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SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton
All events subject to change

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.

September 14

- MHS Volleyball vs. Crow — 6 p.m.

September 16

- SHS Soccer vs. Pleasant Hill — 6:30 p.m.
- MHS Volleyball at Mohawk — 6 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

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

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

September 14

1:43 a.m. / 0.0 8:21 a.m. / 4.6
1:23 p.m. / 2.8 7:25 p.m. / 6.3

September 15

2:59 a.m. / 0.0 9:46 a.m. / 4.8
2:51 p.m. / 2.9 8:42 p.m. / 6.3

Klampe wins 2 tournaments in one weekend

Local golfer brings back excitement for youth golf in Florence

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

Florence golfer Ryan Klampe swept both age 14-15 boys divisions at two Oregon Golf Association junior golf events in Florence the weekend of Aug. 24 and 25, winning the Florence Junior at Florence Golf Links and also finishing on top of the Joe English Ocean Dunes Junior at Ocean Dunes Golf Links.

Klampe battled gusty winds at the Florence Junior at Florence Golf Links on August 24. He started off strong with a birdie on the first hole, then remained consistent, staying even on all but two holes to finish the front 9 just 1-over par.

The first hole of the back 9 gave him trouble. Facing a long par 4 with hazards on both sides, along with strong winds, Klampe knew he had a challenge.

"I was like 'don't go to the left' and 'don't go to the right'."

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Local 14-year-old golfer Ryan Klampe won both OGA junior golf tournaments held in Florence Aug. 24 to 25.

'We want to take advantage of every little thing we can in a football game'

Siuslaw football team plans to do things different than the rest

BY ZAC BURTT
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Like kids everywhere, high school athletes in Florence are hoping the 2021-22 sports year is something like normal. A full slate of games, the standard rules for their sports and high fives all should be back for this year.

Florence's football team may look like they're getting back to normal, but when they take the field this season, their opponents will find the way Siuslaw does things is different than almost any other high school team in the state.

Football teams do everything in their power to avoid turning the ball over to their opponent. The Vikings take it one step further. Not only do they want to

avoid turnovers like fumbles and interceptions, Coach Sam Johnson and his team have no interest in giving their opponents the ball, even on kicks.

"The game of football is as old as time and has been played, essentially, the same since the beginning," Johnson explains about the sport that originated in the 1860s. "Most teams play traditional football. They kick the ball to the other team. They try and kick it deep and then they play defense. We're different in that we treat kick-offs and punts like turnovers. We'd rather not ever give the other team the ball, ever."

Conventional football wisdom says on fourth down on your side of the field you punt the ball. Siuslaw has analyzed the numbers

and they see it different. As far as the Viking coaching staff is concerned if they punt 5 times, all season, that's too much.

"We want to take advantage of every little thing we can in a football game," Johnson said. "Why would I ever give the other team the ball if I can keep it and have another chance to score?"

What about after the Vikings score? The rules say you must kick the ball. That doesn't mean you have to kick it to your opponent.

"Normally, when you kick the ball off to the other team, you try to kick it deep, and you play defense. If we're kicking the ball off to another team, we're saying, in essence, 'Here you go, here's your chance.' In a competitive atmosphere, why would I ever give the

other guy a chance to beat me?" asked Johnson.

Football coaches are notoriously conservative. Whether it's to avoid embarrassment or just a firm belief in sticking with tradition, most coaches only inside kick when their team is trying for a desperate comeback or when their back is against the wall. Johnson and his team plan to do things different.

"We go into each game with an analytical approach. Why wouldn't we inside kick the ball every time?" Johnson asked. "Let's say we recover one out of every three inside kicks. That means our opponent recovers the other two. If they score at the standard rate of 50 percent of the

