viks came up short on a conversion attempt and trailed 26-12 at the half.

The Mustangs then shut out Siuslaw in the second half, holding off goal-line threats from Garcia and Blankenship and taking advantage of Viking errors to secure the win and end Siuslaw's first post-season bid in four years.

The next day, it was Mapleton's turn to face a top-tier opponent in undefeated Camas

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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.

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HAPPY FALL!

What a great Fall we've been having. I've lived here 40 years and I don't remember having such a mild non rainy season. I was checking homes and lots and as of today there are 146 actives residences for sale ranging from \$69,900 to \$1,250,000. The number of lots for sale is 174, that includes commercial lots sizes ranging from .1 up to 80 acres. Pending sales are 49 for the month which includes residences and lots. We still have a fairly active real estate market. There's never a bad time to list or to buy a home.

Give me a call and I'd be glad to help you for your real estate needs

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