

BUILDING ATHLETIC MOMENTUM IN MAPLETON

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Jack is still trying to figure out if he likes basketball.

“I like that it’s hit or miss,” he said. “It’s a hit or miss thing. When you hit it, it feels good when you shoot the ball.”

But missing isn’t a problem for the soon-to-be fifth grader.

“It feels encouraging to do it more,” he said.

Jack had been doing drills for the

past three hours at the newly established Mapleton School District Basketball Camp. The coaches were just getting lunch ready, and the group of students — all between from first to fifth grade — were winding down.

“Basketball can be fun,” Jack said when asked what he learned at the camp. “Even if you’re just practicing drills.”

“I like stealing the ball!” first

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Mapleton sophomore Opal Burruss (left) works with an elementary schooler on freethrows.

June 22

• Kiwanis Golf
Tourney
10 a.m.

June 26

• Florence Softball
5:30 p.m.
Lofy vs. Acc (North)
Beachcomber vs
Welton (South)
7 p.m.
ACC vs Beachcomber
(North)
Lofy vs Welton
(South)

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

June 22
3:24am / 6.2
5:12pm / 5.8

10:25am / -0.2
10:47pm / 3.0

June 23
4:11am / 5.7
5:55pm / 5.8

11:06am / 0.2
11:47pm / 2.8

June 23
5:06am / 5.2
6:39pm / 5.9

11:49am / 0.7

June 24
6:11am / 4.8
7:22pm / 6.0

12:52am / 2.5
12:36pm / 1.2

June 25
6:11am / 4.8
7:22pm / 6.0

12:52am / 2.5
12:36pm / 1.2

June 26
7:25am / 4.5
8:05pm / 6.3

1:57am / 2.1
1:26pm / 1.6

June 27
8:40am / 4.5
8:47pm / 6.6

2:56am / 1.4
2:19pm / 2.0

SWINGING INTO SUMMER



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The Florence Softball League season opened Wednesday afternoon at Miller Park, with two games scheduled each Wednesday at 5:30 and 7 p.m. on the north and south fields. Games will continue each Wednesday through Aug. 14, with the end-of-season tourney taking place Saturday, Aug. 17. Games are free and open to spectators, so grab dinner to go some Wednesday night this summer and come catch some adult co-ed softball action.



Cape Perpetua summer programs continue

Visitors to the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center can choose from an array of activities this summer. Events kicked off June 1 and continue throughout the summer.

Ongoing events this summer at Cape Perpetua:

• Mondays through Sept. 2 — Walk with a Ranger. Begins at noon at the Visitor Center.

Join, retired Chief Park Ranger, Michael Noack, for an easy to moderate hike where he will be sharing information about the local flora and fauna.

Hikes will last 75-90 minutes.

• Wednesdays through Aug. 28 — Under the Sea (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Visitor Center).

Oregon doesn’t stop at the beach. Take a deeper dive into the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve by joining Tara DuBois, Communications Coordinator for the Cape Perpetua Collaborative, for interactive exhibits at the Visitor Center.

At 3 p.m., DuBois will lead a stroll on the Captain Cook’s Trail to explore the rocky shoreline and marine reserve.

• Thursdays through Aug. 29 — Lunch with Dr. Jim Nechols, beginning at noon

at the Visitor Center.

Dr. Jim Nechols, retired professor of Entomology from Kansas State University, will present “Alien Invaders: Invasive Plants of Siuslaw National Forest” and “Self Defense 101 for Insects: Insect Defense Mechanisms.”

• Saturdays through Aug. 31 — Ranger F.E.D Talks, beginning at noon at the Visitor Center.

Join Siuslaw National Forest Field Rangers for a fun and informative “Forest, Explore, Discover” Siuslaw

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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. Each week, he shares what he’s learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

A Ripple in the Pond

It’s actually more like a cannonball in the pool. The NFL decided to further the study of marijuana for pain management for the players.

This decision has many ramifications. Will other professional sports leagues join? Will colleges allow marijuana pain relief use? What about the teams located in states where marijuana is still illegal, can players still use it? Who will prescribe the “pain” medication? How will players use it? Will they smoke it or use the oils and creams containing the CBD and THC pain relief qualities?

Gone are the days when a coach can tell a player in pain to “run it out.” The only pain modifier I used in my 20-some years of athletic participation would be ice. One of the first

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MID COAST LAKES

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes began the first week of February and will continue into June. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. These early stockings include: Alder and Dune Lake, Cleawox, Lost Lake, Munsel Lake, Thissel Pond, Mercer Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs, Ollala Reservoir and Devils Lake.

Warmwater fisheries are improving in several lakes around the Florence area including: Silcoos, Tahkenitch, Mercer, and Munsel.

SILCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES:
Warmwater species
Warmwater fishing has

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Local racer opens Pro 2 Series with tie for fourth

Racing in the first two Rounds of the NW Pro 2 Car Sand Drag Championship Series last weekend, Gary “G” Armstrong and his Florence Yamaha YXZ UTV ended up taking fourth-place tie in the championship points standings in the 11-car Pro 2 Class.

“I’m stoked to be in the top 5 in the championship points after my very first race driving a car instead of my ATV,”

Armstrong said of his weekend. “I made a lot of mistakes but I’m a quick learner and this is a better than expected start.”

Rounds three and four of the Championship Series take place July 5 and 6 at Albany Sand Drags in Albany, Ore.

The 10-race series runs through October with monthly races.



Florence’s Gary Armstrong is racing in the Car Sand Drag Series for the first time this season.

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