

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

Winter basketball season openers

Dec. 2

• MHS BOYS BB

AT POWERS

7 P.M.

Dec. 4

• SHS GIRLS BB

HOST COQUILLE

6 P.M.

• SHS BOYS BB

HOST COQUILLE

7:30 P.M.

Dec. 10

• MHS GIRLS BB

AT BROOKINGS

6 P.M.

TIDE TABLE	
Entrance Siuslaw River	
High Tide	Low Tide
Nov. 25 10:48am / 6.6	4:47am / 2.0 5:42pm / -1.4
Nov. 26 12:07am / 7.1 11:32am / 9.0	5:36am / 2.2 6:28pm / -1.5
Nov. 27 12:56am / 7.2 12:16pm / 8.7	6:24am / 2.4 7:13pm / -1.4
Nov. 28 1:45pm / 7.1 1:01pm / 8.4	7:13am / 2.7 7:58pm / -1.1
Nov. 29 2:34am / 7.0 1:47pm / 7.8	8:03am / 2.9 8:43pm / -0.6
Nov. 30 3:23pm / 6.8 2:35pm / 7.2	8:57am / 3.1 9:30pm / 0.0
Dec. 1 4:14am / 6.7 3:29pm / 6.5	9:58am / 3.2 10:19pm / 0.7

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Cape Perpetua begins ‘Discovery Series’ Dec. 5

YACHATS — Dave Thompson was a summer seasonal ranger in California’s Redwoods National Park. He lived an idyllic life in a trailer within the park, where most evenings he’d set out a chair to observe the bear, elk and even mountain lions, which frequented the property.

It was a peaceful co-existence until the night Thompson found himself in the middle of a hunt, standing between a mountain lion and its prey.

Hear the harrowing story neither Thompson nor his audience will forget, while learning facts about the life and behavior of this secretive and often-maligned creature.

Thompson, the Siuslaw National Forest’s interpretive specialist, shares his story at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, as part of the Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series at the Visitor Center, three miles south of Yachats.

The Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series is an opportunity to explore topics and resources relevant to the Oregon Coast during the off-season months between November

and March.

All presentations and guided walks are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport or \$5 day-use fee is required within to the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

Upcoming Winter Discover Series events will include:

- Dec. 19, at 2 p.m. — Old-Growth Forest Hikes: Learn about the characteristics and ecology of coastal old-growth forests during ranger-led hikes.

All ages and hiking abilities welcome; no RSVPs necessary.

- Dec. 27-31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Whale Watch Week: Volunteers trained through Oregon State Parks’s “Whale Watch Spoken Here” program will be at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center and viewpoints throughout the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area to help visitors spot and learn about grey whales during the mammals’s winter migration to their breeding grounds off Baja, Mexico.

No RSVPs necessary.

For more information, call the Visitors Center at 541-547-3289.



PHOTOS BY NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS



Families find fun, fitness at fair

By NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

The Florence Community Parent Teacher Association (PTA) teamed up with the Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club (SABC) on Saturday to encourage health and fitness.

The two-program event included the PTA’s annual Fall Fitness Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Siuslaw Middle School.

Local organizations were on hand to promote exercise, good health and how to stay safe. Organizations that participated included the PTA, Coastal Fitness, Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue, the dental office of Dr. Tom Hunt DDS, PeaceHealth, SAPPSPA, the Boys and Girls Club and more.

For fun, there was an inflatable obstacle course, various activities and healthy snacks provided by the PTA.

Clockwise from top: Participants the 3K Civil War Fitness Challenge walk/run begin; an elementary schooler climbs the final stretch of the obstacle course at the Fitness Fair; children put their own spin on various exercise devices; and a young Fitness Fair attendee gets the eye from an anatomic mannequin.

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A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES

The coho salmon fisheries in **Siltcoos** and **Tahkenitch** lakes are just getting going. With some recent rain and big tide series fresh coho should be migrating into the lakes. Look to fish near the lake outlet and by the major tributaries that enter the lakes.

Casting or trolling spinners or various plugs can be effective.

Fishing for the various warmwater fish species is fair to good. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have both boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing is producing fair results with a lot of fish moving to the upper tide water reaches and above. Trolling herring, spinners or bobber fishing can all be productive.

The wild coho fishery is closed for the season.

ALSEA RIVER:
Chinook, cutthroat trout

The fall Chinook fishery is producing fair to good results for both bank and boat anglers. Recent rains have helped to move a lot of chinook into the good river bank access sections. Casting lures or bobber fishing is producing depending on the section and conditions.

The wild coho fishery is closed for the season.

SALMON RIVER:
Chinook, cutthroat trout

The fall Chinook fishery is producing fair to good for both boat and bank anglers. Recent rains have moved a lot of fish out of

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