

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

## Calendar

### Winter Sports Openers

**Nov. 28**

• SHS girls BB at Mapleton 7 p.m.

• MHS girls BB hosts Siuslaw 7 p.m.

• SHS boys BB at Mapleton 7 p.m.

• MHS boys BB hosts Siuslaw 7 p.m.

**Nov. 30**

• SHS wrestling at Harrisburg TBD

### TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

	High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Nov. 17</b>	7:47am / 6.4 7:36pm / 5.5	1:03am / 1.5 2:07pm / 2.8
<b>Nov. 18</b>	8:27am / 6.8 8:39pm / 5.7	1:55am / 1.7 2:56pm / 2.1
<b>Nov. 19</b>	9:02am / 7.2 9:34pm / 6.0	2:42am / 1.8 3:39pm / 1.3
<b>Nov. 20</b>	9:37am / 7.6 10:24pm / 6.3	3:25am / 1.9 4:19pm / 0.6
<b>Nov. 21</b>	10:11am / 8.0 11:11pm / 6.5	4:06am / 2.0 4:58pm / -0.1
<b>Nov. 22</b>	10:45am / 8.4 11:58pm / 6.7	4:46am / 2.2 5:37pm / -0.7
<b>Nov. 23</b>	11:22am / 8.5	5:26am / 2.4 6:19pm / -1.1

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## SHS VOLLEYBALL STANDOUT JOINS WOLVES

By NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

Come next fall, Siuslaw High School volleyball all-leaguer and senior Makenzie York will begin running with the Wolves of Western Oregon University. After contemplating offers from several different colleges, York made it official during a special signing ceremony this past Wednesday in the presence of family and friends.

York, a 6-foot-tall middle blocker who led the Lady Vikings in kills and blocks, received her fourth consecutive First-Team All-League honor this past season. Her performance got the attention of WOU coach Tommy Gott, who recruited York to join the Wolf Pack.

Though Gott's contract as head coach wasn't renewed at the end of last season, York's mom, Wendy, said she still wanted to sign with the school because it offered a diverse list of educational opportunities.



This past Wednesday, Siuslaw senior Makenzie York signed with Western Oregon University, where she will play volleyball for the Wolves.

"Western Oregon offers programs in graphic design and teaching, and she's interested in both," said Wendy. "Makenzie is still excited to play for WOU's volleyball program and meet whoever the new coach is."

York's explosive play offensively and defensively during her four years on the court for the Vikings inspired the chant "Mak Attack" from the

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## TIME OUT

By Lloyd Little  
Retired teacher, coach and game official

With more than 55 years as an athlete, coach, parent and spectator, Lloyd Little has gained some insights and perspectives regarding athletics. In this weekly column, he shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

### Unwritten Rules (Part III)

Our American pastime, baseball, is filled with unwritten rules. Before I dwell into the many examples,

I would mention many of these unwritten rules are being addressed through a change in baseball rules. Since many young players are unsure of what is or isn't acceptable behavior, they are breaking the rules

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The tail of a migrating gray whale appears off the Oregon coast near Cape Perpetua last December.

## COUNTDOWN TO WINTER WHALE WATCHING BEGINS

Training for winter whale watching volunteers is set for Dec. 1 in Newport.

By NED HICKSON  
Siuslaw News

Just as this year's holiday season will be drawing to a close in late December, whale watching on the Oregon coast will just be getting started.

Winter Whale Watching Week will take place Dec. 27 through 31, during one of the best times of the year to spot gray whales off the stormy Oregon coastal shores. Leading up to

that time, during the summer and fall, whales feed along the Oregon coast from June to mid-November, during which time between 5 and 15 whales are spotted each day.

But come late December, approximately 18,000 whales will travel 12,000 miles south to Mexico, where they will give birth to their calves.

To help visitors make the most of the annual migration, there will be nearly 40 volunteers at prime viewing points along the Oregon Coast to help

visitors spot the mighty mammals.

"Whale Watching Spoken Here" signs will identify the volunteers, who will point out special behaviors, such as spy hopping, breaching and spouting, as well as discuss whale feeding, courtship and migration patterns.

To prepare for the twice-annual event, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) is seeking whale lovers to participate in

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## TEST RESULTS PROMPTS DELAY OF COMMERCIAL DUNGENESS CRAB SEASON

NEWPORT — The traditional Dec. 1 opening of the commercial Dungeness crab season will be delayed until at least Dec. 16 along the entire Oregon coast as testing shows crabs are too low in meat yield.

The ocean commercial Dungeness crab season in Oregon is targeted to open Dec. 1, but can be delayed to ensure a high-quality product to consumers and avoid wastage of the resource.

Crab quality testing in early November showed that the majority of test areas did not meet the criteria for a Dec. 1 opening. The delayed opening will allow for crab to fill with more meat.

A second round of crab quality testing will occur in late November or early December, and the results will be



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used to determine if the season should open Dec. 16, be further delayed, or be split into areas with different opening dates.

Due to elevated levels of domoic acid, crab closures are currently in effect from Cape Blanco to the

California border. This closure applies to both recreationally and commercially harvested crab from bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties.

Recreational crab harvesting outside of these areas remains open in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties.

In conjunction with the delayed ocean commercial season, commercial harvest of Dungeness crab in Oregon bays that are currently open will close at 12:01 a.m. Dec. 1, but may reopen if the ocean commercial fishery opens in December.

Recreational harvest of Dungeness crab in the ocean off Oregon will open Dec. 1 as scheduled in areas where there are no Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) health advisories.

Find the latest information on closures by calling the ODA shellfish safety information hotline at 800-448-2474 or by visiting the ODA shellfish closures web page at [www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosures.aspx)

Crab and shellfish products sold in retail markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers. The closure in the health advisory area ensures safety and the delay in the commercial ocean season promotes a high quality product.

Commercial Dungeness crab is Oregon's most valuable fishery. Last year's season opening was also delayed but still brought in the highest ex-vessel value ever (\$74 million) with 23.1 million pounds landed, about 31 percent above the 10-year average.

## On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION  
[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

FREE FISHING DAYS: Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 23 and 24) are Free Fishing Days in Oregon — days you don't need a license or tag to fish, crab or clam anywhere in the state open to fishing/crabbing/clamming. (Remember, all other rules and regulations apply.)

MID COAST LAKES  
Stocking of mid coast lakes stopped in early June, but fishing for warm-water species can still be good in several area lakes, including Ollala Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake and Tahkenitch Lake.  
SIUSLAW RIVER:  
Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook

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