

Games from 1B

protect gamers who walk in the door.

“Everything is just a little bit more structured than it used to be, for good reason,” she said. “It’s just hoping that people can get used to that, coming back in and having fun in a way that’s safe and responsible and getting back to normal as much as we can.”

And by doing so, Kosten hopes the community will get back to a semblance of normalcy that is desperately needed.

“We want people to be able to get out and have fun,” Kosten said. “They just want some normalcy back in their lives — which is a total human thing. Indoor entertainment is something this community really needs.”

The shutdown came at one of the worst times for Dunesday, which had its grand opening in late 2019.

“We really hadn’t reached any rhythm yet with the business to be able to forecast volumes,” Kosten said. “We were open so many hours, and Brian and I both worked for free, just information gathering. Figuring out when people come in,

what the hours actually needed to be. We wanted to see what summer hours will look like.”

Whatever money they were making was going back into the business, including the addition of VR and amenities.

“We were in the investment phase of the business, hoping that, over the summer, we would get to the point where we would put some funds in the bank to get through winter,” said Kosten.

But then the pandemic hit.

“It’s been stressful for all the business in town, so I try not to moan,” Kosten said. “We’re not unique.”

While some local businesses were able to apply for government loans to get them through, Dunesday was so new it didn’t have any of the qualifying information to show it was viable — They hadn’t yet filed taxes, they didn’t have any historical financial records and weren’t paying themselves. But Brian had kept his job as a computer network engineer, and they were able to stay afloat.

“It was a little bit depressing with everything turned off. I think the whole town was like this. You look inside a window — the chairs are up on the

tables and it’s dark. We’ve definitely been feeling that,” said Brian. “We’ve been coming in two or three times a week and it was just quiet and dark. You really need people in this place for it to come to life.”

And the town needed to come back to life. As a licensed nurse practitioner, Kosten was supportive of the measures that needed to be taken to prepare for the pandemic.

“And Brian is a cancer survivor with one lung,” Kosten said. “There’s always going to be some vulnerability there. This is truly a family run business. My two employees are my son and my sister. Honestly, if one of us were to get sick, we’re shutting down. We don’t have a backup staffing plan.”

But the mental health of the community is also important.

“This is where you have to find that line to walk,” Kosten said. “We’re social creatures. That’s a core belief for us. We opened a social gaming center because we firmly believe people are social and need to get out and see each other. Keeping people too isolated is a huge negative culturally as well. But how do you find that balance?”

Especially in an arcade,

where the business model calls for large crowds of strangers commingling in tight spaces.

“We’re in some arcade forums and stuff, and there’s people going ‘I don’t know if I can come out of this’ because of the nature of this type of business,” Kosten said. “It’s just high touch. In order for it to be profitable, you need a certain amount of volume. Low capacity doesn’t work super well.”

Some larger arcades are able to rework their spaces so that they can have six feet between games. The casino can turn off every other machine to ensure that distancing is enforced.

“For us, it would have to be every third machine,” Kosten said. “And we’re so small, that would leave eight arcade games. We’ve been thinking about this since we were closed, what the parameters would be. We looked at multiple things like putting plexi between the machines. But that’s just costly for us. And you still run into the issue where our aisles run into social distancing issues.”

Dunesday had to rethink the entire way an arcade does business. They looked at the restaurant model, where the business caters to groups instead of

roaming individuals.

Instead of groups of people clustering at the counter for snacks, groups will have a dedicated employee to help serve them, as well as the usual services Dunesday provides — Training in VR, recommendations on the best games, etc. Kosten wants to make gamers feel special, free from the worries of uncertain times.

“The social distancing piece is new for everyone,” Kosten said. “We think we’ve come up with a system where people don’t have to worry about. You

go about your day, doing your errands, and you have to keep reminding yourself, ‘Oh, am I too close to that person?’ It’s a new habit and a stressor. All the more reason to come out, have fun and relax with the people you’ve chosen to socialize with, in a way that you know people are looking out for you.

“And we will.”

Dunesday Gaming is located at 375 Laurel Street. For reservations, call 541-305-9123.






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Fishing from 1B

have created great spring/early summer conditions for trout fishing and will provide good opportunities through the summer months.

SALMON RIVER:
Cutthroat trout

Cutthroat trout fishing opened on the Salmon River on May 22. Good cutthroat fishing can be found throughout the Salmon River estuary and river through the summer months.

SILETZ RIVER: summer steelhead, Spring Chinook, cutthroat trout-Summer steelhead fishing has been slow so far this year on the Siletz River. High water and cooler temperatures have disrupted the typical migration pattern of these fish and they are starting to move throughout the system with the recent warm and dry conditions. Expect things to be a little later this year and fishing to improve in the next couple weeks as the river drops and warms up.

Spring Chinook fishing has also been slow so far this year but a few fish are being caught in the lower portions of the river. Anglers are reminded that the bag limit has been

changed for the 2020 spring Chinook season to 1 fish per day and 1 for the year. Check the regulation updates for details.

Cutthroat trout fishing is open in the Siletz basin and good trout fishing opportunities will remain through the summer months.

WILSON RIVER:
Steelhead, cutthroat trout

The Wilson River gets a good summer steelhead return and has great bank access all along Hwy 6 on the state forest land. It’s still early and fishing has been slow thus far, but there are probably some fish around and the run should improve through the summer.

YAQUINA RIVER:
Cutthroat trout

Trout fishing opened in the Yaquina/Big Elk basin May 22. The Yaquina and Big Elk have great cutthroat trout fishing opportunities throughout the estuary/river through the summer months.

COOS RIVER BASIN:
Marine species, cutthroat trout

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish in the lower Coos Bay estuary while fishing along the jetty and submerged rock structures. The recent late morning/afternoon winds can make it difficult to

fish on the estuary. The daily bag limit for marine fish is 5 of which only one can be a copper, quillback or China rockfish. Anglers are also allowed 2 lingcod per day.

The harvest of cabezon will not open until July 1.

Trout fishing in streams and rivers opened May 22. Anglers fishing in streams and rivers above tidewater are restricted to us flies and lures through the end

of August. With the recent hot weather, fishing will be best in the mornings and late evenings.

TENMILE LAKES:
Trout, warmwater species, largemouth bass

Largemouth bass have completed spawning in Tenmile Lakes. Bass are now spread out between shallow water and deeper water. Bass can be caught on a variety of tactics like topwater lures and jigs.

SCORES & STANDINGS

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GAME OF THE WEEK: 4-MAN 2 BEST BALL NET 7-2-20

UNFLIGHTED

1ST LOW NET: BILL SPIVEY, RON SCHREIBER, TOM MALONE, RICK HARDWICH — 121

2ND LOW NET: COLEMAN JONES, BILL GILLETTE, GARY KADEL, LES WATSON — 123

3RD LOW GROSS: JEFF DAGOBERG, BOB GRAVES, HERB SWAIN, WAYNE NOEL — 124

KP’S FLIGHT 1 — #4 ROBERT GOAT; #8: JOE WRIGHT; #12: JACK NAPOLES; #16 ROD MCCULLOCH

MILLER LEAGUE SOFTBALL

RESULTS WEEK 1 (7-1-20)

WELTON (12) — ACC (4)

BUDS4U (35) — VRHI (1)

VRHI (2) — WELTON (8)

ACC (7) — BUDS4U (24)

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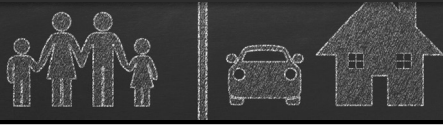
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