

# 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



COURTESY PHOTO

Local paddling enthusiast Mary Nulty will be one of two presenters at the Dec. 1 Vision Quest finale.

## KAYAKING TO BE 'VISION QUEST' FINALE

The Siuslaw Public Library, in conjunction with Vision Quest — Live Learn Explore, will host two kayaking adventure programs on Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Bromley Room at the main branch of the library. Both programs are part of Vision Quest's "Get Wild" series and are the grand finale of the 2018 "Get Wild" season.

The first adventure program, "Kayaking Around Florence," begins at 10:30 a.m. and will feature local kayaker and photographer Mary Nulty.

An avid paddler of both kayaks and canoes, Nulty has been enthusiastically enjoying and photographing the area's lakes and waterways since 1994. She will share her

passion for self-propelled watercraft by highlighting favorite local paddling sites, recreation passes/permits needed to launch at each location, and by describing the different types of kayaks and canoes available and how to effectively transport them to a destination.

Nulty will also offer tips for safe boating including any tidal and weather impacts to consider when planning a local kayaking or canoeing adventure. The morning presentation will be full of valuable information for both the aspiring and experienced paddler.

The afternoon adventure program begins at 1:30 p.m. and will feature author Susan Marie Conrad whose book "Inside: One Woman's Journey Through the Inside

Passage" is a powerful memoir of her 2010 solo 1,200-mile kayak journey through the Inside Passage. Conrad's journey from Anacortes, Wash., to Juneau, Alaska, was full of physical and personal challenges, a journey that changed her life. Milbry Polk, co-author of Women of Discovery said of this epic journey, "It is a brave story. One of personal triumph, of heart break, terrifying challenges, soulful introspection and sheer joy."

Conrad has been involved in the paddlesports industry for 25 years. She teaches both on the water and in classrooms. Not only does Conrad explore the natural world from her kayak, she also hikes,

See **QUEST 2B**

## New 'Play Day' set for Siuslaw Region families, residents

Siuslaw Vision invites community members of all ages to attend evening of free fun, games and parks and recreation activities, on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. This event, "Siuslaw Play Day 1.2," will be held at the Mapleton Lions Club building, 88148 Riverview Ave., in Mapleton.

The free event is open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

Siuslaw Play Day 1.2 offers upriver residents a family-friendly evening of recreation games and seasonal activities. The event is in collaboration with the ongoing Mapleton Library Cribbage Club, and will partner with several other organizations, including the Siuslaw

Regional Aquatic Center, Mapleton Food Share, Florence Farmers Market, Pickleball Club and the Mapleton School District.

"Bored? Come play board games," said Meg Spencer, Siuslaw Vision Keepers co-chair. "Play Day 1.2 is perfect for families and people of all ages. It's going to be super fun. You can even take a #SiuslawSantaSelfie."

During the two-hour event, kids of all ages can decorate gingerbread cookies, take selfies with Santa, play board games and enjoy other activities. A short survey will also be available, to gather community input on what programs and facilities are desired for parks and recreation services in the Siuslaw region. Partner organizations will be shar-

ing information and updates, such as Food Share happenings and planning for the future Mapleton Pre-school.

As a bonus, a free pickleball clinic and play session will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Mapleton School District Playshed, on East Mapleton Road near Mapleton High School. John Griffin, U.S. Pickleball Association ambassador, will provide instruction and all equipment.

"Come on down and play pickleball with us," said Griffin. The play shed was recently lined to include a pickleball court. No experience is necessary.

Siuslaw Play Day 1.2 follows a

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## On the Bite

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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 warmwater species can still be good in several area lakes, including Ollala Reservoir, Mercer Lake, Siltcoos Lake and Tahkenitch Lake.

**SIUSLAW RIVER:** Fall Chinook, winter steelhead

Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, Fall Chinook fishing on the Siuslaw remains closed upstream of the Tiernan boat ramp (downstream of Mapleton). Below the deadline the bag limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 from Nov. 1 through the remainder of the season. Chinook fishing continues to be slow in the open area.

All wild coho must be released for the 2018 fall salmon season.

Lake Creek, a tributary of the Siuslaw River, is closed for the 2018 fall salmon season.

Trout fishing closed Nov. 1.

Winter steelhead fishing will open on Dec. 1 and fish will start entering the Siuslaw system throughout the month of December.

**ALSEA RIVER:** Fall Chinook, winter steelhead

Due to lower than expected returns and conservation concerns, fall Chinook fishing is closed on the Alsea upstream of the Hwy. 34 bridge. Below the deadline the bag limit for fall Chinook is reduced to one adult Chinook per day and a limit of 3 from Nov. 1 through the remainder of the season. Very few fish are being caught below the deadline and fishing continues to be very slow.

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Winter steelhead fishing is just around the corner. The Alsea River is known for its early returning component that usually gets

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## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<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
<b>Nov. 24</b> 12:45am / 6.8 12:01pm / 8.6	6:08am / 2.6 7:02pm / -1.3
<b>Nov. 25</b> 1:33am / 6.9 12:43pm / 8.5	7:42am / 3.1 7:47pm / -1.3
<b>Nov. 25</b> 2:24am / 6.8 1:29pm / 8.3	7:42am / 3.1 8:36pm / -1.1
<b>Nov. 26</b> 3:19am / 6.7 2:22pm / 7.9	8:38am / 3.3 9:29pm / -0.7

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## Warm Wishes at Thanksgiving

As I celebrate the many blessings we've been so lucky to enjoy this year, we count good friends and clients like you among them.

May you enjoy laughter and happiness around the table this Thanksgiving and an abundance of good fortune to last all year!

Thank You & Happy Thanksgiving!

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