

Sports & Recreation

Calendar

Jan. 4 • SHS basketball Bandon Dunes Day 2 — TBD

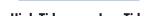
<u>Jan. 7</u>

SHS basketball hosts Taft HS Girls: 5:45 p.m.
Boys: 7:15 p.m.
MHS basketball hosts Mohawk Girls: 5:30 p.m.
Boys: 7 p.m.

Jan. 9 • MHS basketball Hosts Crow Girls: 5:30 p.m. Boys: 7 p.m.



Entrance Siuslaw River





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TOP SPORTS STORIES OF



A look back through the calendar as we revisit the top sports stories from 2019

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By JARED ANDERSON Siuslaw News

Viks Bowling shines at district

"Siuslaw Sweeps District Titles" Jan. 30, 2019 — The regular season for the Lady Vikings and Vikings bowling team came to an exciting finish over the weekend as they both competed at the Holiday Bowl in the District 4 championship tournament.

The Lady Vikings started things off on Saturday, bowling to defend their 2018 district tournament title. Siuslaw started out slow, but improved its position to the second seed, making its way to the finals against Cottage Grove. The Viks lost the first match but rallied in the second with the overall pin-count, advancing to the championship match. The Lady Vikings started out strong, this time winning the first game 152-109, taking a 43-pin lead heading into the final game against North Bend. The deficit proved too much for the Lady Bulldogs as they fell 300-246 — with the Lady Vikings defending their district title.

the state championship after missing out last year. In the 20-game qualifiers, the Vikings kept a steady pace by bowling very consistently throughout, finishing the fourth seed.

For the semifinals, after the 10-game seeding round, Siuslaw managed to make the top three, finishing as the No. 2 seed heading into the semifinals behind rival North Bend, and third-place Marshfield. The Vikings faced Marshfield in a twogame series in the opening match of the championship round. Siuslaw took the first, Marshfield the second. In the tie-breaking match, the Vikings claimed the District 4 title to complete a Siuslaw sweep.

At state, Vik bowlers finished eighth overall.

Cheerleading coach Diane Conlee retirees, Teri Straley steps in

"One last cheer/SHS cheerleaders aim high for new season"

Feb. 23, 2019 — During Siuslaw High School's final home basketball game, one individual whose presence and influence within Siuslaw's athletics programs has spanned more than three decades made her final appearance. For many in the stands, Vikings cheerleading coach Diane Conlee has been the silent but constant embodiment of Siuslaw spirit for their entire lives — in some cases, in the lives of their children as well. For someone whose beginnings with the program occurred by mere happenstance back in the mid 1980s, Conlee's dedication as a coach and mentor has become legendary. By 1995, she had already coached squads to three state championships — in 1991, 1992 and 1993 — and taken teams to the Aloha Bowl and Pro Bowl.

Over the years, her squads placed second at state competition three times, had three third-place finishes at state and made two trips to national competition.

"Cheerleaders represent Siuslaw High School in and out of uniform at games, assemblies, community service events, and as role models while interacting with students at the elementary school," Conlee said. "Every team is different with different talents, skills and personalities and work ethic. What we achieve is directly related to the goals each team sets. I feel like it has been my job to provide them with the opportunity, material, support and time. "But ultimately, they are the ones who make it happen."

For that reason, Conlee said she sees the opportunity to coach cheerleading as more than just teaching performance fundamentals related to competition; it is also

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Jan. 5 7:27am / 7.1 8:43pm / 5.1	12:56am / 2.9 2:37pm / 1.5
Jan. 6 8:10am / 7.4 9:46pm / 5.5	1:52am / 3.3 3:24pm / 0.9
Jan. 7 8:52am / 7.8 10:38pm / 5.9	2:47am / 3.5 4:08pm / 0.2
Jan. 8 9:35am / 8.1 11:24pm/ 6.1	3:38am/ 3.6 4:50pm/ -0.4
Jan. 9 10:18am / 8.4	4:25am / 3.6 5:31pm / -1.0
Jan. 10 12:07am / 6.4 11:01pm/ 8.6	5:12am/ 3.4 6:12pm/ -1.2

In the boys' tournament, 11 teams competed for the district championship on Sunday. Siuslaw was looking to get back to about character building for future success.

"I truly believe that cheerleading, like all sports, gives athletes a chance to gain self-confidence, leadership skills, responsibility and how to work together with others to accomplish goals," said Conlee. "Many of the cheerleaders I've coached have gone on to professions that teach and help others in schools and communities.

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