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## Sports & Recreation

### Calendar

#### Dec. 10

- MHS Basketball at Elkton  
Girls at 6 p.m.  
Boys at 7:30 p.m.
- SHS Basketball hosts Sutherlin  
Girls at 5:45 p.m.  
Boys at 7:15 p.m.

#### Dec. 12

- MHS Basketball at Yoncalla  
Girls at 5:30 p.m.  
Boys at 7 p.m.
- SHS Basketball at Harrisburg Day 1  
Girls at 8:30 p.m.  
Boys at 7 p.m.

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Dec. 7</b> 8:27am / 7.1 9:09pm / 5.5	2:02am / 2.3 3:15pm / 1.6

<b>Dec. 8</b> 9:02am / 7.4 10:03pm / 5.8	2:48am / 2.5 3:56pm / 1.0
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<b>Dec. 9</b> 9:37am / 7.8 10:51pm / 6.0	3:31am / 2.7 4:34pm / 0.3
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<b>Nov. 10</b> 10:11am / 8.0 11:35pm / 6.3	4:12am / 2.9 5:11pm / -0.2
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<b>Dec. 11</b> 10:46am / 8.3	4:52am / 3.1 5:49pm / -0.7
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<b>Dec. 12</b> 12:19am / 6.5 11:22pm / 8.4	5:31am / 3.2 6:28pm / -1.0
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<b>Dec. 13</b> 1:02am / 6.6 12:00pm / 8.4	6:13am / 3.3 7:08pm / -1.1
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## VIKS, SAILORS HIT THE HARDWOOD



JARED ANDERSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Siuslaw's Brea Blankenship makes the most of a fastbreak opportunity Wednesday.

## SIUSLAW TEAMS SHOW PROMISE

By JARED ANDERSON  
Siuslaw News

Newport d Siuslaw girls  
51-37

Newport d Siuslaw boys  
68-48

While the Vikings lost both basketball season openers Wednesday night, both the girls and boys team

coaches saw a confidence in players that has been lacking in previous years, pointing to a promising season of Vikings basketball.

After the Lady Viks lost by 14 points, the locker room after the game was still jubilant.

"As soon as we got back into the locker room after the game was over, they were all

saying that was the best they played in four years," Lady Viks head coach Ashlee Cole said. "They're all excited. They didn't have their heads down. They're ready to look for the next opponent and take them down."

Last year against Newport, the Viks lost by 40 points. It was the kind of deficit that

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JARED ANDERSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Mapleton sophomore Joseph Shephard makes a jumpshot against Lowell.

## SAILORS FULL STEAM AHEAD

By JARED ANDERSON  
Siuslaw News

Lowell d Mapleton boys  
49-32

Lowell d Mapleton girls  
59-19

Even though both Sailors basketball teams lost their season openers to Lowell on Wednesday night, the coaches and players walked away

with a sense of optimism for the upcoming season.

For the boys' team, the Sailors fell to Lowell, 32-49. Despite the loss, coach Eric Wolgamott sees a lot of promise.

"As a whole, it went better than I thought it would, to be honest. There's a lot of moments to build on for the future," he said.

The team was at a disadvantage at the beginning,

down two players with only six on the court throughout the night.

"But they all contributed, every single one of them," Wolgamott said. "I feel that Lowell jumped on us from the beginning, which was kind of a fear of mine — that the players would be a little shocked and get punched in the mouth. But I told them

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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.

### Is It a Sport?

After years of debate, the criteria for an activity to be classified as a sport must meet three criteria: A sport is:

1) A human activity involving skill and exertion.  
2) Governed by a set of rules or customs.

3) Undertaken competitively and capable of achieving a result (i.e., winners and losers)

In elementary, school my friends and I would draw a three foot in diameter circle in the dirt. We would all toss five marbles into the circle. Rock, paper and scissors decided the first shooter, with each consecutive shooter trying to knock marbles out of the circle. If successful, their turn continued until a marble either failed to cross the line or the shooters' marble left the circle.

Shooters got to keep all marbles they knocked out. The game ended when all marbles were out. This was my first sport and I won a box of marbles that year.

My next sport was four-square. I see by the squares at Rhododendron Elementary that the game continues today. The rules are simple: Catch a ball directed to your square before it bounces twice. If you don't you are out. I played almost the entire recess most

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### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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#### MID COAST LAKES:

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes ended in June. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. Some of the bigger lakes have "hold-over" trout and the fishing typically picks up in the fall when these trout are feeding to prepare for the winter months ahead. In the mid-coast these lakes include: Olalla, Big Creek reservoirs, Cleawox, Mercer, Munsel and Siltcoos.

Warmwater fisheries are slowing down for the year as water temperatures cool down.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be fair on the Siuslaw River. The river is low and clear and there are still some fish in the estuary, but it has been slow. Fish are still holding in the upper tidewater areas waiting for the next big rain event. Expect more of the same until we get some more rain.

Reminder: Lake Creek (a tributary of the Siuslaw River) is closed for the fall salmon season to protect the forecasted low number of returning

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