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## Sports & Recreation

### July 3

• Florence Softball  
5:30 p.m.  
ACC vs Welton (North)  
Beachcomber vs Lofy (South)  
7 p.m.  
Lofy vs Welton (North)  
Beachcomber vs ACC (South)

### July 5

• SHS cheerleaders bottle and can drive at SHS 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Tide Tables

Entrance Siuslaw River

**High Tide**      **Low Tide**

**July 3**  
12:21am / 8.2      2:05am / 6.2  
7:29pm / -2.1      7:19pm / 2.4

**July 4**  
1:08am / 8.2      8:14am / 2.1  
2:50pm / 6.3      8:10pm / 2.3

**July 5**  
1:57am / 8.0      8:59am / -2.0  
3:37pm / 6.5      9:05pm / 2.2

**July 6**  
2:49am / 7.5      9:45am / -1.6  
4:24pm / 6.6      10:04pm / 2.0

**July 7**  
3:46am / 6.9      10:33am / -1.1  
5:13pm / 6.7      11:10pm / 1.8

**July 8**  
4:49am / 6.2      11:24am / -0.3  
6:04pm / 6.9

**June 9**  
6:01am / 5.6      12:21am / 1.4  
6:55pm / 7.1      12:17pm / 0.5



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Florence UTV sand drag racer Gary "G" Armstrong battles his way into third during last weekend's UTV Takeover Side by Side Wars in North Bend over the weekend.

## ARMSTRONG 'TAKES OVER' THIRD AT BOX CAR

Driving his 2019 Yamaha YXZ1000 UTV race car, local sand drag racer Gary "G" Armstrong battled his way into the semi-finals and a third-place finish at the annual UTV Takeover Side by Side Wars at Box Car Dunes in North Bend last weekend.

This year's event drew an estimated 20,000 UTV enthusiasts to the Oregon Dunes for a week of camping, recreational riding and sand competitions. UTV's — also called "side by sides"

because they can accommodate up to four people — are a fairly new breed of 4-wheeled recreational vehicle that have become increasingly popular due to their car-like characteristics, safety and handling.

UTV Takeover hosts four similar events in the U.S. each year.

Armstrong, of Florence, will compete in the Albany Sand Drags this weekend to qualify for the NW Pro Car Sand Drag Championship Race Series, where he is cur-

rently tied for fourth place in the standings.

Armstrong's racing sponsors are Florence Yamaha/ Polaris/CanAm, Fullerton Sand Sports Tires and Wheels, Dasa Racing products, Direct Drive CNC, Redline Racing, Oneal Racing Clothing, Dirt Wheels Magazine, Santa Cruz Bicycles and local Florence businesses Jack Smoot Welding and Siuslaw Signs & Graphics.

## MASTERING THE SAND — PART II

BY JARED ANDERSON  
Siuslaw News

**(Editor's Note: In Part II of our look at the exponential growth of Sandboarding in South America and, most recently, Saudi Arabia, we talk with Sand Master Park owner and sandboarding guru Lon Beale who, in addition to relocating his park next to Fred Meyer, will soon be working as a consultant to establish a multi-million dollar sandboarding park in Saudi Arabia.)**

"When they have a sandboarding tournament event, there's 100 competitors. When we have an event here in the U.S., there's 20 competitors. The difference is, people that come to sandboard here in the U.S. do it as recreation," said Beale. "They do it to have fun and have a good time. So that's what we cater to. But in



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A sandboarder surveys the terrain from atop a dune at Honeyman State Park.

South America, they want to compete. They want to see who's the best. As far as competition goes, there's a world sandboard tour, and what they're doing is just amazing. They're every bit at the level of snowboarding. Whatever

tricks they're doing on snow, they're doing on sand now."

As to why Americans don't want to compete, Beale called it "the question of the day."

"We live in Florence. There

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### ODFW REGIONAL FISHING REPORT

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#### MID-COAST LAKES

Stocking of the mid-coast lakes began the first week of February and will continue into June. Check the stocking schedule online for dates and locations of stockings. These early stockings include: Alder and Dune Lake, Cleawox, Lost Lake, Munsel Lake, Thissel Pond, Mercer Lake, Big Creek Reservoirs, Ollala Reservoir and Devils Lake.

