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Free fishing weekend June 7-8 in Oregon

Family-friendly fishing events held statewide

SALEM, Ore.—Everyone can fish, clam and crab for free in Oregon on Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, 2025.

No fishing/shellfish licenses or tags (including a Combined Angling Tag or Columbia River Basin Endorsement or Two-Rod Validation) are required on these days. Both Oregon residents and nonresidents can fish for free. Oregon State Parks also offers free parking and camping on Saturday, June 7.

All other fishing regulations apply including closures, bag limits and size restrictions. See the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for regulations. Remember to check MyODFW.com for any in season regulation changes, especially for salmon and steelhead fishing.

The Recreation Report is updated weekly and features the best bets for fishing for the upcoming week. Expect lots of rainbow trout to be stocked in Oregon's ponds and lakes for the weekend; check out the trout stocking schedule for more information and stocking locations.

Free Fishing Weekend is also a great weekend to try clamming or crabbing. MyODFW.com has all the information you need to get started clamming or crabbing including maps of locations and how-to's.

The Oregon Depart-

Marriage Licenses

Morrow County Clerk Bobbi Childers reports having issued the following marriage licenses for the month of May:

May 1, 2025—Mayra Colin Carrillo, 38, of Boardman and Elvis Ariel Rios Flores, 43, of Boardman.

May 5, 2025—Cameron Henry Sanders Jewett, 21, of Ione and Amelia Mae Hope Baker, 21, of Ione.

May 8, 2025—Joshua Anthony Clayton, 29, of Boardman and Linda Ivonne Lopez-Aldape, 35, of Boardman.

Kianna Elaine Duprie, 28, of Boardman and Adrian Taylor Tuia, Jr., 25, of

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BMCC's first hall of fame event reunites Bellamy with 1973 teammates



Sam Bellamy (bottom row, middle) with some of his 1973 teammates and current BMCC baseball coach (R). - Contributed Photo



Sam Bellamy (bottom row, far left) with his 1973 BMCC baseball team. -Contributed Photo

On May 14, Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) held its first Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony in Pendleton, OR. Sam Bellamy, a Lexington resident and former player on the 1972 and 1973 BMCC baseball teams, attended the event.

In 1972, Bellamy played under Jerry Mosby, who served as the baseball and basketball coach and athletic director.

The following year, Marty Jones took over as head baseball coach. Bellamy recalls the 1973 season as memorable, with a close-knit team that secured a winning record. He was named MVP that year and respected Jones for his experience as a former AAA professional player. The team enjoyed both success and camaraderie.

Bellamy, along with his wife Mary Kay, were students at BMCC during this time. They balanced school with work—Mary Kay at St. Anthony's Hospital and Bellamy splitting a night shift with his brother Ted at Harris Pine Mill in Pendleton.

Morrow County students, including Bellamy, received a \$250 quarterly mileage stipend to attend BMCC.

The 2025 Hall of Fame ceremony honored Jerry Mosby, who coached at BMCC from 1963 to 1987. Mosby led the basketball team to five Oregon Community College Athletic Association titles (1966, 1970, 1973, and others) and a third-place finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association Region Tournament in 1967 and 1970.

His 1969 squad went



Jerry Mosby (BMCC Coach 1963-1987) Hall of Fame inductee. -Contributed Photo

undefeated, winning 18 straight games in a 12-team league—a feat never replicated in the OCCAA. Mosby's career record at BMCC was 381 wins and 243 losses.

He also coached baseball for 11 years, golf for eight years, and track and field for 10 years.

In 1988, he was the inaugural member of the NWAC Hall of Fame, followed by his 1969-70 team's induction in 1989. In 2007, BMCC named its basketball and volleyball court after him.

Two other individuals were inducted into the BMCC Hall of Fame alongside Mosby in 2025. Russ Cameron, the 1973 team's first baseman, known as "Moose," played a key role in starting the Hall of Fame program and organizing a 1973 baseball team reunion.

Bellamy said Seven players from that team attended the reunion, a strong turnout considering 52 years had passed. Only two teammates were deceased, and many others lived too far away to attend.

Bellamy expressed gratitude to BMCC and its young athletic director, Brad Baker, who was seated next to him at the ceremony, for launching the Hall of Fame. He said he felt honored to be part of this historic moment and to celebrate the legacy of the 1973 baseball team and its coaches.

Spiritually Speaking

Father Thankachan Joseph

Pentecost: Called to be transformed in the Holy Spirit

This coming Sunday, the Church celebrates the greatest feast after Easter: the Pentecost.

Pentecost is also known as the day the Church was born, and the day of the first evangelization. Pentecost means "the fiftieth day"—50 days after the feast of Easter.

On the day of Pentecost, we recall the descending of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues. Pentecost transformed the frightened apostles into fiery preachers. And the listeners to the apostles on the day of Pentecost experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. He existed from eternity. The first mention of the Holy Spirit is in the very first chapter of the first book of the Bible, Genesis: "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (1:2).

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus did His ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. His resurrection occurred through the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost celebrates when Jesus filled His church with the Spirit and sent Him to establish on earth the kingdom of love, joy, hope, peace and forgiveness.

The first reading of the day, taken from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11), describes the coming down of the Spirit on that first Pentecost.

What is important to note are the many signs and symbols used to describe the descent of the Spirit. All these have symbolic meaning and provide food for thought: the sound that accompanies the coming of the Spirit—the violent wind that fills the entire house; the divided tongues that rested on each one of them—the tongues appeared as of fire, filling them with the power of the Spirit; lastly, the coming of the Spirit giving them the gift of speaking in a language that all could understand—they could communicate in such a way that they were understood by all present there.

The presence of such a variety of signs itself reminds us that the Spirit's presence is not limited to one type of entrance into our lives. The Spirit is free and comes in any form it chooses into our lives. The purpose of the coming of the Spirit is not to frighten or overpower us but to energize and empower us so that we can move beyond our selves, that we might be able to communicate with God and with one another and build a bond of unity and communion.

The Gospel of John (20:19-23) describes the post-resurrection scene wherein Jesus appears to the eleven disciples and encourages and strengthens them. The role of the Holy Spirit is vividly narrated: The Holy Spirit transforms the fear of the apostles into power. The timidity of the apostles is changed into boldness and courage. And finally, the uncertainties of the apostles are converted into convictions.

The Holy Spirit acts powerfully as tongues of fire. Fire destroys, purifies, gives light and gives warmth. The Holy Spirit destroys sin in man, purifies the hearts of men from all their uncleanness. He sheds His light, enabling man to clearly see God's plans of love for him. He kindles love in the heart of man—love for God and love for all men.

The Holy Spirit acts powerfully in the church even today. The Lord blew into the apostles the Spirit of the Lord. "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven in them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (20:23). He is commissioning His apostles to administer to all faithful.

It is a time to open up to the mind-blowing, heart-warming, life-changing power of God. The power of God can invade the body, inflate the mind, swell the soul, lift the spirit and make us more than we ever imagined.

When God sends forth the Spirit, the whole face of the earth is renewed. When God sends forth the Spirit, chaos is changed into creation. When God sends forth the Spirit, amazing things happen: barriers are broken, communities are formed, opposites are reconciled, unity is established, disease is cured, addiction is broken, cities are renewed, races are reconciled, hope is established, people are blessed, and the church is formed.

Let our prayer be "Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, let the face of the earth be renewed." On this day of Pentecost, we welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives, into our hearts.

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