

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

Women athletes: More body than sport?

I suppose there will come a day when a woman's looks aren't factored into her sporting prowess, but I'm guessing that day will not be coming very soon.

The comments and conjecture engendered by Serena Williams at Wimbledon and the women's World Cup provided more than enough fodder for that thought.

With a broad brush, Serena was alternately described as having a "manly physique," or, dressing like a "Disney princess" for the Champion's Ball. Many of the athletes on the field for the Cup were physically described in the usual

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SPORTS

Calendar

July 18

- TRC BASEBALL
SANDBLASTERS
VS CANYON
CRUSHERS
AT REGIS H.S.
2 P.M. (9 INN.)

July 19

- TRC BASEBALL
SANDBLASTERS
VS CANYON
CRUSHERS
AT SIUSLAW H.S.
2 AND 5 P.M.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
July 18 1:41am / 7.1	8:29am / -0.9
2:57pm / 6.3	8:38pm / 2.0
July 19 2:21am / 6.7	9:03am / -0.5
3:32am / 6.2	9:21pm / 2.0
July 20 3:01am / 6.2	9:37am / 0.0
4:07pm / 6.2	10:06pm / 1.9
July 21 3:44am / 5.8	10:12am / 0.5
4:44pm / 6.2	10:56pm / 1.9
July 22 4:32am / 5.3	10:48am / 1.1
5:23pm / 6.2	11:51pm / 1.8
July 23 5:29am / 4.8	11:29am / 1.6
6:05pm / 6.2	
July 24 6:38am / 4.5	12:53am / 1.6
6:52pm / 6.3	12:16pm / 2.1

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MAPLETON EQUESTRIANS

ROPE HIGH MARKS AT STATE

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Mapleton's equestrian team recently wrapped up its season by saddling up for state competition. Following a long couple of months, during which there was talk of a cancellation for the state meet, Geddes brothers — Chet and Jd — competed in three events each.

Both took to the arena for roping and steer daubing individually, then together in the team penning event.

Each caught one cow in roping, with Chet earning fourth place and Jd finishing eighth.

In steer daubing, the bronze went to Chet with a third-place finish and Jd placed 23rd.

When it came time for team penning, generally a three-man team, the two Geddes brothers penned all three head of cattle on their final attempt.

Watching from the stands, their mother Trisha Geddes said the pride she felt brought tears to her eyes.

"I couldn't help but be a proud momma," she said.

At the awards presentation, Candi Bothum announced the results by saying, "Mapleton is only a two-man team? Really? OK, then."

The Geddes brothers' performance earned them fifth place overall at state.

"Placing that high in a three-man event with only two riders sure shows their ability to work as a team," said



COURTESY PHOTO

From left: Chet Geddes with Cottage Grove rider and friend Ty Schuellar, and fellow Mapleton rider and brother Jd Geddes.

Trisha Geddes. "That is really what our team is about."

The top five in each event qualify to continue on to the regional meet against equestrians from Washington. Unfortunately, there will be no region-

al meet this year due to cancellations.

"We are obviously very disappointed," said Geddes. "The boys would have qualified for team penning, and Chet would have gone on to compete in both roping and steer daubing."

In the meantime, Geddes says the team is already looking for any Siuslaw or Mapleton athletes, grades nine through 12, who are interested

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Armstrong answers racing challenge

After the dust settled at Albany Sand Drags' Northwest's Best – Friday Night Grudge Racing last weekend, Florence ATV sand-drag racer Gary "Gee" Armstrong remained on the list of the top 10 fastest four-stroke motor ATVs in the series.

Racing on his Redline 501cc YFZ-model ATV, Armstrong was able to answer the call during an event based on rules similar to those on the popular TV drag race show "Street Outlaws."

ATV racers wanting to get on the list can "call out" top-10 racers by challenging them for their position at a race-off held once a month.

Armstrong successfully defended his position against a challenger from Washington during last week's race to keep his ninth-place ranking in the Northwest.