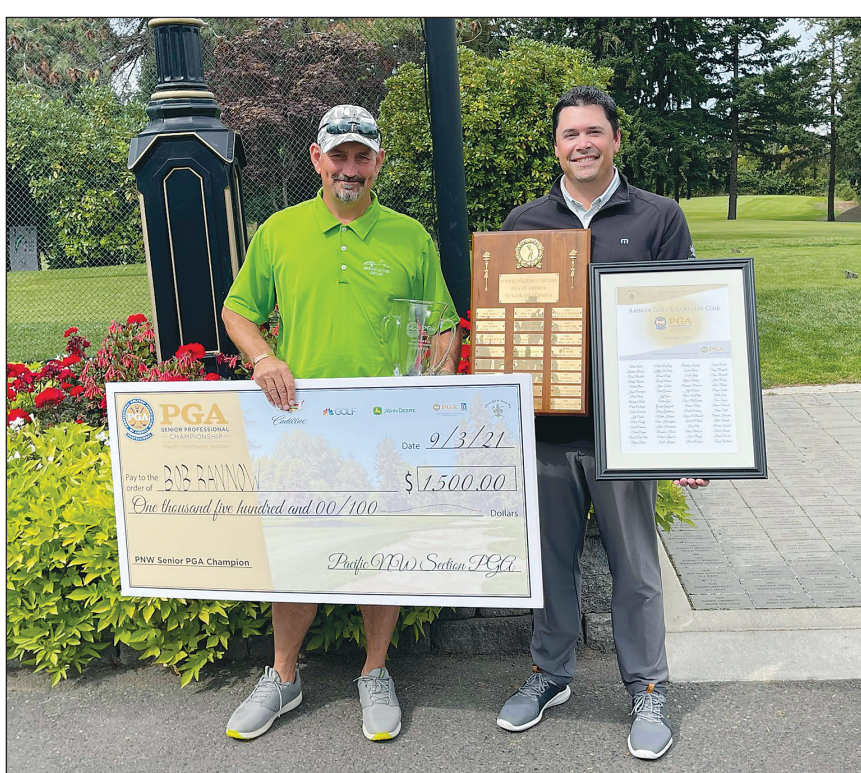
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Golfer wins PNW Senior PGA Championship

On Sept. 3, Bob Rannow of Ocean Dunes Golf Links in Florence won the PNW Senior PGA Championship presented by Cadillac and supported by Golf Channel, John Deere and the PGA TOUR by one stroke over Tony Robydek of Meadow Park GC at Rainier Golf & Country Club.

In addition to Rannow and Robydek, Mark Knowles of McCormick Woods GC, Greg Manley of Meridian Valley CC and Monte Hanson of Bend GC qualified for the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship presented by Cadillac, held Oct. 21 to 24 at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL.

Final results of the PNW Senior PGA Championship are posted to 2021secseniorpga.golfgenius.com.



Area resident Bob Rannow represented Ocean Dunes Golf Links on Sept. 3 in the PNW Senior PGA Championship.

Siuslaw JV downs upriver rival

Mapleton Varsity Volleyball hosts Siuslaw Jr. Varsity

BY ZAC BURTT
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Siuslaw JV d Mapleton 25-18, 25-9, 25-17

After Alsea cancelled their Mountain West volleyball match with Mapleton on Sept. 7 because of COVID exposure, the Siuslaw junior varsity team jumped at a chance for an extra game.

Sophomore Jolee Erickson rained down ace after ace for the Vikings and Siuslaw swept Mapleton 3-0.

Mapleton's game Thursday at Siletz Valley was also cancelled. The team has two games scheduled today in Riddle, one versus Myrtle Point and the other versus Riddle.

Siuslaw JV played at Pleasant Hill on Wednesday night and though they lost 0-3, varsity coach Kari Blake was pleased how they

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School Spirit

During the fall, there is a spirit assembly for each home football game. It is during these assemblies when you can get an idea of how much support your school sports programs have.

During homecoming week, there are spirit activities during lunch time each day. There is competition between the four classes each day. The mall

area is divided into four sections, with each class assigned a section to decorate for homecoming week. On Friday, there's a homecoming assembly filled with activities.

The students love it when the teachers participate in spirit week activities.

In 1979, more than 20 faculty members dressed up in black garbage bags representing grapes. We sang and danced to the music "I Heard it Through the Grapevine."

One year, during an air

band competition, the faculty presented lead singer John Risner singing "Johnny Be Good," with Mr. Affinito and Mr. Little on back-up guitars. The skit would not be complete until both back-up guitars did the "Back to the Future" backslide across the gym floor.

Homecoming week and spirit week are just two weeks in the school year. The real test of school spirit is in the number of students attending home games. Not only attending those games, but ac-

tively participating in the cheers led by the cheerleaders at those games. Players in the game will appreciate the vocal support of their fellow student body members.

Do not let a mask prevent you from attending and yelling support for your team. Each Viking and Sailor team member has worked hard to be successful in their sport. Your attendance and support may be just the thing they need to win the game.

Go Viks! Go Sailors!

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.