

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

## Calendar

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 16**

• SAND MASTER JAM  
SANDBOARDING TOURNEY  
2 TO 5 P.M.  
SAND MASTER PARK

**Aug. 6**

• COOL AT COAST  
ROTARY CLUB  
10 A.M.  
OCEAN DUNES

**Aug. 5-8**

• SIUSLAW FOOTBALL  
CAMP  
3 TO 5 P.M.  
AT SHS

**Aug. 19**

• SHS HALL OF FAME  
INDUCTION CEREMONY  
5:30 P.M.  
AT THREE RIVERS  
CASINO RESORT

**Aug. 20**

• SHS BOOSTER  
BARN BASH  
DINNER AND AUCTION  
KING FAMILY BARN  
5:30 P.M.  
LODGING AT THREE  
RIVERS CASINO RESORT

## TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide      Low Tide

**July 9**  
3:47am / 6.2      10:24am / 6.2  
5:00pm / 6.4      11:04pm / 2.0

**July 10**  
4:39pm / 5.6      11:06am / 0.6  
5:43pm / 6.3

**July 11**  
5:38am / 5.0      12:04am / 1.9  
6:28pm / 6.3      11:51am / 1.2

**July 12**  
6:45am / 4.6      1:08am / 1.7  
7:15pm / 6.3      12:40pm / 1.7

**July 13**  
8:01am / 4.4      2:11am / 1.4  
8:02pm / 6.5      1:34pm / 2.2

**July 14**  
9:15am / 4.5      3:10am / 1.1  
8:50pm / 6.5      2:32pm / 2.6

**July 15**  
10:19am / 4.7      4:02am / 0.6  
9:36pm / 6.7      3:29pm / 2.7

**SIUSLAW  
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## Digging in for the win



DIRT-N-DUNEZ PHOTOGRAPHY

Florence racer Gary "Gee" Armstrong placed second at the OORA competition.

# Local racer climbs drag race poll

Florence Yamaha/Polaris sponsored ATV sand drag racer Gary "Gee" Armstrong raced his Yamaha YFZ to a second-place finish in the Oregon Off-road Racing Association's Fourth of July weekend Pro ATV race.

The annual OORA race is held at Riddle Raceway in Riddle, Ore., and

attracts top ATV and car sand drag racers from the Pacific Northwest and California for two days of intense speed competition on the NHRA-style sand drag track.

"It's always a privilege for me to be in this race," Armstrong said about claiming the runner-up position.

"Some of these racers are the 'Top Guns' in the West and maybe in the entire country, so I'm fortunate to compete with them."

Armstrong, who is currently ranked eighth on the Northwest's Best, a top 10 list of fastest single-cylinder sand drag racers, plans to enter 22 competi-

tions in the western United States during the 2016 race season.

Other sponsors include: Fullerton Sand Sports Tires and Wheels, Redline Racing motors, CP-Carrillo, DASA Racing, Direct Drive CNC, Oneal MX Clothing, Red Artworks, Inc., and Jack Smoot Welding.

## AQUARIUM MOURNS LOSS OF POPULAR PELICAN

NEWPORT — One of Oregon Coast Aquarium's California brown pelicans, Wren, was discovered unresponsive during morning checks at the bird holding facility June 30.

A necropsy performed by Oregon State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed that Wren suffered an aneurysm of the carotid artery.

"It's hard to express how much we are going to miss Wren," said CJ McCarty, Curator of Birds at the aquarium. "She was special from day one and was a favorite of staff and visitors alike."

Wren arrived at the aquarium in October 2013, by way of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of the North Coast in Astoria, Ore.

With one wing partially amputated as a result of fishing line entanglement, Wren was incapable of flight and deemed unfit for release into the wild. She and another female brown pelican, JoJo, needed a permanent

home and the aquarium was happy to provide it.

During the two and a half years she spent at the aquarium, Wren reached many milestones with the help of the aquarium's aviculturists. She progressed from eating only in seclusion to taking fish directly from her keepers' hands, and eventually to participating in twice-daily feeding presentations before a live audience.

Aviculturists use positive reinforcement to encourage desirable behaviors in the aquarium's resident birds. In many cases, this means rewarding good behavior with edible treats. Wren was quick to embrace this technique, and soon learned to follow her trainer onto the presentation stage, touch her bill to a target pole, move to certain areas as directed, and even "take a bow" on cue.

Due to various natural and human-caused risks, injured pelicans are not uncommon at rehabilitation facilities along the Pacific coast.

"The loss of Wren comes in the midst of plans to adopt additional non-releasable brown pelicans in the near future," said Jim Burke, Director of Animal Husbandry at the aquarium. "We are deeply saddened by Wren's passing, but we remain committed to the legacy she started here, as an ambassador for her species."

During the pelican presentations, an educator interprets training techniques, pelican natural history and conservation issues while the aviculturists work with the pelican onstage.

The remaining brown pelican at the aquarium, JoJo, is healthy and will continue to charm the public during the presentations this summer.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is at 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Rd., in Newport, Ore.

For more information, visit [www.aquarium.org](http://www.aquarium.org) or call 541-867-3474.

## 'Cool at the Coast' tourney to help wipe out Polio

When the Rotary Club of Florence started planning its very first Cool at the Coast golf tournament back in 2010, polio was alive and thriving in four countries.

Nearly 700 cases had been reported in India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Today there are only 17 known cases: six in Afghanistan and 11 in Pakistan.

And the Florence Rotary can claim a tiny slice of the credit for this dra-

matic improvement. That's because each year, Cool at the Coast Golf tournament sends a share of its' proceeds to Rotary International in support of the worldwide End Polio Now campaign.

See **COOL 3B**

Golfers at the Cool at the Coast tournament celebrate a birdy on the ninth hole at Ocean Dunes.



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### MID COAST LAKES

Rainbow trout stocking is complete along the mid coast. Holdover trout will be available in most lakes through the summer.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species is good this time of year as fish move to the shallows for spawning. There are numerous lakes in the Florence area that can provide good opportunity.

### SIUSLAW RIVER:

#### Cutthroat

For cutthroat trout, casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective. Angling for all species in streams above tidewater is restricted to artificial flies and lures until Sept. 1. Casting small spinners, spoons or fly fishing streamers or dry flies can be very effective.

### ALSEA RIVER:

#### Cutthroat

The Alsea River is open

See **FISHING 2B**