

Community Lifestyle

ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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SIUSLAW RIVER: Cutthroat trout, fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing remains fair on the Siuslaw River. Some fish have moved upstream with the rains a few weeks ago and now there are fish staging in the estuary waiting for the next big rain event. Expect more of the same until we get more rain to move the fish around as the season starts to wind down for the

NOTE: Reminder, Lake Creek, a tributary of the Siuslaw River, is closed to all salmon angling for the 2020 season due to low forecasted returns in 2020.

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 in the Siuslaw basin (including Lake Creek) closes this weekend on Saturday Oct. 31. This is still a great time of year to target these often-over

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide

Low Tide

11:33am / 3.9

12:12am / 0.7

10:09am / 4.0 5:12am / 5.7 11:08pm / 0.6 3:40pm / 6.4

Nov. 8 6:15am / 5.9 4:58pm / 6.1

Nov. 9 7:10am / 6.1

6:23pm / 6.0 12:56pm / 3.4

Nov. 10

1:13am / 0.8 7:58am / 6.7 7:41pm / 6.2 2:04pm / 2.5

Nov. 11

8:40am / 7.3

2:09am / 0.9 3:01pm / 1.5 8:51pm / 6.4

Nov. 12 9:20am / 7.9 9:54pm / 6.7

3:01am / 1.0 3:53pm / 0.5

4:41pm / -0.5

Nov. 13 10:51pm / 7.0

3:49am / 1.2 10:00am / 8.4

Vicki Ambrosio (right), Teen Giving Tree program founder and owner of the Twin Lakes Store, along with assistant and program volunteer Karen Crowder prepare for last year's distribution party, which expanded to include 100 local teens.

Teen Giving Tree gets back to its roots

The program works to give Siuslaw teenagers ages 12-18 a Christmas they would usually not be able to afford

By Ned Hickson SIUSLAW NEWS

The lists for the Twin

the distribution of gifts safe Road. This is our neighborfamilies to attend.

Twin Lakes Grocery and Lakes Teen Giving Liquor store owner Vicki every teen in Florence a Tree program, now in Ambrosio said she is taking Christmas present, but units eight year, are often the a cue from other events by fortunately the logistics of same: Hair ties, headbands, hosting a drive-by distribu- making that happen is more nail polish, cologne, a phone tion party. In addition, the than I have available."

and fun for teens and their hood and about all our little store can provide for.

"I sure wish I could get

"I want to put the spirit in their hearts. Many don't have a Christmas at home, so this is it for them."

- Vicki Ambosio

charger, socks, underwear, a Giving Tree program will

area teenagers would like for slaw Valley Fire & Rescue's Christmas haven't changed, main station on Highway the way those requests are 101. being met by the Giving Tree program this year have.

"warm fuzzy blanket" — the down-size from last year's basic needs for any teenager. event, which was so large And while the items that that it was held at the Siu-

a big event like last year" said Due to restrictions now in Ambrosio. "But we decided place because of the corona- to go back to our original venue and to assure proper virus, this year's event will boundary of teens who live be altered in order to keep from North Heceta Beach

The Giving Tree program works to give Siuslaw teenagers ages 12-18 a Christmas they would usually not be able to afford. Last year, the program expanded its scope to provide presents to 100 "We wish we could put on teens with the help of local

This year, with a smaller

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Operation Christmas Child gift collection to begin

Florence Church is once again the area collection point for Opworld's largest Christmas project of its kind.

Florence residents, families, churches and groups can help spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes as

Evangelical Christmas gifts for them.

The gifts can include school supplies, clothing, eration Christmas Child, the toothbrushes, and toys for children ages two to 14 (no liquids, lo-tions, candy, or gum please).

> From the distribution sites boxes are flown to countries around the world, and then delivered to communities by

trucks, and even donkeys, camels or canoes.

This year's National Collection Week is Monday, Nov. 16 to Monday, Nov. 23. Florence project coordinators hope to collect at least 500 shoebox gifts this year. Florence Evangelical Church

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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 soccer exempt from COVID-19?

My wife and I take our dog, Traveler, on daily trips around the Florence community. We have been doing this for the last five months as a way to "get out of the house" during the COVID-19 restrictions.

As people started feeling safer and more comfortable with the guidelines and living with virus, we saw an increase in the number of tourists on Bay Street. In addition, as we drove Miller Park recently, we saw close to 200 individuals on and around the fields.

There appeared to be several soccer contests taking place involving different age groups.

It also appeared to me that the groups participating were no following the Oregon Health Authority for organizations having outdoor activities.

Word has it the organizers of these games — and there were organizers — tried to disguise these games as families getting together to play soccer.

Since the organizers decided to have teams compete, they should have been required to put into place the OHA-recommended guidelines for large group gatherings.

They could have limited parking spaces, prohibited large groups from congregating in the parking lot, enforced the six-foot physical distances for spectators, encourage hand washing and, above all else, mandated the wearing of masks by all persons there.

The organizers appeared to take no responsibility for the number of people arriving. They provided no monitoring of maintaining social distances when having groups of more than 10 people.

With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in Lane County and across the state, this activity should be held to the same standards of all other athletic organizations planning practices and contests.

Calling what took place "a family get together" is shameful in my opinion. I find it unconscionable for the adults of that group to knowingly expose the community to an increased risk of spreading the coronavirus at a time it is already rising — and within a community that has such a large at-risk population of seniors.

Cape Perpetua's fall 2020 Speaker Series kicks off virtually today

Enjoy a variety of free educational presentations hosted by the Cape Perpetua Collaborative. Guest speaker presentations will be held each Saturday at 10 a.m., from today, Nov. 7, through Dec. 19 (excluding Hoax or Apocalypse? holidays).

Fall presentations will include a special focus on climate change, Black Oystercatchers, lichens, Fivemile-Bell Landscape Restoration and gray whale migration.

All events are free and held virtually on Zoom this season.

The full series schedule can be viewed here. The scheduled webinars in the series include: • Nov. 7: Climate Change:

During this interactive pre-

sentation, Andreas Schmittner will outline the scientific evidence for recently observed climate change, human and natural causes, impacts on ecosystems and people, and possi-

Schmittner is a climate scientist and professor at Oregon State University with a PhD in physics from Bern University, Switzerland. He has recently written an open textbook, Introduction to Climate Science. Registration: https://tinyurl.

com/climage-change-hoax-Apocalypse

• Nov. 14: A New Kid on the Dune: The Unlikely Hybridization Between Two Non-native Beachgrass Species in the Pacific Northwest

The two dominant beachgrasses of the U.S. Pacific Northwest, Ammophila arenaria (European beachgrass) and A. breviligulata arenaria (European beachgrass) and A. breviligulata (American beachgrass), build tall stable dunes that increase coastal

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