

SPORTS CALENDAR

Siuslaw and Mapleton

All events subject to change

November 20

- SHS Cross Country — Pacific Northwest Regional XC Showcase — Marysville, Wash. — 11:30 a.m.
- SHS Football — OSAA 3A State Playoff Semifinal — La Pine at Cottage Grove — 1 p.m.

Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
November 20	
12:48 a.m. / 6.3	6:04 a.m. / 3.2
11:50 a.m. / 7.8	6:53 p.m. / -0.4
November 21	
1:27 a.m. / 6.3	6:38 a.m. / 3.5
12:19 p.m. / 7.7	7:28 p.m. / -0.3
November 22	
2:08 a.m. / 6.1	7:13 a.m. / 3.7
12:51 p.m. / 7.4	8:05 p.m. / -0.1
November 23	
2:52 a.m. / 6.1	7:13 a.m. / 3.7
12:51 p.m. / 7.4	8:05 p.m. / -0.1
November 24	
3:40 a.m. / 6.0	8:35 a.m. / 4.1
2:05 p.m. / 6.8	9:29 p.m. / 0.4
November 25	
4:32 a.m. / 5.9	9:30 a.m. / 4.1
2:53 p.m. / 6.4	10:18 p.m. / 0.6
November 26	
5:25 a.m. / 6.0	10:41 a.m. / 4.1
3:55 p.m. / 6.0	11:11 p.m. / 0.9
November 27	
6:16 a.m. / 6.1	12:00 p.m. / 3.7
5:13 p.m. / 5.8	

A Review of Waxmyrtle Trail

On the Trail

BY ZAC BURTT/SIUSLAW NEWS

The choices for areas to explore nature around Florence are numerous. In fact, heading south, take any turn off Highway 101 and you will most likely find something special.

Just south of Dunes City is the Siltcoos Recreation Area. There you will find countless hiking, fishing, hunting and camping opportunities. A favorite hike for locals within the recreation area is the Waxmyrtle Trail.

To get to there from Florence, head south on Highway 101 for seven miles, take a right on Siltcoos Beach Access Road. Follow that for 1.5 miles. The beginning of Waxmyrtle Trail is just across the bridge on the left that transverses the outlet.

Parking is convenient. Either take a left across the bridge and park directly at Waxmyrtle Trailhead or there is also parking just

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Waxmyrtle Trail is within the Siltcoos Recreation Area seven miles south of Florence, just past Dunes City. The trail provides vistas of the Siltcoos River Estuary and the Pacific Ocean and is accessible for all skill levels.



Bringing the outdoors in



This playful squirrel is one of three paintings being exhibited in the lobby of Oregon Pacific Bank, 1355 Highway 101, by local artist Ronald Hildenbrand. Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) features a different artist each month at OPB. Hildenbrand has had a career using his artistic talents, beginning in the US Air Force, then as a commercial artist, and opening his own studio in Fairfield, Calif. After retiring to Florence, Hildenbrand has been an active member of FRAA, and has an ongoing exhibit at FRAA's Art Center and Gallery, 120 Maple St. For more information, visit www.fraaoregon.org.

‘Opt Outside’ and fish, clam and crab for free the two days after Thanksgiving

Here’s a free and fun way to entertain family and friends over Thanksgiving weekend — take them fishing. Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26 and 27.

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required those two days. Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free.

All other fishing regulations apply, including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for rules and remember to check for any in season regulation changes, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing, at myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/.

These two days after Thanksgiving have been set aside for free fishing for several years, as part of the #OptOutside movement encouraging people to get outdoors. Oregon State Parks also waives parking fees to provide free day-use entry on “Green Friday.”

Check the Recreation Report for the best fishing opportunities this time of year at myodfw.com/recreation-report.

For beginners, “Easy Angling Oregon” is a great guide to getting started fishing in Oregon and can be found at myodfw.com/EAO. If you live near Portland, Bend, Medford, Roseburg or in Lane County, there

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Time Out

By Coach Lloyd Little

Retired teacher, coach & 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.

Who Calls the Plays?

There are millions of sports fans who think they would have called a different play or made a different decision after their team or individual lost a point, yard or game. Unfortunately, most if not all of these corrected decisions occur after the fact. It is commonly referred to as “Monday morning quarterbacking.” The term is associated with football but it is universally used by fans in all sports.,

When I was quarterback for Warrenton High School in the late 1960s, I called most of our plays. Not much to brag about, since we only won two games a year and the number of interceptions I threw outnumbered my touchdown passes. Every now and then a substitute entered the game with a play from the head coach on the sidelines.

Coaches today are under pressure to win. They do not want their future employment left in the hands of a teenager. I wonder how the three Warrenton coaches leaving after one year at

Warrenton may have decided it might have been a good idea to send in more plays to me.

Ever since my son quarterbacked for Coach Dodson at Siuslaw and ran close to get a play, I have watched as current Siuslaw Football Coach Sam Johnson also has his quarterback get the plays from him directly.

Miscommunication can cause mistakes to be made. Using another player to run a play in is akin to an old fashioned game of telephone. The final call in the huddle may not be the same as the coach wanted. Tech-

nology allows a play call in the NFL to go directly to the quarterback on the field from a coach high up in the coaches’ box.

As you watch college games, it is common to see all players looking to the sidelines. They may be looking at a series of pictures with several play options on it. Hopefully all the players are looking at the same picture play or the commentators might say “the team did not get the picture.”

How often have you heard a commentator say the quarterback and receiver must not have been on the same

page when the pass went left and the receiver went right?

Coaches have taken some of the fun out of the game. Today, the micromanagement of sports by coaches is extreme. I watched the Little League World Series as catcher after catcher looked to the coach for the next pitch signal. Heaven forbid the catcher calls a fast ball when the pitcher wanted to throw their curve ball.

Basketball players practice multiple out of bounds plays, but when the ball goes out, it is the coach calling in the play to be run. The

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