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Seaside runners are on fire

Cross country team sets pace as Cowapa League champions

By GARY HENLEY
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WARRENTON — When it comes to Class 4A boys cross country, the top three high school teams in Oregon were all on display Wednesday afternoon at Camp Rilea, site of the annual Cowapa League Championships.

And the best of the best?

Seaside settled that question with a dominating performance on the soggy, 5,000-meter course.

The Gulls had three of the top four finishers and literally ran off with the Cowapa boys' team championship, as Seaside finished with 35 points, followed by Tillamook (48) and Valley Catholic (59).

Along with the entire boys' team, the Seaside girls will send two athletes to the state meet, Oct. 31 in Eugene.

Coaches around the state have already voted Seaside as the best boys' team at the 4A level — and the Gulls will be the favorites once they line up to run at Lane Community College.

Seaside's first six runners finished in the top 21 in Wednesday's race, and ("Good grief," says the rest of the Cowapa League) none of them are seniors.

"We knew this meet would be a smackdown," Seaside coach Neil Branson said. "In the hypothetical results, the Cowapa meet was Tillamook, ourselves and Valley Catholic (for first, second and third); and statewide, it's Tillamook, Valley Catholic and ourselves."

Individually, the Gulls picked up the bulk of their points with a 2-3-4 finish. After Tillamook senior Eulises Cruz-Vieyra (first in 16 minutes, 44 seconds), it was Seaside junior Bradley Rzewnicki (second, 16:49); junior Hunter Thompson (third, 16:56); and sophomore Rafi Sibony (fourth, 16:58). Junior Jackson Januik was eighth in 17:11.

A key finish came from sophomore Colton Carter (18th, 17:56).

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TOP TO BOTTOM: Seaside's Hunter Thompson runs in the Cowapa League Championship meet at Camp Rilea.

Seaside's Bradley Rzewnicki competes in the the Cowapa League Championship meet at Camp Rilea.

Seaside's Katie Zagata, left, runs along the course during the Cowapa League Championships, slightly ahead of teammate Josie Smith. Both qualified for the state meet.



No room to rent

Not enough housing stock means creative solutions needed for affordable housing

By EDWARD STRATTON
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When Richard Krueger was finishing the 24 units in the first phase of the Yacht Club Apartments near the Old Youngs Bay Bridge in spring 2014, he said the second phase would come once the first filled up.

"We were full before we opened the doors," Laurie Willey, Krueger's property manager, said Tuesday in between fielding calls and visitors to her office inquiring about Phase 2.

Willey said the waiting list for the 36 units in the Yacht Club's second phase — still bare plywood and two-by-fours and slated to open in the spring — is quickly filling up.

Meanwhile, Krueger is already exploring another apartment project amid a historic housing crunch in Astoria.

Half of the approximately 5,000 housing units in Astoria were renter-occupied in 2013, according to a city affordable housing report. Of those, 75 to 80 percent were apartments.

The report said more than 45 percent of renters were cost-burdened, spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing, when the median gross rent was \$693. Today, Mike Morgan, the city's interim planner, said he is hearing of typical rents between \$875 and \$950 — or between \$1 and \$1.25 per square foot — and low vacancy rates that approach the extremes of Portland.

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Charter school is a go

State requires diverting funds for Cannon Beach school

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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The new Cannon Beach Academy, on track to open next year, will get at least \$250,000 of the Seaside School District's budget. Funds will come from the district's existing four schools in order to serve the charter school students, but where cuts will be made has yet to be determined.

"We're going to have to make some hard decisions, but we've done that in the past, and we still have a great school district," School Board Chairman Steve Phillips said.

The academy won conditional approval to open from the district's board of directors during a special meeting last week.

The district's overall budget is slightly more than \$21 million.

"There are an awful lot of things that are still to be negotiated," Superintendent Doug Dougherty said, adding the district will work with Jim Green, an attorney from the Oregon School Board Association, to finalize details.

To start, the board will craft a three-year contract with the academy administration that allows the institution to begin with kindergarten and first grade and then add a new grade level each subsequent school year. The academy plans to offer education for kindergarten to fifth-grade students.

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Law enforcement laments legal pot woes

New law too permissive, could expose children to drug, officials say

By EDWARD STRATTON
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SEASIDE — When it comes to enforcing marijuana laws, Warrenton Police Chief Matt Workman joked, his officers might have to exchange their guns for scales.

The joke underscored the confusion Workman and other law enforcement officials say Measure 91, which legalized recreational marijuana, has created.

Workman, Lt. Steve Barnett, Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis

and Oregon Liquor Control Commission inspector Marc Warren led a panel discussion Wednesday at Providence Seaside Hospital about the legal and commercial rollout of legalized marijuana. The presentation was organized through North Coast Prevention Works, a local coalition working to prevent drug use by minors.

"They're not easy for cops to grasp, let alone a parent," Workman said of the laws, reviewing the history of

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THC-infused knockoffs of popular confectioneries and sodas include the Krondike Bar, Sour Gummi Bears, Nutella and Canna Cola (pictured). Law enforcement officials fear the products are indistinguishable to children from drug-free products.

