

### Sports Calendar

#### March 25

- SHS Soccer at J. City 6:30 pm
- MHS Volleyball at Alsea 6 pm
- SHS Volleyball at Elmira 6:45 pm

#### March 26

- SHS Football hosts Sisters 7 pm
- MHS Football hosts Mohawk 7 pm
- MHS Volleyball hosts Alsea 6 pm

#### March 30

- SHS Soccer at Elmira 6:30 pm
- SHS Volleyball hosts J. City 6:45 pm



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The Siuslaw boys team took the top four finishes at Marist during Saturday's Sky-Em meet, placing six runners among the top nine.

## Siuslaw sweeps Sky-Em meet

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Last Saturday (March 20), Siuslaw faced off against all other schools in the Sky-Em League for a preview of the cross country district meet. Both the men's and women's teams won their races by a landslide, demonstrating that the Vikings are still on course to be league champs.

Siuslaw Athletic Director and cross country head coach Chris Johnson discussed some of the reasons his teams have been so successful this season.



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Siuslaw senior Gracie Freudenthal was the second Lady Viking to cross the finish as Siuslaw won the girls race.

### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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**Lakes, Ponds, Reservoirs:**  
Mid-coast lakes were stocked the first couple weeks of February. The lakes that have been stocked include: Cleawox, Munsel, Lost, Carter, Dune and Alder lakes. All these lakes are full of trout and are scheduled to be stocked again in March. Additional lakes are being stocked during the first two weeks of March: Siltcoos, Lost, Woahink and Mercer lakes.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** Winter steelhead  
Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siuslaw. The river is now low and clear making it tougher to catch these fish, but there are still some fish being caught. The Siuslaw typically peaks in February and starts to slow down in March. Whitaker Creek area is the best place to catch returning hatchery fish.

Hatchery fish are also planted in Lake Creek and are released into Green Creek. These returning hatchery fish will start to show up in December and peak in January and February.

**ALSEA RIVER:** Winter steelhead

Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Alsea. The river is now low and clear making it tough for the bank anglers on the NF Alsea but conditions are good for the drift boaters in the mainstem. Although it has been a slow year there are still fish to be caught in the system through the month of March. The later returning wild broodstock fish are providing the majority of the catch now and typically peak in March.

*Reminder:* The popular winter steelhead bank fishery around the Alsea Hatchery remains open but the hatchery grounds are closed to the public. Anglers are required to park in designated parking lot to access the river.

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>March 24</b> 9:03am / 6.5 10:52pm / 5.9	3:22am / 3.6 4:14pm / 0.3
<b>March 25</b> 10:04am / 6.9 11:27pm / 6.3	4:19am / 3.0 4:59pm / 0.0
<b>March 26</b> 10:58am / 7.3	5:08am / 2.2 5:40pm / -0.3
<b>March 27</b> 12:00am / 6.9 11:48pm / 7.6	5:54am / 1.4 6:19pm / -0.3
<b>March 28</b> 12:33am / 7.4 12:38pm / 7.7	6:39am / 0.7 6:57pm / -0.1
<b>March 29</b> 1:07am / 7.8 1:28pm / 7.6	7:24am / -0.1 7:35pm / 0.3
<b>March 30</b> 1:42am / 8.2 2:19pm / 7.3	8:10am / -0.6 8:15pm / 0.9

## Vikings hand Harrisburg loss in Eagles' nest, 58-12

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The Vikings traveled to Harrisburg last Friday (March 19) for their third football game of the season. Both teams came into the game in the hunt for their first win at 0-2, but the Vikings proved unstoppable for the Eagles.

Coach Sam Johnson said that after last week's defeat by Santiam Christian, going into this third match-up of the season at Harrisburg, "Our main concern was making sure we played a full game start to finish."

This mentality was clearly in the forefront of the players'



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**Junior wide receiver Braydon Thornton gets congrats from teammates after scoring a touchdown for the Vikings.**

minds as the Eagles won the coin toss and immediately put Siuslaw on defense at the start for first time this season. Camp Lacouture's kick was solid, with the Vikings not only holding the Eagles but pushing them back an additional 10 yards by the fourth down before turning the ball over on their own 40-yard line.

On Siuslaw's first possession of the game, Elijah Blankenship threw a 40-yard pass to Braydon

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## Sailors have little luck against Irish in home opener

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The Irish were in town last Thursday night (March 18) as Mapleton hosted Waldport for the Sailors' first home football game this season. Though the Sailors played hard throughout and took an early lead, they unfortunately came up short as the Irish battled back to hand Mapleton a 74-34 loss.

Senior quarterback JJ Neece started strong, catching the



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**Mapleton senior JJ Neece dives into the end zone for a conversion in the first quarter against Waldport last week.**

opening kickoff and carrying it just beyond the 50-yard line for the return. They managed three first downs on the first four plays then, at 7:08, Neece took the ball up the middle for a touchdown.

He then swept outside for the 2-point conversion and a quick 8-0 Mapleton lead.

See SAILORS 5B



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Well it's been just over a year with the pandemic and I'm apprehensive yet excited to get my second dose of the Pfizer vaccine on Wednesday at the FEC. I will still be careful and wear a mask. Will we ever be the same again... I wonder. After my 3 weeks are up will I feel safe? I guess I'll feel safer. Weirly enough we had a brisk year for real estate even though inventory was way down. Will it open up with more inventory, time will tell. I do expect more people out and about this summer after being cooped up, although last summer was a surprise with people traveling from many far away states.  
**Be patient, be safe and take care.**

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