

SPORTS CALENDAR

To add your activity's summer sports schedule, email Sports Reporter Zeahna Young at zyoung@thesiuslawnews.com

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

Low Tide	High Tide
July 24	
12:57 a.m. / 7.4	8:08 a.m. / -1.7
2:39 p.m. / 5.7	8:02 p.m. / 1.9
July 25	
01:47 a.m. / 7.2	08:53 a.m. / -1.6
3:21 p.m. / 5.8	8:53 p.m. / 1.7
July 26	
2:35 a.m. / 6.9	9:35 a.m. / -1.3
4:02 p.m. / 5.8	9:43 p.m. / 1.6
July 27	
3:23 a.m. / 6.4	10:15 a.m. / -0.8
4:41 p.m. / 5.8	10:34 p.m. / 1.5
July 28	
4:12 a.m. / 5.9	10:54 a.m. / -0.3
5:20 p.m. / 5.8	11:27 p.m. / 1.4
July 29	
	5:03 a.m. / 5.2
11:33 a.m. / 0.4	5:59 p.m. / 5.8
July 30	
12:24 a.m. / 1.4	05:59 a.m. / 4.7
12:13 p.m. / 1.0	06:39 p.m. / 5.7
July 31	
1:25 a.m. / 1.3	7:06 a.m. / 4.2
12:56 p.m. / 1.7	7:22 p.m. / 5.7

Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve Collaborative offers summer programs to explore tide pools, learn wildlife

Turn of the tide

BY ZEAHNA YOUNG/SIUSLAW NEWS

This summer, the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve Collaborative (CPMRC) is offering several educational programs featuring the local tide pools at Bob Creek, Cape Perpetua and Yachats State Parks. The Collaborative is a partnership formed in 2017 by conservationists, nonprofit organizations, federal and state agencies and a local tribe to foster conservation in the Cape Perpetua area through scientific research and educational stewardship within the local community.

This is the first year the CPMRC is offering these ambassador tours to the public.

According to Communications Coordinator Tara Dubois, "We'll have to secure funding again, but my hope is that we can do this next summer again, too. This is our pilot year, so we're learning a lot, but we'll take what we've learned and maybe expand it a bit next year. We'll see what happens, but our hope is to keep it going for years to come."

Funding for the pilot program comes from the Oregon Coast Visitor's Association, and in addition to the ambassador tours at Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve, the program is also running up north at Cape Falcon.

The tour is led by various team members or volunteers, and educators teach visitors about marine life as well as safety and etiquette for dealing with life in Oregon's central coast tide pools.

Liz Lemhouse, a Florence native, is one of the CPMRC's tour guides.

"I started officially working with them this



See TIDEPOOL page 2B The tidepools at Bob Creek State Park feature a vast array of marine life.

Fire danger: campfire and other restrictions now in effect in Siuslaw National Forest

CORVALLIS— Effective July 20, Siuslaw National Forest officials have enacted temporary restrictions, including limiting campfires, to reduce risk of human-caused wildfires as dry conditions persist.

The restrictions prohibit campfires outside of campfire rings in most developed campgrounds and picnic areas; campfires are entirely prohibited at Marys Peak Campground and are allowed at sand camps at the Oregon Dunes and Sand Lake recreation areas. Liquid gas stoves

and lanterns can still be used during the restrictions. Other restrictions, listed below, are intended to prevent other accidental fires.

"Even western Oregon and areas along the coast are extremely dry this year," said Kevin Larkin, acting Forest Supervisor. "By following these restrictions, visitors can reduce the chance of unintentional fires on the Siuslaw, particularly when firefighting resources are stretched thin with an already very active fire season across the region."

Restrictions include:

- No building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire, except where exemptions apply. Campfires in open sand when sand camping in the Oregon Dunes and Sand Lake recreation areas are allowed. For a list of where campfires are allowed, read Forest Order 06-12-00-21-05.
- No smoking in the vicinity of flammable material, except within an enclosed vehicle or a developed recreation site.

See FIRE page 3B

Siuslaw Watershed Council holds community meeting to honor 'Spirit of the Siuslaw'

On Wednesday, July 28, Siuslaw Watershed Council (SWC) will hold its July Watershed Community Meeting from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Zoom.