The 1 through 8 rankings are racers with engine sizes ranging from 800cc to 1187cc.

"It's a privilege for me and my pro stock Yamaha to be on the 'Northwest Top-10 Fastest' list and be in such fast company," Armstrong said after the race. "What's fun about grudge racing



DIRT-N-DUNEZ PHOTOGRAPHY

Florence sand-drag racer Gary "Gee" Armstrong leaves the starting line in a "grudge" race against a Washington racer.

is that it's about racing skill, getting down the track to the finish line first, and without making any mistakes — not just engine size."

The next Friday Night Grudge

Racing will be Aug. 7 at Albany Sand Drags.

Armstrong is sponsored by Fullerton Sand Sports Tires and Wheels, Redline Racing and Florence Yamaha.

On the Bite

A WEEKLY
FISHING REPORT FOR
THE LOCAL REGION

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NORTH COAST LAKES:

Lost Lake received some surplus trout last week. Most other district lakes were stocked the first week of June. Trout fishing should be fair to good. Due to warm conditions, concentrate on early morning hours when fish are likely to be the most active.

Warm water fishing is fair to good. Coffenbury, Cullaby, Sunset, Lytle, Cape Meares, and Town lakes, and Vernonia Pond all offer opportunity for largemouth bass. Weed growth and water quality may be a problem in some areas.

The latest trout stocking schedule.

MID COAST LAKES:

Fishing for the various warm water fish species is fair to good during the summer months.

There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity and have boat and bank access.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

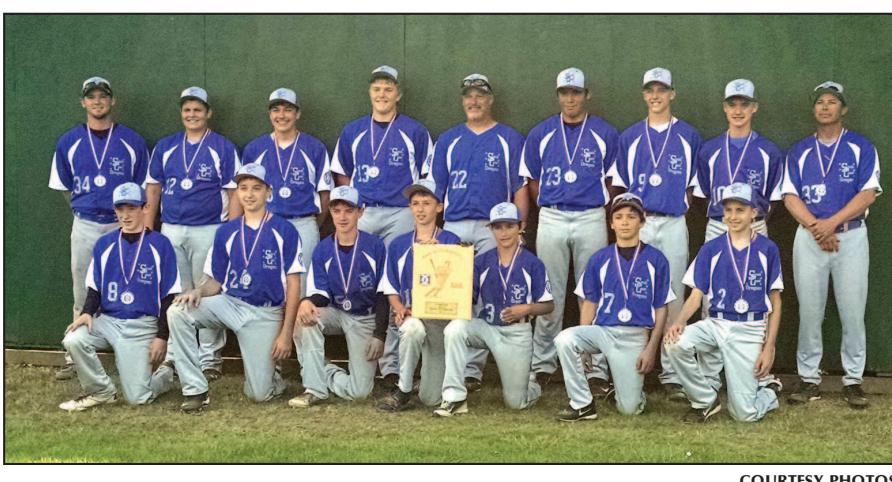
Cutthroat trout

The cutthroat trout fishery is slow to fair. Fishing during the early mornings or in the larger tributaries is the most productive. River conditions are very low and warm for this time of year. Bait is not allowed above the head of tide but

LOCAL PLAYER COULD REACH WORLD SERIES



Caleb Hennessee (above) and the 13-year-old South Coast Babe Ruth All-Star team



COURTESY PHOTOS

Florence resident Caleb Hennessee was recently chosen to play on the 13-year-old South Coast Babe Ruth All-Star baseball team, a group of players from throughout the south coast, including Reedsport, North Bend, Coos Bay and Bandon.

Hennessee, 13, is the only player

from the Florence area.

Last weekend, July 10-12, the South Coast team competed in the sectional tournament held at Clyde Allen Field in North Bend, where the team steamrolled over its opponents, winning all of its games with a combined score of 34 to 4.

In the championship game held Sunday, South Coast dominated Klamath Falls with a decisive 11-0 victory.

Hennessee was brought to the mound in the final two innings and helped secure the win by allowing only

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