

### Sports Calendar

#### March 27

• MHS Volleyball at Alsea 4 pm

#### March 30

• SHS Soccer at Elmira 6:30 pm  
 • SHS Volleyball hosts J. City 6:45 pm  
 • MHS Volleyball hosts Crow 6 pm

#### April 1

• SHS cross country Sky-Em District Meet at Marist:  
 —Girls 4:30 pm  
 —Boys 5:15 pm  
 • MHS Volleyball at Crow 6 pm  
 • SHS Volleyball hosts Cottage Grove 6:45 pm

#### April 2

• SHS Football hosts Junction City 7 pm  
 • MHS Football at Perrydale 7 pm

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

**High Tide**      **Low Tide**

**March 27**  
 12:00am / 6.9      5:54am / 1.4  
 11:48pm / 7.6      6:19pm / -0.3

**March 28**  
 12:33am / 8.4      6:39am / 0.7  
 12:38pm / 7.7      6:57pm / -0.1

**March 29**  
 1:07am / 7.8      7:24am / -0.1  
 1:28pm / 7.6      7:35pm / 0.3

**March 30**  
 1:42am / 8.2      8:10am / -0.6  
 2:19pm / 7.3      8:15pm / 0.9

**March 31**  
 2:19am / 8.4      8:59am / -0.9  
 3:13pm / 6.9      8:56pm / 1.5

**April 1**  
 2:59am / 8.1      10:47am / -0.6  
 4:12pm / 6.3      9:41pm / 2.3

**April 2**  
 3:43am / 8.1      10:47am / -0.6  
 5:19pm / 5.9      10:34pm / 3.0



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**Siuslaw junior** Zoe Alberty (4) scores a tip-kill against Marshfield during Tuesday's five-game home match with the Pirates.

## Viks volley, break 'Pirates curse'

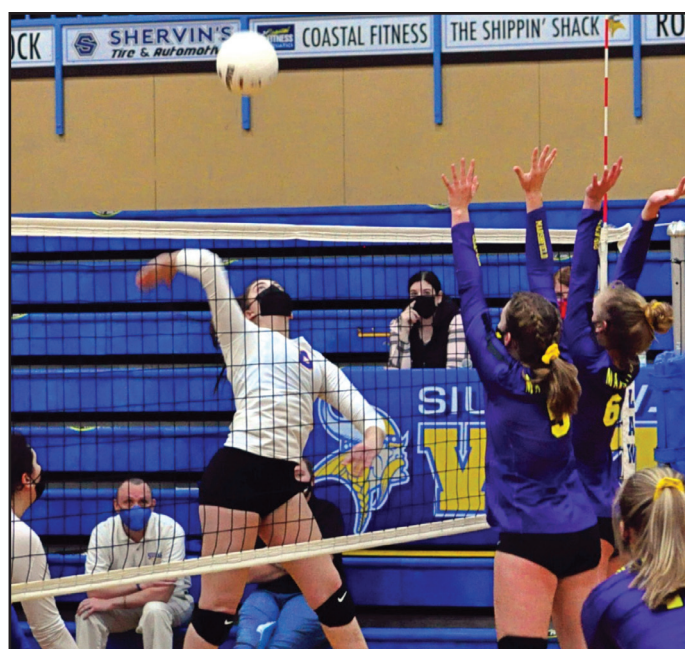
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**Siuslaw d Marshfield:**  
25-10, 22-25, 25-23, 21-25, 15-10  
**Siuslaw d Elmira:**  
25-23, 25-11, 25-14

On Tuesday (March 23), the Lady Viks hosted Marshfield for a hard-fought match that went to five sets. In the end, Siuslaw managed to grab the victory, marking the first time the team has beaten the Pirates in more than four years.

Coach Ashlee Cole discussed the landmark with respect to her only senior on the team, Kya Blake.

“This is the first game against Marshfield that our only senior (Blake) has won since she's been in high school,” said Cole. “That's a milestone right there for all of them, really. Not being



**Lady Viking senior** Kya Blake prepares to hammer a kill through the Marshfield defense.

able to beat Marshfield in four years, that's big.”

Siuslaw started out very strong, staying well in the lead and winning the first set by 15 points. Blake had four kills in the first set alone,

and Zoe Alberty outmatched the Pirates on both offense and defense. However, going into the second set, the girls seemed to lose a bit of their

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## Vik soccer fields final home game

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On Tuesday (March 23), Siuslaw's soccer team held their final home game of the season, hosting Marshfield. The Vikings made major improvements since their last match with the Pirates. Although Marshfield ended up winning the game 6-1, coach Londi Tomaro explained how skills the Vikings had been

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**Siuslaw junior** Daniel Paasch battles for a steal. The Viks will wrap up the season this Tuesday at Elmira.



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## 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.*

3:30 to 6:00 p.m.

I stopped coaching in 2001. I had played or coached for over four decades. As an athlete, I participated in three sports each year. When I became a coach, I coached three sports yearly. For nine months each year for most of my life, I blocked out 3:30 to 6 p.m. for sports.

After each school day, my time was permanently reserved for practice. The practices prepared us for the upcoming competition.

This past year, COVID-19 disrupted the rhythm of sports programs at all levels at Siuslaw, Mapleton and high schools throughout Oregon.

Had a similar pandemic occurred during my high school years, I am quite certain my dad would have found many chores for my brother and I to work on during that time frame.

Without the availability of online instruction, we would most likely have been given mail-ordered printed class work.

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### 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

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