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## 'STACKSTOCK SOUNDS OFF

Big-city talent at inaugural music festival

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CANNON BEACH — Facing a rapt audience at his feet and a bright crescent moon over the

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Pacific, Colin Meloy, the frontman of The Decemberists, took the stage Saturday night at the first-ever 'Stackstock Music Fest, offering up a solo set tailored to the coast.

At the show, held at Martin

North's Haystack Gardens in Cannon Beach, the songwriter of the Portland indie folk-rock band performed classics such as "Oceanside" and "Down By The Water," plus songs from an upcoming album.

And, since this was Meloy — a musician who knows what he is known for — his bittersweet

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Colin Meloy, frontman of The Decemberists, plays solo at the first 'Stackstock Music Fest.

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## RUNNERS WILD



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Cross-country runners compete in the 28th annual 3-Course Challenge on Saturday at Camp Rilea in Warrenton. The grueling event, hosted by Seaside High School, drew more than 2,100 athletes. See more photos online at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com). Read the story in Sports on 10A.



Runners rest at the finish line.



Athletes traverse a water obstacle during the 3-Course Challenge cross-country event on Saturday at Camp Rilea.



Spectators try to find a vantage point to watch athletes running in the 3-Course Challenge on Saturday.

## A primal appeal motivates Warrenton ultra-marathoner

Principal an extreme runner

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WARRENTON — Warrenton Grade School Principal Tom Rogozinski has literally run across America. The mild-mannered, 49-year-old career educator has been running ultra-marathons since college, from nonstop 200-mile footraces through the wilderness to a Tour de France-style run in



stages from New York City to Los Angeles. Last month, Rogozinski covered 206 miles in 90 hours through Washington's Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Earlier this month, he covered another 206 miles in 78 hours around Lake Tahoe. Next month, he will tackle 238 miles from Moab, Utah,

through the Canyonlands and Arches national parks, the final leg in the Triple Crown of 200s that has become a yearly ritual for Rogozinski, always trying to test his limits. From Pittsburgh, Rogozinski ran track at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. At 22, he helped crew for a friend running the 50-mile Massanutten Mountain Massacre race in Virginia in 1990. Intrigued, he entered on the day of the race, finished in the top 10 and was hooked.

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## Community development director to leave post

Cronin was hired in 2015

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Astoria Community Development Director Kevin Cronin is leaving his job in October. City Manager Brett Estes said Cronin, who was hired in 2015, wanted to pursue other opportunities.



Kevin Cronin

Several sources said privately, however, that there had been escalating concerns over the past several months about Cronin's management of a department that oversees critical issues such as development review, code enforcement and urban renewal. Cronin had been given opportunities to address the concerns, sources said, which involved a lack of collaboration,

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