



# Picture perfect

## 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.*

### Points of view

"Judge Judy" does not allow the litigants to testify as to how another person is thinking or feeling. She says, "It is not possible to know the operation of another person's mind." This statement brings to mind the multiple viewpoints that are present at every athletic competition. In my byline, I have been described as a teacher, coach and game official.

To this historical reference I would add athlete, parent and spectator to literally thousands of sports competitions. The life lessons and experiences gained in the process are unique to me alone. How I watch and interpret a competition can differ wildly from any other person watching the same contest.

In 1998, while watching my son playing quarterback against Myrtle Point, I turned to my wife and said, "Now I understand why parents can have tunnel vision when their athlete is competing."

My revelation went back to when my mom watched my brother and I play football at Warrenton High School. She said to us she only watched to make sure we got up after getting tackled in each game.

Like my mom, my wife and I certainly wanted our son to get up after each hit. However, the coach in me watched how my son was quarterbacking the team down the field.

As a coach, why did it take me so long to understand the emotional commitment of a parent to the physical and emotional well-being of their athlete? My tunnel vision that night was probably similar to hundreds of parents whose athletes I had coached.

The movie title "The Hills Have Eyes" might be akin to "The Stands Have Eyes," with the parents of athletes watching every move of their athlete as well as their coach.

There was a time when a parent became so frustrated at the lack of playing time for his son that he called a meeting that went all the way to the superintendent. At this meeting were the athletic director, school principal, district superintendent, the dad and myself.

I brought with me proof of missed practices, late practice arrivals and the lack of acquired knowledge to play the position he asked to play.

I was instructed to play this person in the next game even though doing this was contrary to all my coaching instincts. He had not earned the right to be moved ahead of a more dedicated and harder-working player.

But I started him anyway as instructed.

I would like to tell you he was beaten on a touchdown pass on the first play, but it took *three* costly plays for the receiver and quarterback to connect on that pass. Essentially, I let down 10 other players when I started an underserving player on the field.

Parents do not always see the short comings of their own children. It is the unbiased and knowledgeable coach who should make the call on who plays — and who does not.

It would be the last time in my 15 future years of coaching I would allow myself to be



First place photo submitted by Dolly Brock, titled 'A Gal and Her Pup in the Siuslaw Mist'

The Siuslaw Watershed Council announced the winners of its recent Fall Photo Contest. The theme of the contest was "Water" and there were more than 30 entries, which represented many different and beautiful aspects of the Siuslaw Watershed.

The first place photo, "A Gal and Her Pup in the Siuslaw Mist," was submitted by Dolly Brock. Second place went to

Jane Pittenger for her photo "Milky Way Over Cleawox."

Tres Tucker placed third with his photo titled "Genesis."

The SWC plans to conduct a photo contest each season, with the upcoming winter contest themed "Birds," commemorating the winter/Christmas bird count that occurs each year conducted by the local Audubon Society.

The winter photo contest

deadline is Jan. 31, 2021.

The SWC is a non-profit, member-based, community organization that depends on membership in order to serve and represent our community and conduct watershed restoration and education.

For more information about the SWC or its photo contests, visit [www.siuslaw.org/congrats-fall-2020-photo-contest-winners](http://www.siuslaw.org/congrats-fall-2020-photo-contest-winners).



Second place photo submitted by Jane Pittenger, titled 'Milky Way Over Cleawox'



Third place photo submitted by Tres Tucker, titled 'Genesis'

## State Parks fee to be waived day after Thanksgiving

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) invites Oregonians to head outside for some fresh air the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 27, also known as "Green Friday."

OPRD will waive day-use parking fees that day in 25 state parks across Oregon.

"We recognize that being outdoors makes us feel better and is a break from the stresses of 2020," said director Lisa Sumption. "In this unconventional year, we feel it is especially important to honor this tradition as thanks to Oregonians for supporting us through our toughest times."

Thanksgiving weekend falls squarely within the Governor's Two-Week

Freeze, Nov. 18 through Dec. 2.

Accordingly, OPRD directs people to limit gatherings at parks to six people and two households.

This is in addition to longstanding direction to stay local, wear face coverings and maintain a 6-foot distance from other visitors.

"Following these precautions is particularly important in the coming weeks to support statewide efforts to stop the spread of the virus," Sumption said. "When visitors prepare and care, it keeps parks safe for everyone."

Green Friday typically kicks off a series of holiday events in state parks, but

this year OPRD opted to cancel these events.

"The pandemic challenges all of us to find new, creative ways to celebrate the holidays," Sumption said. "We look forward to the safe return of these holiday traditions, and until then, parks are open and here for you."

The parking waiver applies from open to close Nov. 27 at the 25 parks that charge a \$5 daily parking fee.

A list of parks that require day-use parking permits is available at [www.stateparks.oregon.gov](http://www.stateparks.oregon.gov).

Parking is free year-round at the majority of Oregon's 250-plus state park properties.

### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

#### SIUSLAW RIVER: Fall Chinook

Fall Chinook fishing continues to be fair on the Siuslaw River. Most of the fish are staging in the upper estuary waiting for more rain. The forecasted rain this week should stir things up and get these fish on the move. Expect good conditions for fall Chinook fishing after the rain throughout the Siuslaw River.

**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.

Cutthroat trout fishing closed for the season on Oct. 31. Last updated 11/4/20.

#### SILTCOOS and TAHKENITCH LAKES: Coho

Coho fishing in Siltcoos and Tahkenitch is still slow but should improve this week with the forecasted rain. A good shot of rain will move more fish into the lake and get them staging in the creek arms waiting to spawn. These fisheries typically pick up in late October, peak in November, and fish well into December. Last updated 11/4/20.

#### ALSEA RIVER: Fall Chinook

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## Tide Tables

### Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Nov. 21</b> 5:28am / 6.4 4:26pm / 6.4	11:00am / 3.6 11:30pm / 0.6

<b>Nov. 22</b> 6:28am / 6.4 5:42pm / 5.9	12:21am / 3.5
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<b>Nov. 23</b> 7:21am / 6.6 6:59pm / 5.6	12:30am / 1.1 1:35pm / 2.9
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<b>Nov. 24</b> 8:06am / 6.8 8:11pm / 5.6	1:26am / 1.5 2:34pm / 2.3
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<b>Nov. 25</b> 8:43am / 7.1 9:12pm / 5.7	2:17am / 1.8 3:22pm / 1.6
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<b>Nov. 26</b> 9:17am / 7.3 10:05pm / 5.9	3:02am / 2.1 4:02pm / 1.1
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<b>Nov. 27</b> 9:48am / 7.6 10:51pm / 6.0	3:42am / 2.4 4:39pm / 0.6
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