

Siuslaw News

Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

Aug. 19

- FLORENCE

SOFTBALL

AT MILLER PARK

5:30 AND 7 P.M.

Aug. 22

- SIUSLAW OPEN

AT SANDPINES

9 A.M.

- FLORENCE

SOFTBALL

LEAGUE TOURNEY

AT MILLER PARK

4 P.M.

Aug. 23

- SOFTBALL

LEAGUE TOURNEY

AT MILLER PARK

11 A.M. TO DUSK

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

| High Tide | Low Tide |
|--------------|---------------|
| Aug. 19 | |
| 3:21am / 5.9 | 9:32am / 1.1 |
| 3:50pm / 6.4 | 10:13pm / 1.3 |
| Aug. 20 | |
| 4:06am / 5.5 | 10:06am / 1.5 |
| 4:26pm / 6.4 | 11:02pm / 1.3 |
| Aug. 21 | |
| 4:58am / 5.1 | 10:43am / 2.0 |
| 5:07pm / 6.3 | 11:59pm / 1.3 |
| Aug. 22 | |
| 6:03am / 4.7 | 11:30am / 2.5 |
| 5:55pm / 6.3 | |
| Aug. 23 | |
| 7:20am / 4.6 | 1:04am / 1.2 |
| 6:53pm / 6.3 | 12:31pm / 2.9 |
| Aug. 24 | |
| 8:38am / 4.7 | 2:11am / 0.9 |
| 7:57am / 6.5 | 1:46pm / 3.0 |
| Aug. 25 | |
| 9:43am / 5.1 | 3:13am / 0.5 |
| 8:59pm / 6.9 | 2:58pm / 2.9 |

SIUSLAW

NEWS

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LON BEALE/SAND MASTER PARK

DRI Sandboard World Tour points leader Jackson Cruz, scores on a picture-perfect “Mute Grab” at last Saturday’s Xwest Huck Fest competition at Sand Master Park.

OREGON’S SAND MASTERS

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Last Saturday, the Dune Riders International Sandboard World Tour held its final event on American sand during its 2015 international tour. Saturday’s competition was held at Sand Master Park as part of its annual Xwest Huck Fest — an all-

jumps and big air event with points accruing to help determine the eventual world champion.

What makes this year’s race for the title particularly relevant for Oregonian sandboarding enthusiasts is the tour’s current scoring leaders, brothers Gabe and Jackson Cruz.

Gabe, 24, is a Florence resident and sandboard instructor at Sand Master

Park, as well as a two-time pro world champion.

Jackson, 21, is originally from Coos Bay and his brother’s closest rival in overall scoring with a 1-point lead.

Though Gabe won both U.S. events this summer, it still left him just one point short of Jackson, who has 67

See SAND 4B

VIKS TO BOOST THEIR ‘LIFTS’ WITH DONATIONS

Members of Siuslaw’s Viking football team will be out in the community Thursday afternoon asking for sponsors for the team’s annual lift-a-thon fundraiser.

To prepare for Siuslaw’s season opener at Newport on Sept. 4, the Vikings have begun their conditioning, which includes the team’s lifting com-

petition — with players finding sponsors to support their lifting goals.

All funds raised go to the football program to help provide uniforms and attire for practices and games.

“We’ll be going around town Thursday afternoon asking folks for donations,” said Siuslaw coach Tim Dodson, whose team recently hosted

its 20th annual Viking Youth Football Camp, which was free to all participants.

Siuslaw’s first home game will be Friday, Sept. 11, against Pleasant Hill, in a nonleague match-up beginning at 7 p.m.

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THE LOCAL REGION

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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 small spinners, spoons and fly fishing can be very productive.

ALSEA RIVER: cutthroat trout

The cutthroat trout fishery is fair in the mainstem and in some of the large tributaries. With the low and warm river conditions the best opportunities will be in the early morning when water temperatures are the coolest. Small spinners are typically productive as wells as small spoons or fly fishing with nymphs or streamers.

SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, cutthroat trout

Summer steelhead fishing is fair in the upper river. Low flows and warming river temperatures are making new fish race up into the cooler holding waters of the gorge area. New fish will continually be moving into the river through the summer with peak numbers typically in July. River flows are much lower than normal for this time of year so think small and subtle presentations. Typical steelhead tactics apply such as bobber and jig / bait, or casting spoons or spinners.

Cutthroat trout are now also open to harvest and can be found throughout the main stem river and many large tributaries.

See FISHING 4B

Higher temps prompt additional fire restrictions in western Lane County

With wildfire conditions predicted to worsen, the Oregon Department of Forestry’s (ODF) South Cascade and Western Lane districts, along with the Douglas Forest Protective Association, have announced that forest restrictions have been tighten even further.

All forest operations such as logging and road-building will be closed down. For recreationists, no open fires are allowed in the forest. Other activities that pose a fire risk, such as mowing dry grass, are currently prohibited.

“We’re asking for the public’s help to prevent any new human-caused

fires,” South Cascade District Forest’s Greg Wagenblast said. “Statewide, our firefighting resources are limited due to the number of large fires currently burning.”

Wagenblast said firefighting crews and equipment are scarce, and any new fire starts will require a response

from all agencies and landowners working together to suppress any fire and keep it small. These include the U.S. Forest Service, rural fire departments, forest landowners and ODF.

More than a dozen large fires are burning across the state, and some 4,700 personnel are fighting them.

This high fire activity has drawn down resources at the local level to respond to new fire starts. Triple-digit temperatures are forecast for this week, along with relative humidity in the teens, and the possibility of strong winds — the ingredients of a severe wildfire situation.

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