

Sports Calendar

May 22

- SHS track & field 4A state meet 11 a.m.
- SHS wrestling at Marshfield 2 pm

May 24

- MHS boys BB at T. Lake 5:30 pm
- MHS girls BB at T. Lake 7 pm

May 25

- SHS boys BB at Marist 5:45 pm
- SHS girls BB at Marist 7:15 pm
- MHS boys BB vs Mohawk 5:30 pm
- MHS girls BB vs Mohawk 7 pm

May 27

- MHS boys BB at Crow 5:30 pm
- MHS girls BB at Crow 7 pm
- SHS boys BB vs Marshfield 5:45 pm
- SHS girls BB vs Marshfield 7:15 pm

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.

Collateral Damage

The unintended consequence of the actions taken by one party onto another party is collateral damage. We hear the term used when civilians are killed during war. Although no deaths to individuals are expected, the ruling by the SCOTUS will kill the dreams of many non-revenue athletes in Division I athletics.

The greed of collegiate athletes in the revenue sports of football, men's and women's basketball, baseball and hockey will have negative results on thousands of college and high school athletes.

The United States Olympic Team may no longer dominate if non-revenue sports are eliminated to help pay the athletes demanding compensation for them. In the 2016 Rio summer Olympics over 100 medals were earned by current or former NCAA athletes.

We do not yet know how much money will be needed to "pay" these college athletes. We do know their sports generate enough revenue to support and make available multiple non-revenue sports. Many of these sports are included in the Olympic Games.

NCAA athletes use scholarships and competition to become world class athletes who go on to represent the United States in the Olympic summer and winter games. Sports such as gymnastics, fencing, skiing, swimming and diving, volleyball and many others may be cut so we can watch another slam dunk or a touchdown or a hockey goal.

If you are in high school and are hoping for a scholarship to continue your education and participation in a non-revenue sport, this ruling by the SCOTUS will impact you as well. There may be insufficient funds to have your sport. We saw how quickly many universities dropped sports just last year when COVID eliminated the March Madness basketball tournament and the money they would have received — money

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ZEAHNA YOUNG/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siusaw junior Izacc Mattson goes for a layup against North Bend last Wednesday night.

Viks on course for standout season

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

This week, the Vikings' basketball team opened the season with two big wins, the first being a close call that led to a well-deserved victory against Pleasant Hill — and the second being a handily won game against North Bend.

Coach Dylan Perry discussed how last year's performance and the pandemic have affected his

team in the preseason and the start of this school year's season four.

"Last year, we improved a lot from the year before," said Perry. "We made it to a playoff game, which was a good accomplishment for our young group of kids, and we're basically re-turning everyone off of our team from last year, minus one or two seniors."

Like the girls' basketball team and the wrestling team, Perry

has had to deal with season over-lap affecting his team composition this year.

"It's a little weird this week with it being our first official week of basketball season, and we're missing at least half of our kids that are still in spring sports," Perry explained. "So, we're working on fundamentals, trying to slowly get everybody back into basketball shape, and

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Lady Viks bitten by visiting Bulldogs

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

The Lady Vikings' basketball team started their first week of competitions this week with a non-league home game against North Bend on Wednesday (May 19). Although the Bulldogs took the win 43-15, coach Ashlee Cole explained that she had expected to struggle a bit as the team got started this season.

"I am excited for the season," said Cole. "I knew coming into this first week of non-league games that it was going to be tough for us because we are missing four girls, two of which are our other seniors, Brea Blankenship and Gracie Freudenthal."



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Sophomore Haylee Cole and freshman Iriena Khufu fight one of the Lady Bulldogs for a re-bounce.

Blankenship and Freudenthal are still competing for Siuslaw's track team, with their fi-

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Mapleton Sailors chart challenging course for new season

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

On Tuesday (May 18), Mapleton played its first boys basketball game of the season away at Siletz. The Sailors battled until the very end, playing the final 4 minutes of the game with only four players after getting into foul trouble, but the Warriors came out victorious, winning 50-32.

Said Sailor coach Eric Wolgamott, "It was the first game of the year, so I didn't really know what to expect." Since the Sailors currently only have five players



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Senior JJ Neece drives to the hoop while heavily contested.

on the team, they don't have enough players to run a full game-style practice.

"You have to do the best you can with certain drills," he said, "but it's not going to be the same as in-game intensity."

The Sailors started the game matched up fairly even with the Warriors.

"I felt like both teams were kind of feeling each other out in a sense," said Wolgamott. "We were able to stick with them for most of the quarter, but they went on a little run for the last

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Siuslaw wrestling team ready to pin return to state mats

By ZEAHNA YOUNG
SIUSLAW NEWS

"We have a very special team this year; it is one of the finest groups I have ever coached. Just so focused, so attentive, a lot of maturity on the team — and we have some great leadership," Siuslaw wrestling coach Neil Wartnik said of his 2021.

According to Wartnik, "We happen to be in one of the toughest conferences in the state, so that also challenges us. It's a lot

easier to get your people to state being in a tough conference."

Unlike other sports, with wrestling, a school must qualify athletes out of conference in order to be able to wrestle at state competitions.

But Wartnik explained it's a double-edged sword.

"On the one hand, wrestling great people all the time makes you better. But on the other hand, wrestling great people, you may not qualify for those big tournaments at the end of

the sea-son."

Wartnik, who has been coaching at Siuslaw for over 20 years, as well as teaching English, a college writing sequence, mythology and a great deal more, notes that keeping perspective of his real goals as a Vikings educator and mentor is a large focus.

"I just try to remember that more important than how we do on the scoreboard is how we do with our kids," he explained. "How we do at being a team of unity and like-mindedness

— those are always important goals, for me and for our coaching staff to keep the focus right."

Last year, Wartnik's team was quite successful, with several athletes going to state on both the boys and girls squads.

The team won the highly competitive Sutherlin tournament and did well in many of its duals. According to Wartnik, he estimates they had close to a 60 percent win-loss record in duals

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
May 22 9:18pm / 5.6 9:48pm / 7.2	3:32am / 1.4 3:25pm / 0.9

May 23 10:25am / 5.9 10:29pm / 7.8	4:26am / 0.4 4:15pm / 1.2
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May 24 11:27am / 6.1 11:09pm / 8.3	5:16am / -0.7 5:04pm / 1.4
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May 25 12:25am / 6.3 11:51pm / 8.5	6:04am / -1.5 5:52pm / 1.7
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May 26 1:20pm / 6.5	6:52am / -2.1 6:40pm / 2.1
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May 27 12:35am / 8.7 2:14pm / 6.5	7:40am / -2.4 7:29pm / 2.4
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May 28 1:21am / 8.5 3:08pm / 6.4	8:29am / -2.4 8:21pm / 2.6
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