

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS Calendar

UPCOMING

• AUG. 5

GOLF TOURNEY
COOL AT THE COAST
AT OCEAN DUNES
10 A.M.

• 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

Cycling against cancer

Texas 4000 cyclists travel from Austin to Anchorage to cure cancer

BY JARED ANDERSON
Siuslaw News

The journey has been long for the Sierra group of the Texas 4000 cyclist team, battling jagged roads, scorching temperatures, one lost helmet, poison oak (x4) and innumerable flat tires.

It's been 42 days and 3,279 miles since these college students from the University of Texas at Austin, hit the road on their bicycles in an effort to raise funds for cancer research.

On Friday, July 14, they took a break in Florence, as they've done for the past 11 years, on their way to the permanent daylight of Anchorage, Alaska. And, as tradition for their Florence respite, they enjoyed the hospitality of Florence's St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

"Originally, our former reverend, Bill Fulton, got a call to host the group," recalled Terri Pennington, organizer for the cyclists stay. "He asked me if I could help them out. I



MARK BRENNAN/SIUSLAW NEWS

University of Texas at Austin students made Sandland Adventures their first stop in Florence Friday before continuing the 4,000-mile trek Saturday.

thought it would be something fun, something I could do to help."

More than a decade later, she's still organizing the cyclers Florence retreat. The Texas 4000 is the longest annual

charity bicycle ride in the world, raising over \$7 million since its inception in 2003.

See **CYCLING 3B**

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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SILETZ RIVER:

Steelhead, Chinook, trout

The Siletz River opened for wild Chinook on April 1 (1 per day and 2 per season). Spring Chinook and summer steelhead are being caught, and fishing should continue to improve.

ODFW is recycling hatchery summer steelhead from the Siletz Falls trap, giving anglers another shot at catching these fish in the gorge.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

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WILSON RIVER:

Steelhead, Spring Chinook, trout

Spring Chinook fishing has been slow on the Wilson. There are summer steelhead in the system, and fishing pressure is very light.

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YAQUINA RIVER: Trout

There should be some nice cutthroat around.

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COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout, warmwater fish

See **FISHING 4B**



PHOTOS BY NED HICKSON/SIUSLAW NEWS

Matt Carter (above) speeds to the finish in the slalom event, one of three rounds of competition during Saturday's 21st annual Sand Master Jam; Abby Watkins of Florence (below) won the women's division.

JAMMIN' IN THE SAND

BY NED HICKSON
Siuslaw News

Michael Maio came to Florence from Sammamish, Wash., with his family for the sand. An expert skier, the 47-year-old figured sandboarding would be a quick study.

"It's really different. And while some of the same skills apply, it's different enough that there's still a learning curve," said Maio, who found out about this year's 21st annual Sand Master Jam when he went in to rent sandboards at Sand Master Park.



"The guy inside told us about it, so I decided to give it a shot," said Maio, who was the only member of his family to take the challenge. "My son's having fun watching me struggle."

As it turned out, Maio was in good company, with nearly half of this year's 18 competitors relative newcomers to sandboarding.

Only three of Saturday's competitors qualified for the professional division, including Gabe Cruz, aka, "the guy inside" who told Maio about this year's Jam.

See **SAND 4B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

July 19
9:37am / 5.1 3:22am / -0.1
9:10pm / 7.7 2:55pm / 2.2

July 20
10:45am / 5.5 4:20am / -0.9
10:06pm / 8.1 4:00pm / 2.2

July 21
11:43am / 5.9 5:14am / -1.4
11:00pm / 8.3 5:00pm / 2.1

July 22
12:34am / 6.2 6:04am / -1.9
11:53pm / 8.4 5:57pm / 1.9

July 23
6:52am / -2.1
1:21pm / 6.6 6:50pm / 1.7

July 24
12:43am / 8.3 7:38am / -2.0
2:06pm / 6.8 7:42pm / 1.5

July 25
1:33am / 8.0 8:22am / -1.7
2:50pm / 6.9 8:33pm / 1.4

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