



Community & Lifestyle

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SIUSLAW RIVER: Cutthroat trout Fall Chinook
Fall Chinook fishing opens on the Siuslaw River on Aug. 1. Fishing is typically slow during the beginning of August but usually picks up by the end of the month. Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced. The bag limit for the Siuslaw River is 1 wild Chinook per day and 1 per year for the 2020 season.

Trout fishing opened in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) on May 22 and has great opportunities to catch a trout throughout the summer months.

ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook, cutthroat trout

Fall Chinook fishing opens on the Alsea River on Aug. 1. The beginning of August is typically slow on the Alsea River but things start to pick up at the end of the month. Anglers are reminded that due to low forecasted returns for the 2020 season bag limits have been reduced. The bag limit for the Alsea River is 1 wild Chinook

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Sept. 9 5:41am / 4.9 5:08pm / 6.2	10:54am / 3.0
Sept. 10 6:58am / 4.7 6:03pm / 6.1	12:25am / 1.2 11:50am / 3.5
Sept. 11 8:22am / 4.8 7:11pm / 6.2	1:34am / 1.1 1:09pm / 3.6
Sept. 12 9:33am / 5.1 8:22pm / 6.4	2:42am / 0.7 2:31pm / 3.6
Sept. 13 10:24am / 5.5 9:26pm / 6.8	3:42am / 0.3 3:38pm / 3.2
Sept. 14 11:06am / 6.0 10:23pm / 7.3	4:32am / -0.2 4:34pm / 2.6
Sept. 16 11:43am / 6.4 11:16pm / 7.6	5:17am / -0.6 5:23pm / 1.9



COURTESY PHOTOS

Shannon Graham began with a goal of raising \$500 to buy books for local students. The community had a bigger goal in mind once word started to spread about the project.

Blueberries ripen into book bounty for local students

This summer, for the Tenth Annual Power of Florence, Shannin Graham decided to sell blueberries to raise money to buy books for kids at Siuslaw Elementary School that were in need of books in their home.

"As a teacher, I know that kids need to have their hands on books in order to become readers and to continue to grow as a reader," said Graham, who realized that kids would most likely be participating in a distance learning model for at least part of the school year — and that could mean losing access to hundreds of book titles in their reading levels.

"A national statistic is that 61% of low income families do not have children's books in their homes," Graham said. "I had hoped to raise some money to get some books into those children's hands to start their own home libraries during COVID-19."

Graham's plan was to hopefully raise about \$500 and stretch that money to buy as many books as she could through First Book, a non-profit organization that sells books at deeply discounted prices to low income and Title I schools and other non-profit organizations.

"I also collected gently used books as well to increase the bounty of books. What I did not account for is the incredible generosity of the Florence community," said Graham.

Once she began advertising the upcoming blueberry fundraiser, Graham said people began reaching out and asking if they could make donations online. So Graham set up an online fundraiser through First Books so that donations could be tax deductible.

"It was an incredibly successful blueberry



The first round of books — 1,282 in all — will be handed out to students this Saturday.

fundraiser and online fundraiser, blowing my mind with overflowing generosity by our community," Graham said.

In the end, her goal of raising \$500 had expanded into \$6,700 in donations.

"I spent about \$1,300 on my first order," Graham said.

That first shipment equaled almost a full ton, weighing in at 1,847 pounds for a total of 1,282 books with a retail value of \$15,456.

With so much funding, Graham said she will be able to give students new books several times throughout the school year.

The first round of book giveaways will be this Saturday, Sept. 12, and will be serving 289 students. Each child's bag has new books that have a retail value between \$50 and \$70.

See BOOKS 2B

High temps signal renewed fire danger

Oregon will face extremely hot weather for the next few weeks, including along the coast — and wildfire managers are concerned about this forecast.

The return of high temperatures, low humidity and east winds can turbocharge even the smallest fire start. A smoldering campfire or an errant spark from a vehicle can become a raging blaze in minutes. And this at a time when firefighting resources are already strained in Oregon and nationally.

The last three weeks have been extremely challenging for wildland and structural firefighters. They have been working long hours in the heat for weeks at a time in an effort to contain the spread of the state's current wildfires and keep communities safe.

Many people across the state have had to evacuate or feared they might have to.

And the threat isn't over.

While the threat from dry lightning in Oregon lessens after August, human activity again becomes the chief cause of fires. So whether this September hot spell spawns new wildfires depends almost entirely on how Oregonians behave in the forest. Taking a few extra precautions while working or recreating in the forest can prevent most wildfires.

Make a difference by following a few simple tips:

- Operate ATVs and other motorized vehicles only on established roads.
 - Check your vehicle for dragging tow chains that can send sparks into roadside vegetation.
 - Don't park or idle on dry grass or brush — the hot exhaust system can set it smoldering in seconds.
 - Check current fire restrictions for the area before building a campfire. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed at any time of year. Or simplify your life by bringing prepared foods instead of trying to cook over a smoky fire.
 - Smoke only in an enclosed vehicle. Properly dispose of cigarette butts.
- If you see smoke, call 9-1-1.
- Always have fire extinguishing tools on hand.

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Sheriff's office offers safety tips during hunting season

As hunting season gets underway, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is offering the following safety tips:

- Hunters:**
- Check weather reports before visiting the forest. Dress properly.
 - Tell someone where you will be hunting and when you will return. Leave a written plan at home and in your vehicle.
 - Be familiar with the area

- Consider using electronic technology such as a handheld GPS or an app on your cellular phone that uses the GPS built into your phone. Such phone applications like, onXmaps. Personal locating beacons (PLBs) or Satellite Messengers are another electronic that will assist searchers in finding you if you are lost or injured.
- Avoid wearing white or

- tan during hunting seasons. Wearing hunter orange, viewable from all directions is recommended.
- If accompanied by a dog, the dog should also wear hunter orange or a very visible color on a vest, leash, coat or bandana.
- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the

- field.
- Carry a spare set of dry clothing. Use layering techniques to prevent moisture while retaining body warmth. Always bring rain gear.
- Carry a first aid kit and know how to use its contents.
- Clearly identify your target before shooting. Prevent unfortunate accidents or fatalities.
- Be alert when hunting



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