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Holiday Bowl, 1710 27th St. in Florence, is now closed after opening in the 1950s. Mike and Chris Lemhouse have owned the business since the 1980s and hope to see it reopen under new owners in the future. (Siuslaw News file photo)

Holiday Bowl closes doors

Bowling center owners hope to sell after over three decades in Florence

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

This week, the owners of Holiday Bowl, a Florence institution for decades, announced they have decided to shut down operations and are selling the business. With this closure, Holiday Bowl becomes the longest tenured business in Florence to close its doors since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020.

Countless people from the local area have bowled, shot pool, played video games or ate the legendary “Bomber” sandwich, since owners Mike and Chris Lemhouse took over the busi-

ness in the mid 1980s.

“If you want to know what we feel about closing, it’s sadness,” said Chris. “The people who played here were more than just bowlers. These were our friends. These people were like our family. We are really going to miss the people we’ve met through the years.”

The sentiment is returned by local bowlers.

“I’m devastated. I’m an avid bowler and when we chose a place to retire, it had to have a bowling alley,” said Donna Bingham of Florence. “What is doubly sad is my husband just took up the sport of bowling. For 37

years I’ve bowled alone, but just this year, Bob decided to play, too. We had a great time on the summer league. Bob had two balls drilled for him and was practicing twice a week. Most importantly, he loved it! We were so looking forward to the winter league.”

According to Mike, “The business was no longer sustainable. We can’t make it work and we think it’s because of COVID. League bowling is our bread and butter, and a lot of the league bowlers just weren’t comfortable coming in during COVID.”

Mike hasn’t given up hope for future action on these lanes. He’d

rather say he’s “moth-balling” things until he can find someone to buy the business.

The Lemhouses also own Reedsport Lanes and there’s already talk amongst Florence’s league bowlers that they will join leagues there.

For those without the option to travel 20 miles south, Holiday Bowl will be greatly missed.

After the invention of the automatic pin setter, the popularity of bowling peaked in the 1950s — when Holiday Bowl opened in Florence — and ‘60s, followed by a steady decline

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton
All events subject to change

September 8

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

September 9

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

September 10

- SHS football vs. North Valley — 7 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.

September 13

- SHS Soccer vs. Tillamook — 6:30 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

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

September 12

5:39 a.m. / 5.1
11:14 a.m. / 1.8 5:21 p.m. / 6.7

September 13

12:32 a.m. / 0.0 6:54 a.m. / 4.8
12:09 p.m. / 2.4 6:17 p.m. / 6.5

Vikings baffles Bulldogs with 4-1 win

Freshman Ray Brito Xilot scores two goals in Viking win

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Siuslaw Viking soccer team opened its home schedule with a thrilling 4-1 victory over the Creswell Bulldogs on Sept. 1.

Initially Creswell controlled the game, getting off eight shots in the first half, including the first goal to put Siuslaw down 0-1. That lead was gone before halftime when senior Jason Garcia found sophomore Dylan Jensen with a nice pass and Jensen tied it 1-1.

Viking goalkeeper Derrick Vanduch, sophomore, kept things tight with three saves in the first half. Garcia and senior Dante Galli also got off shots in the first half for Siuslaw and by halftime the Vikings had momentum in their favor.

Early in the second half, the Vikings took the lead for good. Freshman Ray Brito Xilot was fouled as he approached the goal, which resulted



Siuslaw Freshman Ray Brito Xilot was instrumental this week in the Viking win against the Creswell Bulldogs. (Photo by Becky Holbrook)

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Mapleton Volleyball loses league opener in tight back and forth battle

Team plans to ‘beat them at their place’ on Sept. 23

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

Eddyville d Mapleton, 25-17, 18-25, 27-25, 14-25, 12-15

The Mapleton High School volleyball team fought hard but came up just short in a five-set loss to Eddyville Charter at home on Aug. 31. This was the opening game of Mountain West play for both teams.

Mapleton started off hot. After senior outside hitter Opal Burruss single-handedly finished off the Eagles in the first set, scoring the final two points on aces, it looked like this could be a short night for the visiting team. However, those hopes were quickly forgotten when Eddyville took the second set

and forced Mapleton to score 27 to win the third. The Eagles controlled set four and finally squeaked out the win with a 15-12 win in the final frame.

“That night’s game was a fun game,” said Coach Molly Doolley. “Of course, we’d want a win, but we stuck with them the whole game and it could have gone either way. It was exciting. I like those five set games. It was so back and forth.”

Lack of effort was not a factor in the Sailor’s loss, which didn’t go unnoticed by their coach. “They were playing scrappy. They hit the floor. Watching film, I can’t believe how many



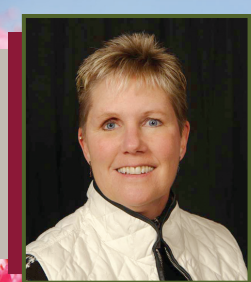
(From left) Tanae Robbins high fives teammate Helen Burruss during the Mapleton game against Eddyville Charter on Aug. 31.

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Hope you all had a safe and Happy Labor Day!!

For a re-cap of the summer activity of sales from June first, there were 144 sales of property. 110 were residences, 6 multi family, 3 commercial and 25 lots sold. That’s a tremendous amount of activity. We’ve seen a slowdown of new listings, but prices have stayed steady and interest rates are fantastic.

If you have any questions or real estate needs, please give me a call.



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