

Mapleton football program to take hiatus from tackle football



The Sailors — from left, Emily Neece, Mason Flansberg, Jeff Bernhardt, Keevyn Walker and Alex Burnett — were able to get some practice in pads in before deciding to switch to flag football. (courtesy photo)

With no seniors on squad, hopes remain high for 2022

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

After dealing with a low student athlete turnout, injuries and COVID-19, Mapleton

High School has decided to forgo 6-man tackle football and instead attempt to play flag football as a club sport.

Other schools around Oregon are also having issues getting 6-man football teams on the field. Many of those same teams happen to be on Mapleton's schedule for the 2021 football season. Their planned opponent on Friday, Sept. 17, was to be McKenzie High School in Vida, but they too are facing similar challenges as the Sailors, along with still recovering

from the wildfires that ravaged the McKenzie River area last summer.

This was to be the Sailors first season playing 6-man football after many years as an 8-man squad.

The Mapleton coaches hope this delay until 2022 will give the program extra time to prep for the transition to the new rules and strategy that come with the smaller number

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SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton
All events subject to change

September 18

- SHS Volleyball at Sisters Tournament — 8 a.m.
- SHS Cross Country at Northwest Classic (Eugene) — 10 a.m.
- MHS Volleyball at Yoncalla — 6 p.m.

September 20

- 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.

September 22

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

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

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

September 20

12:45 p.m. / 7.0 6:28 a.m. / -0.3
6:45 p.m. / 1.0

September 21

12:41 a.m. / 7.2 7:04 a.m. / 0.0
1:15 p.m. / 7.1 7:25 p.m. / 0.7

September 22

1:24 a.m. / 7.0 7:37 a.m. / 0.5
1:44 p.m. / 7.2 8:03 p.m. / 0.5

September 23

2:05 a.m. / 6.7 8:09 a.m. / 1.1
2:13 p.m. / 7.2 8:41 p.m. / 0.4

Cheesemakers score early and often, Viks fight hard to end

Vikings falls to more experienced Tillamook squad

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The Tillamook High School soccer team came to town on Monday night and didn't take long to show the home crowd why they are the #3 ranked team in the 4A division.

Sophomore goalie Derrick Vanduch managed to stop five of the Cheesemakers' shots in the first half, but his teammates struggled to find scoring opportunities on the other goal. Tillamook snuck in four goals early and the score was 4-0 at halftime.

Siuslaw's toughness was never in question, as the Vikings held their own against a very physical Cheesemaker team.

The team came out strong in the second half, tightening up their defense and holding Tillamook to just one more goal. Senior Kayden Lane took over in goal and saved four shots while only letting one goal through.

It had been 12 days since the Vikings had played a game, and some rust was evident, something that won't be a problem starting next week when Sky-Em League play begins. Starting with the opener at Marist, in Eugene, on Sept. 20, Siuslaw will play two games every week, through the end of the season, on Mondays and Wednesdays.



Siuslaw junior midfielder #11 Kayden Lane eludes Cheesemaker defenders.

Though a loss is always tough, Coach Londi Tomaro looks at it as an opportunity to see what her team needs to work on for the next week before league play begins.

"Overall, our team played well and showed good potential for the rest of the season. We'll focus on first touches, controlling the ball in the air, and passing out of trouble," said Tomaro.

The highlight of the evening was the play of Siuslaw's junior varsity team, who got their first win of the season by beating

Tillamook's JV 5-2.

Tomaro said, "The JV team worked very well together. The forwards, especially, had great passing sequences throughout the game and capitalized on scoring opportunities. Also, freshman Sawyer Larson did an incredible job in goal and kept many of their shots out of the net."

Siuslaw was on the pitch Thursday night versus Pleasant Hill after press deadlines. The soccer team opens Sky-Em League play on Monday at Marist at 6:30 p.m.

Wild coho season opens on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch Oct. 1

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

As the summer wanes and the tourists start to move on from most areas of the Oregon Coast, spots like Westlake Resort and Darlings on Siltcoos Lake look forward to the annual fall boost of visitors when wild coho season arrives on Oct. 1.

Siltcoos and Tahkenitch, along with Tenmile, about 45 miles south of Florence, are the major coho producing lakes on the Oregon Coast and the only three lakes in Oregon where fishing for wild coho salmon is legal.

The coho, or silver salmon, is one of the five Pacific salmon species. It is listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act as threatened and only since 2003 have rules been in place that allowed catching and keeping the fish from freshwater fisheries.

From Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, each angler may take one wild coho and one wild coho jack per day and no more than a total of five per year.

Wild coho are identified by inspecting the fins and checking to see if the adipose fin is removed. Hatchery fish' adipose is clipped before they are released to the wild, permanently marking them to indicate they are nonnative.

When fishing was allowed by Oregon Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

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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.

Sport Immortality

Immortality can be achieved in several ways. The most common is biological immortality. That is, we live on through our children and their children. Sport immortality is only a small section of people who have achieved great things for the benefit of society.

An athlete may be remembered by the talent and records they achieved individually or with a team. For the past 65 years I have played, coached and watched thousands and thousands of athletes in

all levels of sports. There are names of athletes I will never forget. I may forget some of the reasons I remember their names, but they have become immortalized in my mind, if not in the minds of others.

As the Siuslaw High School 2021-22 sports season begins, I wonder if any one athlete will become one of the few elite athletes in the history of Siuslaw.

Will any of them play well enough to become a member of the Siuslaw Hall of Fame?

Becoming a member of the Hall of Fame does not mean they are immortalized except by the people familiar with Siuslaw sports history. Some of these names you may

recognize; Jeff McClellan, Joe Hill, Haley Hunt, Stephanie Osborne, Mary (Dodson) Robinson, Collin Cram, Ben Vooge and Rich Prater to name just a few members of the Siuslaw Hall of Fame. They earned their place in the Hall of Fame on the field, on a court or on the track.

I may be a member of the Warrenton High School and the Pacific University Halls of Fame, but my immortality will not be from a name in a hall of fame but through my children and their children. Few people outside the city limits of Warrenton even know I played at WHS.

In order to achieve sports immortality, an athlete must reach the pin-

nacle of their sport. Because I have made sports a principle foundation of my life, I am able to name multiple sports figures I think have attained sports immortality. There are too many in too many sports, so I will name one from several sports. If you do not recognize these names then your sports trivia needs an upgrade: Sandy Kofax, Roger Staubach, Michael Jordan, Jack Nicholas, Serena Williams and Mark Spitz. Maybe you could take a few moments to add some names to my short list.

There have been a few Siuslaw athletes earning NCAA Division

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