

**Little from 1B**

professionally if their senior season is cancelled. Few collegiate athletes will be professional athletes — yet both the high school and college parents will lose the final opportunity to observe their athlete in competition.

There are thousands of parents who have spent thousands of hours watching their athlete compete. The years of supporting their athlete is supposed to culminate in those senior seasons.

The miles traveled, the money spent, the bleacher-butts and wearing the sweatshirts emblazoned with the team name all need a season to close a son or daughter's career.

Had the senior season been lost for my children this is what the community of Florence and I would have missed...

In the 2001 fall season, the Siuslaw Viking football team won coach Tim Dodson's first Far West League championship. The passing combination of quarterback Brandon Little to receiver Jordan Stone resulted in several school records being broken that season

— with the final league game on Hans Petersen Memorial Field, a convincing victory over the team just south of us, would not have been played. I will always remember that game. If it had not been played, how many remember the final game of the 2000 season?

Not me. Also lost would have been an undefeated volleyball team Far West League Championship led by future SHS hall-of-famer Haley Hunt. I could not find the 2001 fall cross country league results. But given the competitiveness of coach Chris Johnson's teams, we probably won either a girls and/or boy's title — and it, too, would have been lost.

In the fall of 2003, the Siuslaw Viking volleyball team returned to the state volleyball tournament. Led by a team of seniors, the team battled all season in the tough Sky-Em league.

The final league game victory over Douglas earned the Vikings a trip to state. My personal highlight of the season was being able to occasionally watch all three of my girls on the court at the same time. During the Newport

tournament that season, it was a diving dig by Miranda, a cross-court set by Charnae and a kill by Alaura that became a momentum-changing play.

My wife and I were able to limit bleacher time as all three of our girls played varsity that year.

In fall of 2005, the Siuslaw Vikings volleyball team was loaded with seniors; their goal was to put some paint on the wall. The Sky-Em league was tough but the Vikings were tougher as they pounded Marist in the last game to win the league title. That season would be the last time Miranda would play team volleyball.

If it had been cancelled, Siuslaw would have less paint on the wall — and I would have fewer newspaper clippings in my album.

Once again, the Vikings headed to state. This time the volleyball team would lose a tough game to Estacada. Let us just say the number of lifts called against Siuslaw were enough for Estacada to win a game without ever hitting the ball — not to mention the undefeated state championship football title would have been lost that fall.

The cancellation of any season is disappointing to so many people. Memories are forever of those last season competitions. My hope is that the Siuslaw Vikings and the Mapleton Sailors

will have determined athletes next year.

To all athletes: Play every season as though it could be your last.

There are senior athletes in high school and college

who wish they could have one more.

*Next week:* We will begin a series of articles about Siuslaw Hall of Fame members.

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that from happening is to wear a life jacket — actually wear it, not just have it in the boat," said Ashley Massey, Public Information Officer for the Marine Board. "Make it a habit like putting on your seatbelt. The reality is there isn't time to put one on in an emergency."

*Boating during COVID-19*

When hitting the water, know the Marine Board's recreational boating guidelines and practice the following to protect yourselves and others:

- Explore waterways close to home. Leave from your home to the boat and back so that you don't have unnecessary contact with others.

- Be self-sufficient. Carry needed supplies with you to minimize non-essential stops.

- Take time in advance to see if a boat ramp is open. Some city and county facilities are allowing boats to launch. Visit the Marine Board's interactive Boat Oregon Map to find contact information to a facility near you. Keep in mind that even though a ramp may be open to launching, the restrooms may not be. Many pumpout/dump stations are operational where facilities are open.

- Follow the Governor's order on physical distancing. Space out (6-feet or more) and take turns launching and re-triiving. Be patient.

- Maintain a safe distance

at a fuel dock or loading up at a marina. After touching a marine gate, fuel pump or other objects frequently touched by others, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

- Families living in the same household can continue to boat as a family.

- The CDC is now recommending that everyone wear a face-covering in public. Protect yourself and your family before and after your time on the water by wearing a face covering.

- Expect some facilities to have reduced launch lanes or alternate-space parking closures following social distancing orders to prevent crowding.

Follow all statewide and local area rules.

**WEEK #13 UPDATE**



Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Season % Lost
<b>RESULTS</b>		
Lisa Melaine Dallas	3.08%	6.52%
Vickie Hunt	1.60%	4.22%
Robyn Barrett	1.51%	5.07%
Patricia Ann Timothy	1.42%	14.96%
Nancy Robinson	0.79%	8.31%
Tyrell Hunt	1.07%	6.13%
Jim Hecker	0.79%	5.25%
Matt Danielsson	0.34%	18.94%
Ed Wasco	0.29%	5.14%
Brad Koehn	-0.04%	9.76%
Franklin Spencer	-0.31%	9.27%
Dustin Williams	-0.81%	9.56%

**Hi Everyone!**  
Our plan right now is to continue until Coastal Fitness is allowed to open and we can do the last weigh-ins to complete the competition fairly. Unfortunately, we do not know when that will be, so until then keep going.

- HOME WEIGH-IN INSTRUCTIONS**
- Use your scale at home
  - Have your camera phone ready
  - Place the piece of paper in view on the scale and then weigh yourself
  - Send the pic by 6pm next wednesday to 541-590-9093 or email jbartlett@thesiuslawnews.com
  - Please include your name in the text or email.
- Most of all, stay safe and healthy friends. We will see you again soon!*

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