



# Sports & Recreation

## Calendar

- Feb. 6**
- MHS Basketball Hosts McKenzie Girls: 5:30 p.m.
  - Boys: 7 p.m.
  - SHS wrestling at Newport TBD
- Feb. 7**
- SHS Basketball At Marist Girls: 5:45 p.m.
  - Boys: 7:15 p.m.
  - SHS wrestling OSAA South Div. Girls regionals TBA
- Feb. 8**
- SHS wrestling Girls regionals Day 2

## Vik grapplers have solid showing at Grove

### Tough performances bode well for upcoming regionals

BY JARED ANDERSON  
SIUSLAW NEWS

It was a tough weekend for Siuslaw wrestling at the highly competitive Cottage Grove Invitational, with the team taking ninth overall in the tournament.

“But in many ways, it was a very good weekend,” coach Neil Wartnik said, pointing out that the competition was expected to be hard.

“Some of our top wrestlers were in highly competitive weight brackets,” he continued. “They may not have achieved high placements, but they wrestled against some of the toughest competitors in the region and came away learning a lot about what they need to do to improve as they prepare for regionals.”

Wartnik added, “Still, to place ninth out of 30 teams isn’t bad.”

The lone champion of the meet was Hayden Muller, who placed first in her bracket, scoring 26 points for the team.

“She was dominant and impressive in all three of her matches — all won by pin,” Wartnik said.

Yoskar De la Mora’s second-place win in the 106-lb. division was an achievement in its own right, considering

See VIKS 2B

## New ODFW fund topic of tonight’s STEP meeting

The Florence Salmon Trout Enhancement Program (STEP) meeting tonight, Feb 5, will feature Davia Palmeri, who will talk about the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund.

The fund is a new way to support fish and wildlife conservation projects that was created by the legislature in 2019.

The presentation will cover ODFW’s approach to generating private revenue for the new fund and potential projects that could be supported in the next two years.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, located at 12th Street and Highway 101.

All Florence STEP meetings are open to the public.

## LADY VIKS ADVANCE TO STATE TOURNEY

The high school district bowling tournament concluded Sunday, Jan. 26, at Firs Bowl in Eugene.

The tournament consisted of 20 baker games of qualifying, with the field cut to the top six teams for 10 additional baker games for the semifinals — with the scores from the previous 20 qualifier games erased and all six teams back at zero. From there, the top three teams for boys and girls qualify to advance to the state championships.

With the regular season over, next comes the regular season All-Stars. For the Siuslaw girls, Elissa Hurley and Faith Coday were named to the All-Star team, with Clay Kramer named to the boys’ team. Coday was also named the regular season MVP.



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**Siuslaw’s Faith Coday received the district’s MVP award for her performance at district, helping the Lady Viks advance to the state tournament later this month.**

The Lady Vikings started the tournament very slow. But after 20 baker games, the team worked its way back to be the second seed for the semifinals round.

Meanwhile, the Viking boys, unlike the Lady Vikings, came out strong in the qualifying round. The team kept

bowling well through all 20 games of qualifying, taking a second seed into the semifinals.

“In the semifinals, the Lady Vikings were off their games

See LADY VIKS 2B

## SHS TEAMS SCRATCHED BY TIGERS

BY JARED ANDERSON  
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**J. City d Siuslaw boys: 52-47**

**J. City d Siuslaw girls: 48-35**

It was a double loss for the Siuslaw basketball teams this weekend as both boys and girls teams fell to the Junction City Tigers last Friday night.

On the boys’ side, the Vikings took the lead early with a 16-13 run in the first half. The lead was short lived, however, with the Tigers clawing back for 40-27 lead heading into the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Vikings rallied on an 11-point run, cutting their deficit to a single basket, two, 40-38. From there it was a back and forth battle on the hardwood with six lead changes between the two teams in the second

half of the period.

But a 6-point run by the Tiger’s in the last few minutes of play blocked the Vikings from a win, finishing the game with a 52-47 victory.

Brody Terry led in scoring for the Vikings with 12 points, followed by Liam McClelland and Jacob Foskett with 10 points each.

With the first half of league play over, the Viks are at 2-3 in league play and 8-11 overall. Ranked 24th overall, the playoff chances for the Viks is on shaky ground at this point as Siuslaw walks into a couple of must-win games in the next two weeks to reach the top 20 — and a chance to make the post season.

The first matchup was last night (after press deadlines) against 29th-ranked Cottage Grove. A win would help keep the Viks in the top 24, but to

move up in the field the Viks will have to show well at No. 2-ranked Marist this Friday, and No. 12-ranked Marshfield next week to gain momentum for a playoff bid.

As with the boys, the Lady Viks started off against Junction City strong, establishing a 6-point run in the first minutes of play, then finishing out the quarter with an 11-8 lead over the Tigers.

But Junction City dominated the Viks in the second quarter, scoring 21 points to Siuslaw’s 8 and taking 29-19 halftime lead. Scoring cooled for both teams in the third quarter, which left Junction City holding a 37-25 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Vikings rallied early in the period, cutting the deficit down to eight just three

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### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Feb. 5</b> 8:14am / 7.5 10:17pm / 5.8	2:10am / 3.8 3:38pm / 0.2
<b>Feb. 6</b> 9:08am / 7.9 10:17pm / 5.8	3:12am / 3.6 3:38pm / 0.2
<b>Feb. 7</b> 9:59am / 8.3 11:43pm / 6.5	4:07am / 3.4 4:25pm / -0.5
<b>Feb. 8</b> 10:49am / 8.5	4:57am / 3.0 5:52pm / -1.3
<b>Feb. 9</b> 12:22am / 6.9 11:38pm / 8.7	5:46am / 2.5 6:33pm / -1.4
<b>Feb. 10</b> 1:00am / 7.3 12:27pm / 8.6	6:35am / 2.0 7:14pm / -1.2
<b>Feb. 11</b> 1:39am / 7.6 1:17pm / 8.3	7:25am / 1.6 7:55pm / -0.8

## SIGNUPS OPEN FOR HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES

It’s a good time of year to sign up for a hunter education class or field day because many classes and field days are currently available.

For a list of upcoming classes and field days, visit <https://myodfw.com/articles/upcoming-hunter-education-classes-field-days>

Students have two options to

complete a hunter ed class:

- 1) A “conventional” class which takes place mostly in a classroom setting in a series of classes (14-16 hours of total class time), or
- 2) By completing a “field day” after taking most of the class via independent study (either online or by workbook). The field day includes handling

of firearms and a live fire exercise.

Once students have selected a field day or conventional class, they should login to ODFW’s Licensing System and register for the class from their own account.

The cost is \$10.

Students who have never logged into their account but

have purchased an ODFW document since 2016 should use the Verify/Look up Your Account feature to find their profile in the system.

Students who have never had an ODFW license or other product before should choose Create an Account.

See HUNTER 3B



**BRRRRR! Boy is it cold outside. We just returned from the islands and had good times with friends and enjoyed the balmy weather.**

But it will warm up and the flowers will start blooming.

Spring is just around the corner and the time for sprucing up your house to put it on the market.

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