

Sports Calendar

March 10

• SHS C. Country at Marshfield
5:30 p.m.

March 11

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

March 12

• SHS Football Hosts Santiam Chr.
7 p.m.
• SHS C. Country at Bandon
12:45 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
March 10 9:39am / 7.5 11:06pm / 6.6	3:51am / 3.0 4:36pm / -0.3
March 11 10:31am / 7.5 11:40pm / 6.8	4:42am / 2.4 5:17pm / -0.3

March 12 11:17am / 7.5	5:26am / 1.9 5:53pm / -0.2
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March 13 12:11am / 7.0 11:59pm / 7.4	6:06am / 1.5 6:26pm / 0.1
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March 14 12:40am / 7.1 1:38pm / 7.1	7:43am / 1.2 7:57pm / 0.6
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March 15 2:07am / 7.2 2:17pm / 6.8	8:20am / 1.0 8:27pm / 1.1
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March 16 2:34am / 7.2 2:57pm / 6.4	8:57pm / 0.9 8:56pm / 1.6
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Hawks claw way to narrow win over Viks

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw: 24 La Pine: 26

Siuslaw opened its football season Friday (March 5), playing on the road at La Pine. The Vikings battled the Hawks closely for the entire game but lost by two points in the final minutes.

Coach Sam Johnson did not pass the buck. "As head coach, I didn't have my guys ready and prepared for a war

in week one," he said.

Johnson's team spoke honestly and realistically about the results of the game. Junior running back Camp Lacouture noted, "It was definitely a frustrating game. Just from this game, we know we have lots to work on to be the team that we know we can be," he said. "There were sparks where we were doing what we were supposed to, and things looked good. But we have more to work on, and we're trying to have fun

in our shortened season."

Senior quarterback Elijah Blankenship said the team went into the game with high hopes coming off of last season, adding that, "It was very heartbreaking how it ended up. I honestly feel like we definitely play our best game as a team. So, in the next few games we'll get that back and we'll be playing better together."

Understandably, the team

See VIKS 5B



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Soccer coach Londi Tomaro and the Vikings soccer team achieved a milestone last week during Siuslaw's first-ever varsity match, taking on the Pirates at Marshfield.

Viks show well in varsity soccer debut

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On Thursday (March 4), Siuslaw High School played its first-ever varsity soccer match at Marshfield High School. Although it's coach Londi Tomaro's third year running the soccer program since it began in the 2018-19 school year, this season marks the first year that the program was able to compete at the varsity level.

Tomaro said that, while the Viks did not come out victorious in Thursday's hard-fought match, she was far from disappointed in the 4-0 loss considering it was the team's first time competing at the varsity level.

"We expected Marshfield to be a tough opponent and they were," said Tomaro. "We lost, but the game was much more tightly fought than the score might indicate."

Siuslaw managed to hold the Pirates to just a single goal in the first half until halftime.

"We played well and exerted pressure to keep Marshfield out of scoring opportunities, especially in the first half," Tomaro said. "We had a bit of a lull in the defense in the second half, which gave the Pirates some scoring opportunities."

After being held to one goal in the first half, Marshfield managed three more in the second, including one from a penalty kick.

See SOCCER 2B

Sailors leave Panthers feeling 'Salty'

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
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On Saturday (March 6), Mapleton hosted Chiloquin High School for the season's first game, with the Sailors soundly defeating the Panthers 52-20.

Coach Jeff Greene noted that despite the fact that four of his student athletes were coming in with little to no playing experience at the varsity level and nerves were running high, the game went considerably well.

"It was a good first game for us," said Greene. "They were pretty nervous coming out. It took a little bit of time to get going in the first quarter. Said Greene. "But



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Mapleton senior JJ Neece had a pick-six and ran for four touchdowns Friday.

once we got the ball going, momentum started kicking in and our kids settled down.

Then we just started playing like we could.

"They were so excited to be out there to play. It's been so long. Just to feel some kind of normalcy again."

Fortunately, it didn't take the Sailors too long to catch their wind, as linebacker JJ Neece was able to nab a pick six on a 42-yard return into the end zone. According to Greene, "On the fourth down, Chiloquin was scrambling, [they] went to throw it and JJ intercepted it. That kind of got the ball rolling."

When the Panthers went back on offense, Mapleton's defense put pressure on Chiloquin's quarterback,

See SAILORS 2B

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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. This is 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 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 from the NF Alsea bank fishery all the way down to the plunking shacks on the lowest portions of the river, but it's been tough. The later returning wild broodstock fish are providing the majority of the catch now and typically peak in February and early March

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Be respectful of the hatchery staff and follow these rules to ensure this popular fishery remains open for the 2021 season.

Cutthroat trout fishing will reopen May 22.

SALMON RIVER:

Winter steelhead are around in the Salmon River. The peak for winter steelhead on the Salmon River is typically January to March.

Note: Reminder, the Salmon River hatchery remains closed to walk in anglers. Anglers can use access points upstream and downstream of the hatchery to access those traditional fishing locations.

SILETZ RIVER:

Winter steelheading continues to be slow on the Siletz despite the ideal conditions and dropping river levels over the weekend. There are still fish being caught every day but it has been tough. The river remains in good shape for the weekend with good color.

Mid-February to mid-March

See FISHING 3B

Hello Florence! Yeah! I finally got my first vaccination shot at the FEC last week and look forward to the final shot in 2-3 weeks. It went well and was nicely organized. Thanks for the city to have staff there to help with the process. It will be nice to put this in the rear view mirror. Did you know that 11 million families are at risk of losing their homes due to the pandemic. Such a sad state of affairs. Let's hope the new administration can help those families. Also, last week 30 year fixed rate mortgages inched up over 3%, but still a really nice interest rate for those buying homes.

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