



Community & Lifestyle

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.

Before the HOF
Part VI: Stephanie Osburn

In 1980, the Siuslaw High School varsity girls' basketball coach, Jay Scanlon, decided to leave a talented group of young girl players on the JV team. Among these players was a future Siuslaw Hall Of Fame member Stephanie Osburn. This decision marked the beginning of a decade of success for the girls' basketball program. Led by the inside threat of Osburn, my JV girls team won its

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Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
June 13	
6:21am / 5.0 7:43pm / 6.0	1:03am / 2.7 12:56pm / 1.0
June 14	
7:35am / 4.7 8:25pm / 6.2	2:11am / 2.2 1:47pm / 1.4
June 15	
8:48am / 4.6 9:04pm / 6.4	3:09am / 1.6 2:38pm / 1.8
June 16	
9:55am / 4.7 9:41pm / 6.7	3:59am / 1.1 3:26pm / 2.2
June 17	
10:53am / 4.9 10:17pm / 7.0	4:42am / 0.4 4:12pm / 2.4
June 18	
11:43am / 5.2 10:53pm / 7.2	5:22pm / -0.1 4:55pm / 2.7
June 19	
12:29am / 5.5 11:29pm / 7.4	6:00am / -0.7 5:36pm / 2.8

Happy campers



At last year's 90th birthday celebration for Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington's Camp Cleawox, Girl Scouts of all ages gathered to make friends, learn about the outdoors and connect to history. This year, all Girl Scout camp events will be held virtually

Girl Scout camps go 'virtual'

Girl Scouts offers virtual camp and safe outdoor activities to girls locally and nationwide

From the city block to the suburban backyard to the back country, Girl Scouts has a long and storied history of getting girls outdoors. This summer, when kids and parents are faced with limited safe, accessible, and affordable camp and outdoor options due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is launching three outdoor initiatives to keep girls entertained and engaged in virtual and in-person environmental activities all summer long. Offerings include virtual summer camps, free online experiences tied to the outdoors, and exciting virtual events to ensure girls across the country have access to a variety of fun, challenging, and experiential activities so they can continue to develop essential skills and behaviors that will help them become effective leaders in the outdoors and beyond.

Girl Scout Camp Adventures at Home Marketplace

When girls spend quality time outdoors and increase their exposure to nature, they thrive physically, emotionally, and in-



tellectually. According to a 2019 Girl Scouts Research Institute study titled "Girl Scouts Soar in the Outdoors," 86 percent of girls agree they learned more about nature through Girl Scouts, and 80 percent state that they participated in outdoor activities through Girl Scouts that they never would have done otherwise. With the launch of the Girl Scout Camp Adventures at Home Marketplace, members and non-

members can access a one-stop shop to sign up for any of the hundreds of virtual summer camp sessions taking place nationwide. For the first time ever, girls can meet and participate together in virtual camp sessions offered by any of the 111 councils across the country. They can find a camp based on their interests and grade level on the Marketplace site.

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KXCR announces new board president, 'Fireside Chats'

New board president Gigi Lassen wants to expand schedule, community listener base

By MARK BRENNAN
Siuslaw News

Local community radio station, KXCR, has moved forward with management and programming changes during the COVID-19 pandemic. The moves have been made cautiously over the past few months, adding a new Board President and a new series of on-air discussions for station listeners. Gigi Lassen has taken over the organization's reins and, as KXCR's new director, hopes to continue to grow the station's number of listeners while also putting the station on more secure financial footing. "As the new elected KXCR president, I wish of course to

pursue our mission: Inform, educate and entertain. KXCR was specifically created to share information by way of non-commercial educational radio,"

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Lassen said. "We provide a broadcasting platform with emphasis on community and keep us informed on the latest issues. I am also hoping to broaden our base of support, as well as interact with community

members and introduce more live programs." One of the new programs that Lassen and station manager Larry Bloomfield were interested in offering was based on a model that was nearly a century old and used to great acclaim by former President Franklin D. Roosevelt and came to be known quite famously as "Fireside Chats." "In a COVID world, the question was what we can do to inform our community, our friends and our neighbors about the associated cost of the pandemic as it relates to education, health, housing and other critical areas to the rural

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OPRD facing layoffs in wake of revenue drop

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) will face months, even years, of critical challenges due to the economic fallout from COVID-19. The agency does not receive state General Fund tax dollars to operate any service including its popular, heavily visited state park system. A decline in its main revenue sources — Lottery Fund and park visitors — has left it offering reduced services and facing layoffs to fill an estimated \$22 million gap in its July 2019-June 2021 budget. OPRD's budget is 44 percent Lottery Fund dedicated by Oregon voters in 1999 and 2010; 50 percent "Other Fund" from park visitors, a portion of recreational vehicle registrations, and other sources; and 6 percent Federal Fund, mainly for heritage-related programs. The projected Lottery Fund allocation is down 30 percent from pre-coronavirus estimates. The state park system was closed for two months, and is just now starting to offer limited services to campers. When it became clear in spring that revenues were going to be unstable, OPRD froze hiring, curtailed discretionary spending, and suspended large improvement and repair projects and other programs such as grants. The current estimated \$22 million gap could grow or shrink, but it has necessitated the decision to lay off 47 positions by June 30. The number of positions laid off could change; state park field operations have borne the lion's share of the workforce reduction already. Most of the state park workforce is hired seasonally, and of the 415 positions allotted to operate parks, only 77 had been hired by the time the system closed in March. Some seasonal staff may be hired on a case-by-case basis to flesh out the current skeleton crew. The upcoming reductions will focus on other areas of the department. Typical services such as trash collection, restrooms, and showers are limited, both due to their expense and

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