

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

Jan. 3

• MHS BB

HOSTS SILETZ
GIRLS: 5:30 P.M.
BOYS: 7 P.M.

• SHS BB

AT WALDPOR
GIRLS: 5:30 P.M.
BOYS: 7 P.M.

Jan. 5

• SHS WRESTLING

AT BROOKINGS
NOON

Jan. 6

• SHS BB

AT DOUGLAS
GIRLS: TBA
BOYS: TBA



PHOTOS BY NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Mapleton senior Hunter Simington squares up for a short jumper against Reedsport Wednesday night.

SAILORS LOSE BATTLE WITH BRAVES

BY NED HICKSON
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After a brief break, the Mapleton boys basketball team was on the road at Reedsport Wednesday night in the first of two non-league matchups this week before heading into Mountain West competition on Tuesday.

The Sailors opened the game with an 8-2 lead with 4 minutes left in the period, only to have the Braves storm back after a pair of turnovers and back-to-back 3-pointers tied the game at 8-8.



Mapleton senior AJ Foster takes advantage of a fastbreak opportunity.

By the end of the quarter, the Braves had sunk a total of four 3-pointers and taken a 21-8 lead.

"We started out strong but weren't able to defend against their pressure," said Mapleton coach Will Crook.

By halftime, the Braves had extended their lead to 35-13 and never really

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Celebrate New Year with free fishing, crabbing

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife wants to make it easy for anglers to kick off the fishing new year with a free fishing weekend on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

On Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, fishing, crabbing and clamming in Oregon will be free. That means no licenses, tags or endorsements are needed on those days. (Though all other fishing regulations apply.)

While many might not think of fishing in December and January, Oregon offers some great opportunities during the winter months:

- Recreational crabbing is now open along the entire Oregon Coast.
- The winter steelhead season is heating up.
- Some lower elevation lakes and ponds were stocked with trout as late as this month.

"Spending a day outside with the

family, enjoying Oregon's natural beauty, is a great way to spend a day together no matter what time of year," said Richard Hargrave, ODFW spokesperson.

There are some special considerations when heading outdoors during the winter months, Hargrave added. "Check water conditions and the weather forecast before heading out;

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Mapleton offering free basketball camp

Mapleton girls basketball coach Mike Murray will be hosting a free basketball skills camp for girls ages 9 to 14.

The camp will be held at Mapleton High School on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Players will learn basic fundamentals in a fun environment of learning and hands-on practice.

Come dressed with shorts, sweats and court shoes.

Parent or guardian must register players before participating and show proof of insurance.

RSVP by calling Murray at 541-359-9166.

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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 is open. Fish are entering the mainstem with the first entering steelhead near the

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Randal is a lovely 7 yr old kitty who came into our shelter when he was 2 months old. Randal is a quiet boy who likes affection and loves treats. He is sight impaired in one eye. He would do best in a calm house with no dogs or small children because of his vision. Come visit this sweet boy at the shelter today.



Looking for Love



Chyna & Chit Chat
Pictured left to right are two sisters, Chyna and Chit-chat. They are not a bonded pair and could be adopted separately. Chyna is a little more social

with people than her sister and both would love a calm home. They are also great with other kitties. These amazing girls are 4 1/2 years old and were brought into the shelter when they were kittens.