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Siuslaw News Sports & Lifestyle

SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton
All events subject to change

September 16

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

September 17

- MHS Football at McKenzie — 7 p.m.
- SHS Football at Sisters — 7 p.m.

September 18

- MHS Volleyball at Yoncalla — 6 p.m.
- SHS Volleyball at Sisters Tournament — TBD

September 20

- SHS Cross Country at Northwest Classic (Eugene) — 10 a.m.
- SHS Soccer at Marist Catholic — 6:30 p.m.

September 21

- MHS Volleyball at Triangle Lake — 6 p.m.
- SHS Volleyball at Marist Catholic — 6:45 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

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

September 16

4:10 a.m. -0.2 10:54 a.m. / 5.1
4:12 p.m. / 2.7 9:56 p.m. / 6.3

September 17

5:10 a.m. / -0.3 11:45 a.m. / 5.5
5:18 p.m. / 2.2 11:00 p.m. / 6.4

September 18

6:01 a.m. / -0.4 12:26 p.m. / 5.8
6:11 p.m. / 1.7 11:56 p.m. / 6.5

September 19

6:44 a.m. / -0.4 1:02 p.m. / 6.1
6:58 p.m. / 1.2

Viking opener is Knights' nightmare



The Vikings showed a unified front as they stormed the field of their first home game with the flags of all the United States Armed Forces. (Photo by Cameron Jagoe/Siuslaw Photos)

Siuslaw football victorious in first game of season

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw's football season began with high expectations, which came to fruition on Friday night as they beat North Valley 48-14.

Some preseason polls had the Vikings (1-0) ranked as high as #2 in the state. The team looked every bit the part as they built a 35-0 lead over the Knights (1-1) by half time.

Oregon high school football rules state that if any team takes a lead of 35 or more points in the second half, then the game will be played with a running clock. This rule was in effect for the final 24 minutes of the game and hastened a result that was never really in question after the Viks' first drive of the game.

The late summer evening's weather on Sept. 10 was perfect, and Siuslaw's players made a grand entrance. The entire team ran together onto the field in unison, hoisting the flags of the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard as they rushed the field.

Festivities then moved to a more somber

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Vikings player #8 Braydon Thornton, a senior, looks for blockers as he sprints for the end zone. Thornton had three touchdowns and one interception on the day. (Photo by Mike Smith)

Vikings fall twice on road

Siuslaw splits pair of non-league matches on the road, Mapleton Swept at Riddle

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Pleasant Hill d Siuslaw 23-25, 22-25, 25-17, 25-22, 16-14

North Bend d Siuslaw 26-16, 25-18, 25-22

The Vikings had a rough time on the road last week, dropping both of their non-league matches.

On Sept. 8, Siuslaw lost a tight game to Pleasant Hill. The Vikings won sets one and two but then lost the last three to lose 2-3.

Junior Desi Tupua led the team with 6 aces and 15 kills.

"Desi had a really amazing night. She passed really well and was instrumental in the front row. She knows the game so well and it shows in her play," said Siuslaw Coach Kari Blake.

A pair of freshmen also had great nights. Mylee Blake had 7 kills and 4 blocks and Rihanna Lane had 6 kills and 4 blocks.

Blake also highlighted the play of senior Zoe Alberty.

"Zoe Alberty was a leader on

the court the entire match. She did a great job at keeping the team positive and had great communication on the floor," the coach said.

Blake also gave credit to the team's opponent.

"Pleasant Hill was a scrappy team, and they were able to find the weak spots in our defense and used that to come out on top. It was a hard fought match by both teams, and it was a fun game to watch," Blake said.

"I thought all of the Siuslaw girls ran the floor well and we came away from the match knowing what we need to work on for our future games.

Siuslaw Volleyball also lost on Saturday night, 0-3 to North Bend.

North Bend is a much larger 5A school and presented quite a challenge for the Vikings.

"Overall, the girls played a really smart game and were able to run with North Bend nearly the whole match," said Blake.

Though disappointed by the loss, the coach was not disappointed by the performance of her players.

"Senior Hayden Muller had a standout performance in the

back row with multiple digs and perfect passes against a team with really strong hitters," said Blake.

Freshman Rhianna Lane also had an outstanding night with 9 kills and 6 blocks to lead the Vikings. Juniors Tupua and Hailie Outlaw also had good nights, with 8 and 7 blocks respectively.

Senior Alizabeth Norton had a great performance at the net with 5 blocks on the night.

Siuslaw is next on the court Saturday at a tournament in Sisters.

MAPLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Riddle d Mapleton 25-22, 25-15, 25-15

Myrtle Point d Mapleton 25-9, 25-13, 25-11

In other volleyball action, Mapleton was swept in two games at Riddle High School on Saturday. The Sailors, a 1A team, played up a division as both games were against 2A schools.

Mapleton lost 0-3 to Riddle, the home team. They also lost 0-3 to Myrtle Point.

The Sailors played Tuesday night versus Crow after press deadlines. Their next game is Thursday at Mountain West Conference foe Mohawk at 6 p.m.

Viks are off to the races

Siuslaw opens cross country season against Oregon's top teams at Monmouth

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Coming in as the favorite for the 4A cross country championship means that most races the Vikings enter they will expect to win. The first race of the season, the Ash Creek Cross Country Festival on Sept. 11, may be the only exception.

The race, at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, featured some of the best teams the state, most from the divisions above Siuslaw's. The top three teams from 6A for

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LOVE FLORENCE!!

So, last week I had to leave town for 7 days because of repairs to my building and there was no electricity. I went to my old stomping grounds where I grew up in Roseburg. My brother still lives there, he owns Overhead Door Company and The Blind Man shop. It was lovely to see him and his wife and see how times have changed since I left many years ago. I have to admit, I missed Florence. I've been here since 1979 and have never thought of living anywhere else. While I was there, it reached 90 degrees (Whew!) and was tremendously smoky a number of those days. It was nice to be home and breathe our sweet air!!

I do appreciate all the great things this small town has to offer...plus it was nice to sleep in my own bed again!



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