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## Siuslaw News Sports & Leisure

### Sports Calendar

**March 6**  
• MHS Football vs Chiloquine (at P. Hill) 5 p.m.

**March 9**  
• SHS Soccer Hosts J. City 6:30 p.m.  
• SHS V-ball hosts Elmira 6:45 p.m.

**March 11**  
• SHS Soccer Hosts Elmira 6 p.m.  
• SHS V-ball at J. City 6:45 p.m.

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>March 6</b> 5:04am / 7.6 7:10pm / 5.3	12:28pm / 0.4
<b>March 7</b> 6:13am / 7.3 8:36pm / 5.6	12:04am / 3.6 1:43pm / 0.3
<b>March 8</b> 7:28am / 7.3 9:40pm / 5.9	1:31am / 3.7 2:52pm / 0.0
<b>March 9</b> 8:38am / 7.3 10:27pm / 6.2	2:49am / 3.5 3:48pm / -0.2
<b>March 10</b> 9:39am / 7.5 11:06pm / 6.6	3:51am / 3.0 4:36pm / -0.3
<b>March 11</b> 10:31am / 7.5 11:40pm / 6.8	4:42am / 2.4 5:17pm / -0.3
<b>March 12</b> 11:17am / 7.5	5:26am / 1.9 5:53pm / -0.2



Members of Siuslaw's boys and girls cross country teams exchange air high-fives before the start of Thursday's meet, which included teams from Tillamook and Philomath.

## Viks sweep Warriors, Mooks



Seniors Brea Blankenship and Gracie Freudenthal (above left) begin Thursday's tri-meet; sophomore Samuel Ulrich is the first to cross the finish for the Viking boys.



BY ZEAHNA YOUNG  
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This past Thursday (March 4), Siuslaw hosted a cross country tri-meet at Florence Golf Links which included teams from Philomath and Tillamook high schools. The girls race opened the small meet, with Tillamook senior Sarah Pullen taking first place nearly a full minute ahead of the pack in 19:36.61. Though the Lady Mooks had the first runner across the finish, Siuslaw was able to take the overall win after having all five

runners finish among the top 10. Viking senior Brea Blankenship placed second overall at 20:28.83, followed closely by junior Rylee Colton in third place with a time of 20:29.42. Next across the finish for Siuslaw was senior Gracie Freudenthal in sixth place (22:13.58), with freshmen runners Jane Lacouture (22:33.80) and Corduroy Holbrook (22:39.43) placing eighth and ninth, respectively. Final team scores were Siuslaw with 28, followed by Tillamook with 43 points and

## Lady Viks fall to Spartans in season opener

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Marist @ Siuslaw:  
25-22, 25-14, 17-25, 25-17

On Tuesday (March 2), Siuslaw faced off against Marist High School for the Lady Viks' first volleyball game of the season — and first time back on the court since the abbreviated 2019 season. The Vikings fought hard, but eventually succumbed in set four, with Marist taking the win overall. With the first game under their belt, new head coach Ashlee Cole said



Siuslaw juniors Zoe Alberty and Alizabeth Norton jump for a block against Marist.

she has a better idea of what the girls need to focus on for future matches over the next five weeks. "It took two matches until we found our rally. We're going to work on how to make it not take that long and try to start from that first set," Cole said of the team's performance in the season opener. "Once we got that rally, we were golden. We knew we were starting to feel it. And I think [Marist] knew it, too." In the first set, Marist maintained the lead throughout,

## Time Out

By Lloyd Little  
Retired teacher, coach and game official  
*With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. Each week, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.*

### Reach high but remain balanced

When a group of individuals gather to swap stories the conversations often revolve around sports. I have written many stories about my own history as an athlete and coach. Most of my trips down memory lane are backed up by newspaper articles, scorebooks and videos I have access to. In the movie "Coach Carter," the Richmond High School Gymnasium gets padlocked by Coach Carter because his players had failed to abide by his eligibility rules. When angry parents insisted for him to open the gym because "basketball is the only thing these boys have going for them," he replies: "You need to know the message you are sending these boys. Your school puts athletics ahead of an education. I am not going to do that." All over America, there are parents and athletes seeking schools that prepare athletes to become professionals. Their only commitment is to the development of sports skills. The escalation of professional salaries has created thousands of athletes with dollar signs in their eyeballs.

What happens when they fail? Without an education, many will have difficulty finding a job that supports themselves and a

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### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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**LAKE, PONDS, RESERVOIRS:**  
Mid-coast lakes scheduled to receive stockings the week of Feb. 8 include **Cleawox, Munsel, Lost, Carter, Dune, Alder** and **Thissel**. Tis' the season for mid-coast trout. This week (Feb. 15), the Big Creek Reservoirs near Newport will be stocked.  
**SIUSLAW RIVER:** Winter steelhead  
Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siuslaw like all the other coastal rivers this season. The river has dropped into shape and will have good conditions through the upcoming weekend. Expect the fishing to improve as February is typically the peak month on the Siuslaw. The Whitaker Creek area is the best place to target returning hatchery fish.  
**ALSEA RIVER:** Winter steelhead  
Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Alsea. Even with the ideal conditions over the weekend, the fishing was slow. Anglers are still catching some fish every-day throughout the system

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