People are invited to join their watershed neighbors for an evening of sharing what makes the Siuslaw special.

The meeting will include the presentation of the Spirit of Siuslaw Award for 2020. The award goes to an individual or group for outstanding work and service that has enhanced the well-being of the communities that call the Siuslaw wa-

tershed home.

The program for the night will include a lesson about things that are ubiquitous in our watershed, but that we rarely focus on — mosses, or bryophytes.

Jesse Reeves, OSU student, will be presenting: "Canaries in the Watershed: Aquatic Bryophytes (mosses) as Bioindicators."

Reeves is a lifelong resident of the Siuslaw Watershed, who has recently returned after an undergraduate program in Santa Fe, N.M., studying phi-

losophy, history of science and mathematics. He is currently a student at Oregon State University in the graduate program in wildlife management.

Reeve's presentation will include an introduction to biomonitoring, and will specifically look at the ways that aquatic mosses can help determine the health of a stream.

His hope is that the audience will come away with a greater appreciation for moss, and advance this novel, promising

See SIUSLAW page 3B

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 shares what he's learned about sports from his multiple points of view.

The Olympic Dreams

The delayed Olympics will be unlike any Olympic Games in history. The decision to have a 2021 Olympics may be a costly one on many fronts. With Covid still a threat, particularly in Japan, does it make sense to bring thousands of athletes from around the world to a small bubble to intermingle? Tokyo has already banned all spectators from attending any venue in their city.

Money has been a measuring stick of success or failure for an Olympic host city. That alone will make Tokyo the least attended Olympics. Thousands of part time workers will be unneeded. Sponsors will spend less in promotion during the games.

The make-up of Olympic teams may have changed from what they may have been a year ago.

The experienced athlete is now a year older and did the year long wait prevent several athletes from making the team this year? How many young athletes made the team because of the extra year to train?

See LITTLE page 3B

ODFW RECREATION REPORT

Warm weather fishing updates and guidance

Temperatures have moderated in many areas of the state. However, drought and low water levels persist and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) expects water temperatures to spike again later in the summer. Here's what you should know about fishing in these conditions:

ODFW has adopted

emergency regulations for some waterbodies. These include closing fishing during the hottest part of the day, and lifting bag limits for lakes and ponds that are likely to go dry. See the Regulation updates at the top of each zone in the Rec Report for the latest.

Conditions are right for blue-green algae outbreaks in ponds, lakes and reservoirs. You can find the latest alerts on the Oregon Health Authority website. However, OHA does not monitor all waterbodies, so be leery of

any algae blooms you see, and follow these precautions to fish safely.

Hot water can stress fish out. Anglers can give fish a break by following these tips when fishing in warm summer water.

Access may be limited by wildfires. To help you navigate the status of popular recreation sites, natural resource management agencies in Oregon have released an interagency status map that shows open, closed and reduced service areas on a single map, regardless of

reason for closure.

FISHING UPDATES

Lake, Ponds, Reservoirs

All North Coast lakes have been stocked with rainbow trout. Many lower elevation lakes have gotten quite warm, making trout fishing challenging due to warmer water temps making fish lethargic, and lots of aquatic weed growth to deal with. That said, there are still trout available in North Coast lakes.

Warmwater species are in full swing. Spawning sea-

son is over, so the fish likely won't be as close to the bank as they were earlier in the spring. But these species should still be actively feeding.

Mid-coast lakes are full of fish and the fishing has been good but is starting to slow down. Warmer water and no new additional stockings is starting to slow things down but there is still plenty of trout around to catch throughout the summer. Here is a list of the lakes that have been stocked so far this year: Thissel Pond,

Cleawox, Munsel, Mercer, Sutton, Alder, Dune, Buck, Lost, Carter, Devils, Woahink, Elbow, Siltcoos, Eckman, and Big Creek Reservoirs #1 and #2.

Warmwater fisheries in the mid-coast are in full swing. The Florence area has a number of great warmwater lake opportunities for bass and other warmwater species like yellow perch. Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Mercer, Woahink, and Munsel all provide good warmwater fishing through the spring/summer/fall months.