Warmwater fisheries are improving in several lakes around the Florence area including: Siltcoos, Tahkenitch, Mercer, and Munsel.

#### SILTCOOS & TAHKENITCH LAKES:

**Warmwater species**  
Warmwater fishing has been improving on Siltcoos and Tahkenitch lakes. The recent warm weather is warming up the water and getting the fish more active. We are now in the post spawn time of year, fish will start to move out the shallows and disperse throughout the lakes into a variety of habitats. Warmwater fishing will continue to be good through the summer and into the fall.

Siltcoos also gets stocked rainbow trout, check the stocking schedule for numbers and dates of stockings.

#### SIUSLAW RIVER:

**Cutthroat trout**  
Trout fishing in streams is open. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

**ALSEA RIVER: Cutthroat trout**

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**SALMON RIVER: Cutthroat trout**

Trout fishing in streams has reopened, time to hit the river. Check the regulations for open areas and gear restrictions.

**SILETZ RIVER: Summer steelhead, spring Chinook, cutthroat trout**

The Siletz River is open year-round for steelhead and summer steelhead fishing has been slow so far this season but should improve towards the end of June and the early part of July. Anglers are catching summer steelhead throughout the system but the best fishing is in the Moonshine and gorge areas. The summer steelhead fishery picks up in May and peaks in June and July.

Fishing peaks mid-June through August and then continues to produce fish until the heavy rains come in the fall.

The 4.0-mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is open to motorized vehicles but is only open to public vehicles on the

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## FREE SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS CONTINUE AT CAPE PERPETUA THROUGH AUGUST

Throughout the summer, at Cape Perpetua Scenic Area, field rangers and local experts are hosting a variety of free family events at Cape Perpetua.

Visitors can choose from any of the activities below to experience these special places in new ways:

• July 6 and Aug. 3 — Trees to Sea: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center

Learn about the interconnectedness of the forest and ocean ecosystems through a variety of hands-on stations, presentations and hikes.

• July 22-23 and July 29-30 — Marbled Murrelet Survey: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Contribute to research aimed at saving this threatened seabird. Join scientists and land managers

to learn about murrelet nesting and feeding habits, then help identify and count birds as they fly between the forest and ocean.

RSVP at [www.goo.gl/forms/KgY1ESmcep91uQ8I3](http://www.goo.gl/forms/KgY1ESmcep91uQ8I3)

• Friday, Aug. 9 — Smokey Bear's 75th Birthday Party: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center

Join in celebrating Smokey's 75 years of preventing wildfires.

Enjoy birthday cake, learn about fire ecology on the Siuslaw, and tell happy birthday to Smokey himself.

• Mondays through Sept. 2 — Walk with a Ranger: Noon; meet at the Visitor Center

Join, retired Chief Park Ranger, Michael Noack, for an easy to moderate hike where he will be sharing information about the local flora and fauna. Hikes will

last 75-90 minutes.

• Wednesdays through Aug. 28 — Under the Sea: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; meet at the Visitor Center  
Take a deeper dive into the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve by joining Tara DuBois for interactive exhibits at the Visitor Center.

To learn more about family-friendly activities on the forest, visit [www.go.usa.gov/x5Xrq](http://www.go.usa.gov/x5Xrq).

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### THIS IS YOUR DREAM HOME!!

In town home, close to all the city services on the riverfront with a 30 foot dock. Inside this architecture designed home, is pure elegance. Each room is insulated for added quiet. The upstairs has a 2 inch gypsum/cement layer below the flooring for extra quiet. With views from every window it's a pure delight. This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath, 3164 sq ft home has an over 500 sq ft shop overlooking the river. In floor hot water hydronics, heats 4 zones, plus 2 Honeywell air to air heat exchangers provide continuous filtered and preheated air thru the home. Maple floors, brazilian tilework, solid cherry cabinets....what's not to love!!! Make an appointment to see what a special, unique home this is.

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