

Local Coast Guard participates in Torch Run



Members of Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River participated in part of the nationwide Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) last week.

On July 5, they received the Flame of Hope from members of Coast Guard Station Umpqua River, located in Winchester Bay, and the torch was later passed to members of Station Yaquina Bay, located in Newport.

Each year local, state, federal and military law enforcement members carry the torch across the country to raise awareness for Special Olympics.

The LETR engages law enforcement personnel to champion the acceptance and inclusion of those with intellectual disabilities, through athletic empowerment and participation.

This leg of the run went from south of the Siuslaw River Bridge to Fred Meyer on Highway 101 and was escorted by a Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue engine for the three-mile trek. The torch made its way inland to the 2016 Summer State Games in Newberg on July 9.

"This event gives the crew an excellent opportunity to partner



U.S. Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River members take part in the Law Enforcement Torch Run on July 5.

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with local response agencies and the community to demonstrate support to the athletes competing in the Special Olympics," said

Senior Chief Petty Officer Tim Tregoning, commanding officer, Station Siuslaw River. "We particularly enjoy the camaraderie

and look forward to the Law Enforcement Torch Run every year."

—Submitted by Deborah

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Kiwanis announces winners of annual July Fourth Duck Race

Florence Kiwanis Club's 19th annual "Great Florence Duck Race" ran on the Siuslaw River on July 4. Only 2,000 tickets were available and all proceeds from the race stay in the community for scholarships and helping area children.

The winners of the prizes ,

including gift certificates, are:
 • Two paintings, "Peasant Children" — Jim Smith
 • Anchor Pier Lodge, Oregon Coast Aquarium, tour and Mo's Restaurant — Glenda Ryall
 • Oregon Jamboree — Jennifer Taylor

- Adobe Resort — Steve Skidmore
- Ray Wells rock — R&R King Logging
- Ocean Dunes Golf Links — Asher Sheruin
- Oregon Coast Aquarium, tour and Mo's Restaurant — Steve Crowe
- Coastal Fitness certificate — Copeland Lumber
- Les Schwab Tire Center certificate — Fred Calosso
- Pro Lumber certificate — Deb Lamb
- City Lights Cinemas membership — Jane Eby
- On Your Feet With A Splash certificate — Dina Pavlis
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- Mo's Restaurant — Kelly Rivas
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- Ron's Paint certificate — Isreal Leon
- Siuslaw Glass and Mirror certificate — Linda Aurich
- Beachcomber Pub. — Jim Brandt
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Jam from 1C

in 2000, where the annual Jam has taken place ever since. "The sport has come a long way in the last 20 years."

While the sport was already catching on in places like Peru and South America in the early 1990s, sandboarding was still a fledgling activity that hadn't caught on yet in the U.S. when Beale began boarding.

Then the Internet happened. "I did an Internet search for 'sandboarding' and came up with zero hits," laughs Beale, who instinctively bought the rights to

the "sandboard.com domain name. "Within a week, I had people finding us and asking questions about how to get started."

Beale credits the Internet with propelling the sport's legitimacy by allowing enthusiasts from around the world to establish rules and structure to the sport and competition.

"Before that, it was all a very informal thing," explains Beale, who has traveled the world as an ambassador of the sport. "We were pioneering the sport every step of the way because whatever we were doing, it had never been done before."

The creation of Dune Riders

International, the worldwide governing body of the sport, set guidelines, rules and a format for all sandboarding competitions to follow. In addition, each country participating in world competitions has a director, including two in the U.S., and one each in Peru, Chile, Egypt, South Africa, Spain and France.

Each sanctioned competition allows sandboarders to earn points. At the end of the world tour, the sandboarder with the most of points wins.

What makes the Sand Master Jam so important?

"It has three different competitions, and each one can earn as

much as 10 points for the winner," Beale explains. "Win all three, and you can have 30 points — which is huge."

Events include:
 Rail jam — Sandboarders slide onto a metal rail and ride it while performing stunts. Judges score on performance and difficulty.
 Slalom — Like Slalom skiing, sandboarders race down a dune face Slalom style for the fastest time.
 Sand drags — Sandboarders are pulled across the dunes by a dune buggy to achieve a top speed. The sandboarder with the fastest speed wins.

Twenty-year-old Logan Livingston, the current co-U.S. Amateur champion and a Florence resident, hopes to defend his title this year and eventually claim the pro division title.

His favorite event?
 "It's a tie between the Slalom and drag," says Livingston, who is an instructor at Sand Master Park, along with top pro-division contender Gabe Cruz, last year's pro division winner of the Jam. "I love the speed of those events."
 "I'm not a big fan of the rails, though. I'm not sure anyone is," he laughs. "We all want to go fast."

Saturday's competition begins at Sand Master Park with the rails competition at 2 p.m.

Events then move to Honeyman State Park for the Slalom and sand drag.

"It's going to be a good time, with some of the world's best sandboarders," says Beale. "It's a great way to spend a sunny afternoon."

Admission for spectators is free.

For more information, call Sand Master Park at 541-997-6000.

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