



Community & Lifestyle

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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NOTE: With the extreme wildfire risk this summer, hunters and anglers should check ahead about possible closures.

Trout stocking: These mid coast lakes are stocked in spring and/or early summer: Alder Lake, Big Creek Reservoir #1 & #2, Buck Lake, Carter Lake, Cleawox Lake, Devil's Lake, Dune Lake, Eckman Lake, Elbow Lake, Erhart Lake, Georgia Lake, Lost Lake (Lane County), Mercer Lake, Munsel Lake, North Georgia Lake, Olalla Creek Reservoir, Perkins Lake, Siltcoos Lagoon, Siltcoos Lake, Sutton Lake, Thissell Pond and Woahink Lake.

The first week of June was the last stocking week for the mid-coast lakes but there are still trout in all of the stocked lakes and these lakes will continue to produce trout throughout the summer.

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
Sept. 23 5:54am / 5.7 5:17pm / 7.3	11:12am / 2.9
Sept. 24 7:16am / 5.5 6:24pm / 6.9	12:31am / 0.0 12:26pm / 3.4
Sept. 25 8:38am / 5.6 7:40pm / 6.6	1:45am / 0.2 1:52pm / 3.5
Sept. 26 9:45am / 5.9 8:53pm / 6.6	2:55am / 0.2 3:11pm / 3.2
Sept. 27 10:35am / 6.1 9:56pm / 6.6	3:56am / 0.2 4:13pm / 2.7
Sept. 28 11:15am / 6.4 10:50pm / 6.8	4:45am / 0.2 5:03pm / 2.2
Sept. 29 11:48am / 6.6 11:35pm / 6.8	5:27am / 0.2 5:44pm / 1.6

Mile of smiles



PHOTOS BY MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

Participants in last Saturday's 17th annual Habitat for Humanity Beachwalk helped raise funds for the local Habitat program, walking the beach from the North Jetty to Driftwood Shores, where bubblemaking, kiteflying and refreshments were on hand.

Walking for a good cause

On Saturday, Florence Habitat for Humanity held its annual 17th Beachwalk. Participants in this year's event met at the North Jetty Parking, signed in and made their way approximately 1 mile to Driftwood Shores.

Along the way, walkers found special sea shells and hand-painted rocks hidden along the route, as a keepsake from the event.

The Beachwalk is one of the most important fund raisers for Florence Habitat for Humanity, providing financial support for building affordable housing for the community.

At Driftwood Shores, walkers were greeted with entertainment, giant bubbles, kite flyers and refreshments.

Social distance mandates and masking were in effect at the event and the final amount of money raised was still be calculated at press time.

There are still ways to contribute to Habitat as anyone that donates \$100 or more will receive a free 2020 Beachwalk t-shirt.

Go to www.florencehabitat.org/events and click on "Beachwalk" to find the link.



OPRD begins assessing fire, wind damage

The devastating wildfires that continue to level the Oregon landscape have so far burned about 900 acres of state park land, most of it undeveloped forest, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) reports.

Some parks remain closed due to windstorm damage, or their proximity to active fires. Twenty-four parks have been closed since Sep. 7, when rare, severe wind events caused wildfires to quickly sweep the landscape.

Given the scope and severity of the fires, the 900-acre toll was a testament to both luck and extraordinary first responders, said OPRD Director Lisa Sumption.

The heavily forested Collier Memorial State Park took the biggest hit, losing some 400 acres of Ponderosa Pines. OPRD Forester Craig Leech said that "although 400 acres is a lot by any estimation, the careful fuel reduction and stand improvement slowed the fire spread enough to be contained before major damage occurred."

Detroit Lake State Recreation Area and the Mongold day-use area on the lake suffered only minor damage from the Beachie Creek Fire. Local authorities, the Oregon Marine Board and emergency responders are working together to help safely retrieve boats that people had to abandon on the lake when they evacuated.

Nearby, North Santiam State Recreation Area suffered far worse damage. The fire burned straight through the small campground on the North Santiam River.

Several parks in the Willamette Valley and on the north coast are serving as evacuation sites, some in partnership with the American Red Cross.

"We are happy to help provide a temporary landing place for those whose lives have been uprooted by this wildfire disaster," said OPRD director Lisa Sumption. "We are looking forward to restoring and reopening our closed parks as soon as is safely possible."

OPRD staff are assessing damage and scheduling repairs, where conditions allow. In many cases, fires are still burning near parks, evacuation orders are still in place and air quality remains unhealthy.

OPRD asks the public to stay out of closed parks as restoration and recovery efforts take place.

"We are still very much in the emergency response

See OPRD 3B

Free workshop being offered to explain Medicare Sept. 29

The public is invited to a free Medicare Workshop on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. at Florence Events Center, 715 Quince St.

The hour-long workshop will be presented by Dana Dane of Futurity First Insurance Group. The purpose is to help explain the sometimes confusing and complicated federal health insurance program to anyone who

will soon turn 65 and enroll in Medicare.

"Medicare 101" will touch on the Medicare enrollment process.

"We will review Medicare Part A and Part B, as well as Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans and Medicare Supplement health insurance plans," Dane said. "Participants also will learn how Medicare Part D Prescription Drug plans

work and how to get help with the cost of prescription drugs."

The workshop is available at no charge. To register, call Dane at 541-997-1410. Dane, an insurance advisor, will be present with information. For accommodation of persons with special needs, call 711.

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Fall is here! It seemed that summer just zoomed by. Town was extremely busy, lots of tourists!

More than I've seen in a long time. I guess people were feeling pinned in and needed some escape. At least local businesses got some much needed business. Now we settle into balmy weather and golden leaves falling. I do love this time of year. Hopefully soon the fires will be out and Covid-19 will be a thing of the past!

Business at Coldwell has been brisk. Everytime a new listing comes online it gets an accepted offer. Listings are dwindling. If you are thinking of selling your home, give me a call. I'd be thrilled to help you!

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