

Sports Calendar

April 10
• SHS Cross County State meet at Marist
— Girls 11:15 am
— Boys noon

Spring Openers:
April 13
• SHS Baseball at C. Grove 5 pm
• SHS Softball at C. Grove 5 pm

April 16
• SHS Baseball hosts Elmira/T-Lake 3 pm and 5 pm
• SHS Softball hosts Elmira 3 pm and 5 pm

April 20
• SHS Track & Field hosts Sky-Em JV 3:30 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
April 10 12:00am / 6.9 12:07pm / 6.6	6:11am / 1.1 6:19pm / 0.8

April 11 12:28am / 7.1 12:48pm / 6.6	6:47am / 0.6 6:51pm / 1.1
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April 12 12:55am / 7.2 1:28pm / 6.5	7:22am / 0.3 7:22pm / 1.4
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April 13 1:21am / 7.3 2:07pm / 6.3	7:56am / 0.1 7:51pm / 1.9
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April 14 1:47am / 7.2 2:46pm / 6.1	8:30am / 0.0 8:21pm / 2.4
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April 15 2:13am / 7.1 3:28am / 5.9	9:05am / 0.0 8:52pm / 2.8
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April 16 2:41am / 6.9 4:15pm / 5.6	9:43am / 0.2 9:25pm / 3.3
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OSAA finalizes spring sports season Culminating Week events

The Oregon School Activities Association decided schools will coordinate final week regional contests

The OSAA Executive Board met in a work session last week to finalize decisions on Season 3 Culminating Week events. "The board recognizes and appreciates all the hard work member schools and officials are doing on a daily basis to make activities happen for the students in our state," said Peter Weber, OSAA Executive Director. "The condensed, overlapping seasons, along with the variations in educational models, has tested the collective resolve of member schools this year but the commitment to provide opportunities for stu-

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dents is to be commended." After lengthy conversation, discussion of feedback from schools and consideration of several different options, the OSAA Executive Board made the decision to return the sixth and final week of Season 3 (spring) to the schools to coordinate and execute local/

regional Culminating Week events at their discretion, similar to Season 2 (fall). "The board believes that providing local discretion for Culminating Week events allows schools to make the best decisions for their school and community," Weber said. During the meeting the

board discussed the current realities impacting schools and activities during the pandemic. While some schools have been in session for all or most of the year, the majority of schools have recently or will soon begin in-person or hybrid schedules. Just as educational models vary throughout the state, the same is true for high school activities. Some schools and districts have set limitations on travel and transportation in playing a very localized schedule while

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Diamonds in the rough

After more than a year away from the softball diamond, Siuslaw gets back to basics



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Siuslaw softball coach Sean O'Mara works with Lady Vikings team members on base-running drills during practice on Thursday as Siuslaw prepares for its first game this Tuesday on the road at Cottage Grove.

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

Like all sports this school year, softball is feeling the effects of the pandemic. However, unlike many other sports, softball didn't have any competitions take place last school year — so softball players have the disadvantage of having lost an entire season of game play.

Siuslaw head coach Sean O'Mara discussed the ramifications of this time lost.

"It's going to be a learning curve," said O'Mara. "The loss of last year for the whole season for not just high school sports, but for youth sports programs also, feeder programs and whatnot, we're definitely seeing that out on the field right now."

According to O'Mara, losing a season has affected players "in terms of knowledge of the game, situational awareness, general skill, development, what they know, what they don't know."

Despite time off causing all spring athletes to be behind on

the developmental scope, O'Mara is making the most of the situation and gaining headway with his team already. "We're making progress every day," he said. "That's what we're out there to do, but we don't have much time to get ready to rock and roll, that's for sure."

With just one week of practices before competitions start, there is a lot to work on before the first game day. This season, O'Mara is fielding quite a few freshmen — and only three seniors will be on the team.

However, the coach says understanding the team's dynamic is less about grade level than overall experience. The team returns only two varsity starters, neither of whom have played since 2019 when they started in their first varsity games. And while the team includes other seniors, they would have played their first varsity games last year as juniors but didn't get that opportunity. That means this year's line-up

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Lady Sailors celebrate season of growth

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

Eddyville d Mapleton:
25-17, 25-19, 25-7

"We only have six players right now, so nobody ever got a break," Mapleton volleyball coach Molly Dooley recalled about her Lady Sailors in their final volleyball game of the season.

Mapleton played Eddyville Charter at home on Tuesday (April 6), down three players from their usual lineup. Between rolled ankles, concussions and illnesses, the team has faced a great deal of adversity this season aside from the already difficult ramifications of COVID-19.

Despite those challenges, Mapleton's volleyball team has shown great heart and spirit throughout the shortened season, fighting until the literal end of every game including their last match-up. "I think the second set was



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The Lady Sailors volleyball team will graduate three seniors this year, with a freshman-dominated team likely next fall.

probably one of the best sets that we've played all year," said Dooley. "They were working together as a team, we were getting kills and aces, and they kind of just really stuck with [the other team]. We only have six players right now, and we were going against a team of 18 — so, nobody ever got a break."

Even though none of the girls had a moment to rest, they never backed down, playing with even more intensity than they had in any previous game.

"They were being aggressive with the ball, which was getting us more hits," said Dooley,

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MID-COAST LAKES: Mid-coast lakes are full of trout and the fishing has been good. Many of the lakes have been stocked twice now and several others received stockings in mid-March. Here is a list of the lakes that have been stocked so far this year: Thissel Pond, Cleawox, Munsel, Mercer, Alder, Dune, Buck, Lost, Carter, Devils, Woahink, Elbow, Siltcoos, Eckman, and Big Creek Reservoirs #1 and #2. All of these lakes are scheduled to receive more trout stockings in April as well. **SIUSLAW RIVER:** Winter steelhead Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Siuslaw and is slowing down for the season which closed March 31. Trout

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