



Community & Lifestyle

TIME OUT

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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.

Siuslaw Hall of Famers (Part III) Mary Dodson

In 1979, future Siuslaw Hall of Fame member Mary Robinson (Dodson) was a student in my fifth-period health class. If you wonder how I remember the period she was in I will tell you. Mary and several of her friends would go into my classroom at noon and tape messages somewhere in my room. Mary was very perceptive and caring to people around her; I was having a stressful semester.

The best advice I received from her group was a bold message that read "LEARN HOW TO SAY NO!!" Her sensitivity to those around her made Mary a great team player.

When I asked for volunteers to be servers at the Jr./Sr. prom, Mary

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
May 23 12:34am / 7.4 2:05pm / 6.0	7:35am / -0.9 7:20pm / 2.8
May 24 1:06am / 7.4 2:48pm / 5.9	8:12am / -1.1 7:56pm / 3.0
May 25 1:40am / 7.3 3:33pm / 5.8	8:51am / -1.1 8:37pm / 3.2
May 26 2:18am / 7.2 4:22pm / 5.7	9:33am / -1.0 9:23pm / 3.3
May 27 3:02am / 6.9 5:14pm / 5.7	10:20am / -0.8 10:21pm / 3.3
May 28 3:54am / 6.5 6:08pm / 5.8	11:11am / -0.6 11:32pm / 3.2
May 29 4:59am / 6.1 7:03pm / 6.0	12:07pm / -0.2



COURTESY PHOTOS

The train depot building, now Waterfront Depot restaurant, was originally located in Mapleton and moved to what is now the Florence Historic District in 1972.

Historic depot building gets upgrade

Upgrades to the historic Waterfront Depot building in old town Florence are now complete. The work began in August 2017 and was finished, with the installation of a new sign this past April 2020.



A new sign reflecting the depot's history was one of the building's upgrades, along with a new roof, floor repairs and repainting the exterior.

The project was funded in part by a matching Oregon Main Street Revitalization grant from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office, Oregon Heritage.

The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, as an Exploring Downtown member of the Oregon Main Street Network, submitted the grant application in partnership with Marianne Brisbane, the owner of the former Mapleton Train Station building.

Total project costs were approximately \$24,000, with grant funds covering 70 percent of expenses.

Refurbishing the 1910 depot included roof and

flooring repairs, exterior paint and a new sign with ties to the building's railroad history.

The former train depot was saved from demolition and moved from Mapleton in 1972.

"The new sign looks great, and reflects the history of the building during the logging years in the Florence area," said Brisbane. "All in all,

great care has been taken to maintain the authenticity of this historic 1910 Southern Pacific Train Depot," she noted. "I appreciate Oregon Main Street's support of this project."

To learn more about the Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant or the Oregon Main Street Network, visit www.oregonheritage.org.

Limited camping returning to state parks

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will offer limited camping at many state park campgrounds beginning June 9.

State park camping closed statewide March 23 in an effort to contain the spread of coronavirus and limit travel, especially to smaller communities and rural areas.

A list of which campgrounds will open June 9 is still being finalized. That list will be published on oregonstateparks.org by the end of May.

Not all parks and all services will be available. Most of the campgrounds opening accept reservations, but some first-come, first-served state park campgrounds may open as staff and funding are available.

Those campgrounds that do open will honor existing tent and RV reservations starting June 9, and will accept new reservations from one day to two weeks in advance, instead of the usual nine months in advance.

Reservations will still be made through OPRD's con-

tracted vendor, Reserve America at <https://oregonstateparks.reserveamerica.com/>.

RV and tent campers without reservations will be welcome at open campgrounds as space and staffing permit.

Reservations for most yurts and cabins, and group camping and group day-use, are still subject to cancellation. Visitors holding those reservations will be contacted if a cancellation is required.

Two main forces determine

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OSAA offers guidance for summer sporting activities

The Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) Executive Board met in a closed work session last week to discuss the latest updates on the Coronavirus pandemic as it relates to OSAA member schools.

The discussion centered on the end of the Association Year and providing guidance to member schools regarding summer activities.

The OSAA Executive Board confirmed that the association's current moratorium-like suspension of facili-

ties and coach/student physical interaction will remain in place through the end of the Association Year on May 25.

Beginning May 26, member schools control what they will allow to take place at their school facilities with athletic/activities programs, in accordance with directives from Governor Brown, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

ODE has clarified that the directive stating that school

facilities are closed through June 30 should be interpreted to mean that school facilities are closed through the end of the school/contract year.

OSAA Staff has been working closely with the OSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) on recommendations for member schools regarding summer activities that are in alignment with OHA directives.

The OSAA is now providing guidance which, while

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Crabbing reopens to non-residents

Recreational crabbing reopened to non-residents this past Wednesday, May 20, along most of the Oregon coast.

Recreational clamming along the entire coast will remain closed to non-residents for now.

Non-resident license holders will be allowed to participate in crabbing in Oregon bays and estuaries, and in Oregon ocean areas, that are south of Cape Falcon.

Ocean areas north of Cape Falcon, as well as the Columbia River, will remain closed to non-resident crabbing for now.

Coastal communities have begun to gradually reopen but communities and land managers are taking a phased approach.

Clamming tends to draw many people to beaches on specific days when there is a minus tide, especially during the summer. With more potential for crowding at beach access sites, clamming and some crabbing on the North Coast remains closed to non-residents for now.

Anyone going crabbing, fishing or taking part in other outdoor recreation is reminded to:

- Check for access before you go. Even if fishing/crabbing is open, the boat ramp, beach or other area where you want to go might be closed. ODFW does not control access to land or facilities it doesn't manage, so check with the land manager or facility owner where you want to go about what's open before you leave home.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Stick close to home. Don't travel far to hunt, fish or crab. Many places remain closed to overnight camping/lodging.
- Be prepared. Restrooms and other facilities may be more limited. Bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, food, etc. Buy your license online before you go.
- Avoid crowds. Go someplace else if your destination looks crowded.
- Practice social distancing. Keep six feet between you and anyone who doesn't live in your immediate household, including while on a boat or at a fish cleaning station.
- Wash your hands often. Keep up on personal hygiene and bring your own water, soap, and hand sanitizer with you.
- Pack out what you pack in. Take any garbage with you, including disposable gloves and masks.
- Crabbers are also reminded to always check the Oregon Department of Agriculture shellfish safety page or call the safety hotline at 1-800-448-2474 before crabbing.
- ODA regularly tests crabs and other shellfish for toxins and closes areas when toxins are at a level that would make then unsafe for human consumption.
- Currently, there are no crabbing closures due to toxins in Oregon.