

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

Nov. 30

- SHS GIRLS BB
HOSTS CRESWELL
6 P.M.
- SHS BOYS BB
HOSTS CRESWELL
7:30 P.M.

Dec. 1

- SHS WRESTLING
HOSTS REEDSPORT
6 P.M.

Dec. 2

- SHS GIRLS BB
HOSTS ELMIRA
5:30 P.M.
- SHS BOYS BB
HOSTS ELMIRA
7 P.M.



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New Mapleton girls head basketball coach Mike Murray jokes with players before practice Monday.

NEW COACH AT LADY SAILORS' HELM

BY NED HICKSON
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As the new head coach of the Lady Sailors' basketball program, Mike Murray has been making the 45-minute drive from Cheshire to Mapleton each afternoon for two simple reasons.

First, because he is admittedly obsessed with the game of basketball. And secondly, "I am thoroughly impressed with the kids and teachers at Mapleton," says Murray. "They all have big hearts. I love being here."

With nearly 30 years coaching experience, including four consecutive trips to state and two state titles as head coach of Lowell's varsity girls from 2004-07, Murray has seen all sides of the game — as a player, coach and even game official for 15 years.



Murray explains an offense with Alyssa West (right), one of five sophomores on this year's team.

"I think about the game all the time," laughs Murray. "I wake up at 5:30 a.m. thinking about how to improve what we're doing."

Murray is the first to admit that, in high school, he was naive about the sport.

"I didn't really understand it well until I got into community college," he says. "I had some raw talent and ability, but good coaching cemented my obsession for the game and the necessity of

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Annual state park permits on sale through December

Give the gift of the great outdoors this holiday season with an annual Oregon State Parks day-use parking permit.

From Dec. 1 through 31, visitors and holiday shoppers can buy park passes for only \$25, which is \$5 off the regular price. Passes can easily be purchased online at www.store.oregonstateparks.org, along with branded holiday gift gear, such as portable coolers, water bottles and baseball caps.

Parking costs \$5 a day at 26 Oregon

State Parks unless you have a 12- or 24-month parking permit or a same-day camping receipt.

The 24-month pass is \$50 and permits are transferable from vehicle to vehicle.

"Our December sale is the only time we discount the annual parking permit," said Lisa Sumption, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Director. "These make a great gift. Your family and friends will thank you for a year of unlimited playing, hiking and picnicking."

The Oregon Coast Passport is also discounted \$5 in December. The passport is a multi-agency product, valid at Oregon State Parks, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service sites along the Oregon coast.

The coastal passports are on sale for \$30 — regularly \$35 — in December.

The OPRD parking permits and Oregon Coast Passport can be purchased at major Oregon State Parks

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On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES
Holdover trout will be available in most lakes. Fishing for the various warm water fish species will slow as water temperatures cool. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes are open for wild coho until Dec. 31. Fishing has been fair to slow. Casting spinners near the weed lines and trolling plugs or spinners can be effective on fish that recently entered the lake.

SIUSLAW RIVER:
Chinook

The Siuslaw River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow.

Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river.

ALSEA RIVER AND BAY: *Chinook, steelhead*

The Alsea River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. Fishing is slow. Fish are throughout the bay and river. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

Steelhead fishing opened on the Alsea River on Nov. 1. Fish are entering the mainstem with the first entering steelhead near the town of Alsea. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

- Open for hatchery steelhead Jan 1 through Apr. 30 and Nov. 1 through Dec. 31.

- No fishing from a floating device upstream from Mill Creek.

SALMON RIVER:
Chinook

The Salmon River and bay is open for Chinook salmon. The run is near the end but a few fish are still entering the system.

Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

Parking can be limited at Knight Park during the fall salmon return. Anglers are reminded that from Knight Park boat ramp to Sulphur Creek through Dec. 31, angling is restricted to single point hook metal lures, fly angling, or salmon bobber angling.

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Nov. 30	
1:33am / 5.8	7:00am / 2.5
12:42pm / 7.0	7:45pm / -0.3

Dec. 1	
2:11am / 5.8	7:36am / 2.7
1:14pm / 6.9	8:20pm / -0.2

Dec. 2	
2:50am / 5.8	8:13am / 2.8
1:48pm / 6.7	8:56pm / -0.2

Dec. 4	
04:15am / 5.7	9:42am / 2.9
3:09pm / 6.2	10:17pm / 0.2

Dec. 5	
05:50am / 5.9	10:38am / 2.9
04:01am / 5.8	11:03pm / 0.5

Dec. 6	
05:50am / 5.9	11:46am / 2.7
05:06pm / 5.4	11:55pm / 0.8

Dec. 7	
06:41am / 6.1	12:59am / 2.4
6:23pm / 5.1	

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