

### SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton  
*All events subject to change*

#### September 7

- MHS volleyball vs. Alsea — 6 p.m.

#### September 8

- SHS volleyball at Pleasant Hill — 6 p.m.

#### September 9

- MHS volleyball at Siletz Valley — 6 p.m.

#### September 11

- SHS Cross Country: Ash Creek XC Festival at Western Oregon University — 9 a.m.
- MHS volleyball vs. Myrtle Point at Riddle — 1:30 p.m.
- MHS volleyball at Riddle — 3 p.m.
- SHS volleyball at North Bend — 6:30 p.m.

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide      Low Tide

#### September 3

12:07 p.m. / 4.9      5:33 a.m. / 0.1  
11:04 p.m. / 6.1      5:26 p.m. / 2.6

#### September 4

6:14 a.m. / -0.2      12:42 p.m. / 5.2  
6:11 p.m. / 2.2      11:52 p.m. / 6.4

#### September 5

6:52 a.m. / -0.5      1:13 p.m. / 5.5  
6:52 p.m. / 1.8

#### September 6

12:36 a.m. / 6.6      7:28 a.m. / -0.6  
1:44 p.m. / 5.8      7:33 p.m. / 1.3

#### September 7

1:20 a.m. / 6.7      8:02 a.m. / -0.6  
2:15 p.m. / 6.2      8:15 p.m. / 0.9

#### September 8

2:04 a.m. / 6.6      8:37 a.m. / -0.3  
2:47 p.m. / 6.4      8:58 p.m. / 0.5

#### September 9

2:51 a.m. / 6.4      9:12 a.m. / 0.0  
3:20 p.m. / 6.7      9:44 p.m. / 0.2

#### September 10

3:41 a.m. / 6.1      9:49 a.m. / 0.6  
3:55 p.m. / 6.8      10:34 p.m. / 0.0

#### September 11

4:36 a.m. / 5.6      10:29 a.m. / 1.2  
4:35 p.m. / 6.8      11:29 p.m. / -0.1

# Siuslaw volleyball opens with a jamboree and a doubleheader

BY ZEAHNA YOUNG/SIUSLAW NEWS

This past week, Siuslaw's volleyball team dove into their season and dug out some wins in the process. The matches began with a jamboree at Sweet Home High School last Thursday, Aug. 26, where each team played one set to 25 points against four other teams.

"I was really pleased with it as our first look," said Coach Kari Blake. "I have a really good problem to have as a coach: I have a lot of girls that can play a lot of different positions."

With 13 girls on the varsity squad, and another 13 playing JV, for a total of 26 girls in the program, this is the first time Siuslaw has had a full varsity team in about five years. Currently, the school is still in the process of hiring a JV coach, and in the meantime, Kari has her daughter, 2021 Siuslaw grad and volleyball veteran Kya Blake, helping her as a volunteer coach.

The Lady Viks began the jamboree by defeating Philomath first.

"We had our two freshmen that are on varsity this year starting, and I thought for their very first time out as freshmen and on varsity, they really held their own," said Kari.

Freshmen Rhianna Lane and Mylee Blake, the coach's daughter, stand right around 6 feet tall, which adds a great deal of height to the team. Even better, they have three more years to grow with the program at Siuslaw.

"They did a really good job of mixing with the older girls," Kari said. "But I struggle to highlight any one particular athlete; they really all worked well together. I didn't have any major standouts, and I didn't have any girls that did poorly at all."

After Philomath, Siuslaw handily beat North Marion.

"It was, again, a real team effort," said Kari. "We do have two new

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Siuslaw Volleyball played Sweet Home High School's jamboree on Aug. 26 and a double-header at Sutherlin High School on Aug. 31. (Photos by Jenny Alberty)



## VIKINGS SECURE FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON



PHOTO BY BECKY HOLBROOK

Sophomore Dylan Jensen scores the first goal for the Siuslaw Vikings in a 4-1 non-league victory over Creswell on Sept. 1. Read more in the Wednesday edition of the *Siuslaw News*. The Siuslaw soccer game planned at North Bend on Monday, Sept. 6, has been cancelled.

## Time Out

By Coach Lloyd Little

Retired teacher, coach & 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.*

### "Let's Play For Fun"

In my world, playing for fun does not exist. From my first day playing marbles on the playground of Sunset Elementary until yesterday playing chess against my grandson, I play to win. Winning is fun. Any competitor will be hard pressed to "play for fun."

There are two moments in time when I have not played to win. The first was when my children were young and learning a

game. The second time is now, with my grandchildren. If you beat them too many times, they will get discouraged and maybe not want to play later.

After decades of competitive boardgame play, the makers of boardgames have come up with cooperative games, with players all working to achieve a shared goal. Everyone wins or everyone loses.

My grandchildren like to play "Hoot Owl Hoot." We try and get all the owlets into their nest before the sun rises. There are much more difficult coop-

erative games for adults. Once again, the goal is to get everyone to safety through cooperative moves and sharing supplies. Like many competitors, I think my moves are often better for success in these games, so when we fail to survive I am not happy.

My brother and I are close in age. This gave me a constant source of competition. So many times, our "best of three" became "best of five" or "best of seven." Neither of us wanted to

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