

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

• JULY 15

SAND MASTER JAM
SANDBOARDING EVENT
AT SAND MASTER PARK
2 TO 5 P.M.

UPCOMING

• AUG. 7-10

SHS FOOTBALL
ANNUAL KIDS CAMP
HANS PETERSEN FIELD
K THRU 4TH GRADE:
NOON TO 1:30 P.M.
5TH THRU 8TH GRADE
3 TO 5 P.M.

• AUG. 18

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

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

July 12
2:10am / 6.8 9:03am / 6.8
3:39pm / 6.1 9:13pm / 2.3

July 13
2:51am / 6.5 9:39am / 0.5
4:17pm / 6.2 10:02pm / 2.2

July 14
3:37am / 6.1 10:18am / 0.1
4:56pm / 6.3 10:57pm / 2.0

July 15
4:32am / 5.07 11:00am / 0.4
5:40pm / 6.5

July 16
5:38am / 5.2 12:00am / 1.7
6:27pm / 6.7 11:48am / 1.0

July 7
6:56am / 4.29 1:08am / 1.2
7:19pm / 7.0 12:44pm / 1.4

July 18
8:19am / 4.8 2:17am / 0.6
8:14pm / 7.4 1:48pm / 1.9

NEED FOR SPEED



DIRT-N-DUNEZ PHOTO

Florence's Gary "Gee" Armstrong races his Yamaha YFZ to eighth place at last week's Northwest's Best—Top 10 Fastest race in Albany, Ore.

Armstrong nabs 8th in Albany

Florence based ATV sand-drag racer Gary "Gee" Armstrong raced his Yamaha YFZ into the number 8 spot in the Single Cylinder Class in the recent Northwest's Best—Top 10 Fastest race held at Albany Motorsports Park in Albany, Ore.

"Mine is the smallest motor to make it into the Top 10 Fastest Single Cylinder Class," Armstrong said. "I

enter this heads-up race in the Northwest every year to see how we stack up against single cylinder motors that are 20 to 50 percent larger than mine, and we did pretty good claiming that number eight spot.

"Drag racing isn't all about motor size, it's also about a driver's racing skills."

As a Pro Sand Drag Association

racer, Armstrong competes in Pro ATV racing events around the Western United States. His sponsors include Florence Yamaha/Polaris, Fullerton Sand Sports Tires and Wheels, Redline Racing Motors, DASA, CP Carrillo Pistons, Oneal MX Clothing, Direct Drive CNC and local Florence businesses Red Artworks, Inc., and Jack Smoot Welding.

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

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MID COAST LAKES:

Most of the North Coast lakes were stocked with trout recently. Water temps are great and fish should be hungry, so go catch them.

Stocking of Mid Coast lakes has ended for the year. The 2017 trout stocking schedule is available online.

SIUSLAW RIVER: Trout

Trout season opened May 22, and there should be some nice cutthroat around.

Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches.

ALSEA RIVER: Trout

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SALMON RIVER: Trout

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See **FISHING 4B**

Texas 4000 cyclists to roll through Florence Friday

Seventy-one cyclists will take on a 70-day journey to Alaska benefiting cancer research

On the longest annual charity bicycle ride in the world, the Texas 4000 team will be rolling through Florence on Friday, July 14, just 42 days after departing from Austin, Texas, on their way to Anchorage, Alaska. While in Florence, the 2017 Texas 4000 Team will share hope, knowledge and charity with friends and family before continuing on their 70-day journey.

The 71 undergraduate and graduate students from The University of Texas at Austin will brave the rain, sleet, wind, snow and heat while pedalling more than 4,000 miles in the fight

against cancer.

After 18-months of leadership development training, volunteering, fundraising and cycling, riders are put to the test throughout their summer ride to Alaska. Along their journey, they visit with cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and communities to make educational presentations about cancer prevention and early detection.

They also use this time to offer hope, encouragement and share their personal stories to cancer fighters of all ages and to those who have been

affected by the disease.

Every encounter is an inspirational story the riders carry with them on their journey and quest to fight cancer. Each of this year's riders will take one of three different routes to Alaska :

• **Sierra Route:** These riders will head northwest from Austin and cycle through the Southwest to California, then north along the West Coast and into Canada. Major cities along the route include: Santa Fe, N.M.; Davis, Calif.; San Francisco, Calif.; Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.; and Vancouver, B.C.

• **Rockies Route:** These riders will head north from Austin and cut over to the Rocky Mountains. They'll ride through the western U.S. before crossing the Canadian border into Alberta, Canada. Major cities along the route include: Dallas, Texas; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Denver, Colo.; Missoula, Mont.; and Calgary, Alberta.

• **Ozarks Route:** These riders will head east from Austin and cut northeast through the American Midwest before crossing the Canadian border

See **CYCLISTS 2B**

SAFETY CONCERNS PROMPT CHANGES TO BASEBALL, SOFTBALL RULES

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, all balls used in high school baseball competition will be required to meet the NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment) standard at the time of manufacture.

This revision in Rule 1-3-1 was one of the four changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee at its June 4-6 meet-

ing in Indianapolis, Ind. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

"We are excited that our membership will now have equipment that meets a standard that is consistent across the country," said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports and student services and staff liaison for baseball. "We are comfortable knowing that all baseballs for high school

play will be the same size, same weight and have similar playability."

The committee also revised Rule 1-5-3, which will require catchers to wear a chest protector that meets the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture, effective Jan. 1, 2020.

The NOCSAE standard has been developed to protect the heart and the cardiac silhouette from commotio cordis, which continues the commit-

tee's focus on minimizing risk of injury for players.

"Being aware that a standard exists to protect players, this decision was easy to make," Hopkins said. "When our catchers wear this chest protector, we are confident that the best protection for their heart is constructed into this equipment."

See **RULES 3B**

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