

Siuslaw News Sports & Leisure

Sports Calendar

April 27

- SHS Baseball hosts J. City 5 pm
- SHS Softball hosts J. City 5 pm
- SHS Track & Field at C. Grove 4 pm

April 28

- MHS Track & Field at Pleasant Hill 4 pm

April 30

- SHS Baseball hosts Cottage Grove 3/5 pm
- SHS Softball hosts Cottage Grove 3/5 pm
- SHS Track & Field at Siuslaw HS 4 pm

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
April 24 10:40am / 6.6 11:13pm / 7.3	4:47am / 1.2 4:58pm / 0.4

April 25 11:36am / 6.8 11:49pm / 7.9	5:35pm / 0.3 5:41pm / 0.5
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April 26 12:30pm / 7.0	6:21am / -0.7 6:23pm / 0.9
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April 27 12:26am / 8.4 1:23pm / 7.0	7:07am / -1.3 7:05pm / 1.2
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April 28 1:04am / 8.5 2:17pm / 6.9	7:54am / -1.7 7:49pm / 1.8
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April 29 1:45am / 8.5 3:12pm / 6.6	8:43am / -1.8 8:36pm / 2.3
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April 30 2:29am / 8.4 4:11pm / 6.3	9:34am / -1.6 9:27pm / 2.8
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Senior JJ Neece jumps for first place in the triple jump, landing at 38-5.5 on Wednesday.

Sailors run away with PRs at home meet

BY ZEAHNA YOUNG
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On Wednesday (April 21), Mapleton's track and field teams hosted five other schools in their league for their first meet of the season. In addition to the Sailors, the meet included Crow, Mohawk, Siletz Valley, Triangle Lake and Yoncalla.

With just six athletes competing for Mapleton — two boys and four girls, all of whom competed fiercely on the football and volleyball teams last season — the Sailors had a stellar day with many firsts and several personal records (PRs).

Said the team's running coach Lou Burruss, "We don't have very many kids, but the kids who are here are just doing a great job."



Mapleton sophomore Emily Neece throws the shot put for second place with a mark of 26-6.

The boys team came in second-place Triangle Lake (89 points), behind Yoncalla in first (109 points) and second-place

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SHS on track (and field) for stellar season

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Siuslaw High School held its opening track meet for the season at home on Tuesday (April 20), hosting Elmira, Bandon and Pacific. Both the boys and girls teams had standout performances, with the boys team coming in first overall at the meet with 248 points, and the girls coming in second behind Elmira (187 points) with 137 points.

On the boys side, senior Skyler Loomis had a veritable field day, coming in first for all three throwing events for the day.

"Skyler had a great day," said school athletic director and coach Chris Johnson. "Skyler has been a hurdler and a thrower over the course of his career, but we just decided that with the shortened



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Siuslaw senior Brea Blankenship and teammate Rylee Colton, a junior, keep pace in the 1500M event on Tuesday.

season, it might be better just to focus his energies on the throws where he's been pretty competitive. He looks like someone who could qualify for the state meet in two or three throwing areas and have a chance to place."

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Lady Viks unable to sink visiting Pirates

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In a hard-fought game against Marshfield on Tuesday (April 20), Siuslaw's softball team succumbed to the Pirates after the fifth inning, losing 2-13.

Maggie Manning was the starting pitcher for the Lady Viks, with Adri Edwards at catcher. In the first inning,

Siuslaw was unable to score and gave up 2 runs early on to the Pirates despite an impressive — and rare — solo double play by Meika Shappell.

During the second inning, the Vikings continued to struggle at the plate, scoring no runs before giving up 5 runs to Marshfield. By the top of the third inning, Siuslaw was down 0-7.

Fortunately, in the third, Bailey Overton was able to pull out some major plays to get the Lady Viks onto the score board.

"Overton was the lone athlete with a base hit tonight that led to any scoring for the Vikings," said Siuslaw coach Sean O'Mara.

Overton was 2-for-3 at the

See VIKINGS 3B

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 shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

"Later"

When my grandson Miles asked me to throw passes to him, I went outside and threw him some passes. If I had said "How about later?" I would have missed out seeing the joy and happiness on his face as he caught pass after pass.

He even dove on the ground to catch a few of my errant passes to make me look good.

As we get older, it becomes difficult to physically participate with our children and grandchildren. If we answer their requests too often with "later," we may be asked fewer times until they may decide to not ask at all.

Unlike the "Are we there yet?" question millions of young riders ask their adult drivers, there is an answer: the arrival at the destination. But when you answer a request

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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 fishing in streams opens on May 22. 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. Lake Creek closed to all fishing on March 31 and will open on May 22 for trout fishing.

ALSEA RIVER: *Winter steelhead*

Winter steelhead fishing continues to be slow on the Alsea. The recent rain improved the conditions and the fishing picked up a bit. Overall, it continues to be slow and the run is winding down for the year as we head into April. Although it has been a slow year there are still fish to be caught in the system through the month of March. The Alsea River remains open to steelhead fishing through April and then closes on April 30. Trout fishing in streams opens on May 22. The later returning wild broodstock fish are providing the majority of the catch now and typically peak in February and March.

SALMON RIVER: *Winter steelhead*

Winter steelhead fishing closes on the Salmon River on March 31. Trout fishing in streams will open on May 22. The peak for winter steelhead

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Senior Lizbeth Garcia-Glavan at the plate for the Lady Vikings.