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Mapleton senior Josi Hays confers with new Mapleton girls basketball coach Mike Murray. Hays is the team's only senior.

Coach

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learning the fundamentals early and well.

While coaching at Lowell, Murray says he became familiar with Mapleton and was impressed by how hard teams always played regardless of the scoreboard.

It was for that reason and the desire to return to coaching after a two-year hiatus that Murray jumped at the opportunity to coach the Lady Sailors when it came along.

"I looked at this as a welcome challenge and an opportunity to give something to a group of kids I'm really impressed by," says Murray, who interviewed for the job with Mapleton Athletic Director Aaron Longo.

"By the end of our interview he asked if I would accept the job," Murray says of their meeting. "I told him absolutely. I'm here for the long haul."

Longo is equally pleased with Murray's decision to take the Lady Sailors' helm.

"We feel extremely fortunate to have a coach of his caliber and experience taking over the program," said Longo. "And the kids have responded really well. They're excited to have him as their coach."

Murray's biggest challenge

will be fleshing out a thin roster of just six players at this point. Among them are three players who are new to the game of basketball.

Leading the Lady Sailors on the hardwood will be its only senior, Josi Hays, along with five sophomores, including returners Alyssa West, Erin Michael and Haley Wells.

"Obviously, we're hoping to expand our roster before league begins," says Murray. "In the meantime, we're focusing on fundamentals, developing good habits and setting individual thresholds that we can measure each day."

"Basketball isn't an easy sport to learn, but these girls are improving every single day."

It's something that Murray says makes the 45-minute commute more than worth it.

"We might be few, but we are mighty," says Murray. "They want to improve and I want to help get them there."

The Sailors will kick off pre-season play this Friday, when they will compete in the two-day Yoncalla Invitational.

Appropriately enough, the first team they'll be playing? Lowell.

The Sailors will take on the Red Devils Friday at 3 p.m., then play again Saturday at 6 p.m.

Oregon State Parks now offering online gift buying opportunity

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) now has a new line of gift gear designed to add style and function to any outdoor adventure at www.oregonstateparksstore.com.

Browse for essentials like

baseball caps, water bottles, portable coolers, a pocket knife, a picnic blanket and even a set of telescoping skewers for toasting marshmallows.

Merchandise is on sale now and supplies are limited.

Fishing

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SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook

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

Fish are throughout the bay and river. Trolling herring in the lower bay is an effective technique. Eggs and bobber or drifting eggs can be productive in the upper bay and river as the season progresses.

Consult the regulations for changes in deadline locations through the season.

Steelhead fishing is slow. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective. For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

WILSON RIVER: Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing is fair on the Wilson River. The Wilson has fished well for fall Chinook this season, and although things will probably start to slow down toward the end of the month, there are still some good fish coming in.

Keep an eye on the weather and River conditions. All of the usual techniques, such as bobber fishing, divers and bait, and back bouncing should be effective.

Although it's still a little early, Thanksgiving is time to start thinking about winter steelhead on the lower Wilson. This basin has some early returning hatchery fish and they should start trickling in towards the end of the month.

YAQUINA RIVER: Chinook

The Yaquina 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 as the season progresses.

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout

Rainbow trout were stocked in Upper Empire, Bradley, Saunders, Powers and Butterfield lakes last month.

Anglers have been catching lots of trout on Powerbait, flies, or by trolling spinners. This was the last stocking of these lakes until the spring.

Trout anglers are also catching trout in Eel and Tenmile lakes. Trolling wedding ring spinners tipped with a night-crawler has been really effective.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: CLOSED

The South Umpqua is closed through Nov. 30 to protect spawning fall Chinook salmon.

WINCHESTER BAY:

Bottomfish, perch
Fishing for bottom fish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, yellow perch, coho

Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are now closed until May 22, 2017.
Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes is open all year.

There is no wild coho fishery in Tenmile Lakes this fall.

Largemouth bass fishing has been decent over the past couple weeks. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using spinner baits, jigs, or rubber worms.

Fishing for yellow perch has picked up in Tenmile Lakes. Anglers have been catching a few yellow perch measuring 14 to 15-inches long.

Worms fished near the lake bottom work very well for catching yellow perch. Anglers should fish in water depths of 15 feet or deeper to consistently find the bigger yellow perch.

PACIFIC OCEAN and BEACHES: Bottomfish, surf perch, salmon

The ocean is closed for Dungeness crabs from through Nov. 30. Recreational harvest of crabs is closed from Tillamook Head to the California Boarder.

Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. Harvest of mussels is open on the entire Oregon Coast. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

Recreational ocean salmon fishing from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is closed for salmon fishing, except the Elk River Chinook Terminal Season is open through Nov. 30.

Both the All Depth and the Nearshore Halibut seasons are now closed.

As of Oct. 1, fishing for bottom fish opened back up to all-depths.

Fishing for black rockfish has been good from Coos Bay south to Bandon. Fishing for lingcod has been decent.

The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2). Anglers can only keep 3 blue rockfish and 1 canary rockfish as part of their daily limit and there will be no harvest of China, quillback, or copper rockfish. Anglers may harvest 1 cabezon per day.

BOTTOM FISHING:

Fishing for bottomfish was limited last week due to weather conditions. For those few who did venture out, there was some success with lingcod and rockfish.

The recreational groundfish fishery is open at all depths through March.

ODFW encourages anglers to release all prohibited rockfish by using a descending device to safely return fish to a depth of 60 feet or more. Even fish that are severely bloated can survive after being released at depth. For more information and videos, please see the rockfish recompression webpage.

There's a new rockfish in town: the Deacon rockfish. Deacon rockfish is a newly identified species that was formerly referred to as the solid version of blue rockfish. What does that mean for anglers?

Nothing in 2016.
Every rule that refers to blue rockfish (like the daily bag limit of 3) now applies to blue rockfish and deacon rockfish combined.

PACIFIC HALIBUT:
Recreational halibut fishing in all Oregon subareas are now closed for the remainder of 2016. This year, anglers were able to catch approximately 95 percent of the Oregon recreational quota of just over 220,000 pounds.

The 2017 quota will be determined in early January 2017.

MUSSELS
NOTICE: Mussels harvesting is closed along the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of biotoxins.

Razor Clams:
NOTICE: Razor clam harvesting is closed along the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

This includes all beaches and bays.

BAY CLAMS:
Bay clamming is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border. Check the ODFW Shellfish website for where and when to harvest your favorite bivalves. Updated maps on where to clam.

CRABBING:
The last day of the ocean crabbing season was Oct. 15. However, bays, estuaries, and piers are still open to crabbing year-round.



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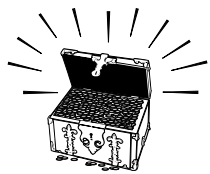
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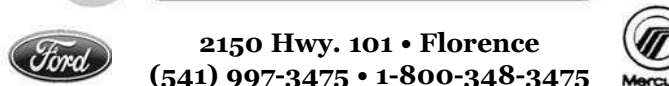
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