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Whale Watch Week begins March 21 at Cape Perpetua

Special program will be hosted at visitor center

YACHATS — Have a whale of a good time at Cape Perpetua. Whale Watch volunteers will be available to help visitors spot whales and share information from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, through Saturday, March 28, at the Cape Perpetua Visitor

Center, 2400 S. Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats.

Gray whales and their offspring are traveling north past Cape Perpetua from their winter birthing waters near Baja, Calif., to their summer feeding grounds off the coast of Alaska.

Cape Perpetua volunteer interpreter and naturalist Michael Noack will give four free presentations titled "Experiencing Gray Whales," during Whale Watch Week:

- Monday, March 23, at

11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

- Saturday, March 28, at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Noack has studied gray whales for many years and has been involved with training Whale Watch volunteers and assisting with whale research missions.

Films and interpretive materials about grey whales also are available at the Visitor Center.

Whale Watch Week is part of Oregon State Park's Whale Watch Spoken Here program.

Whale Watch programs and events are free, but a day-use fee or recreation pass is required within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

For more information, call Visitor Center staff at 541-547-3289.

Michael Noack scans the ocean along Cape Perpetua. He will give four presentations during Whale Watch Week.



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A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

There's always this year

Some say that the road to perdition begins at 2330 W. Rio Salado Parkway in Mesa, Ariz.

"Perdition" is defined as "a state of eternal punishment and damnation into which a sinful and impenitent person passes after death." It might be too kind a term for the faithful who begin their journey at that address, however, for they are Cubs fans.

If the assembled masses at Sloan Park, where the Cubs train during the spring, knew they didn't have a shot at winning, perhaps some of their suffering would be alleviated.

Travels through time, however, tell us this will not be the case.

The last time the Cubs were in the World Series, 1945, pockets of Nazis were still fighting in France, and Americans were eagerly awaiting the end of shoe rationing.

The last time they won a World Series, 1908, women didn't have the right to vote in America, Mount Rushmore was a pile of rocks, and there were only 46 states.

But hey, this year promises to be different, right? The good folks at Grays,

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Sports Calendar

Spring sports

- March 17
SHS baseball at Taft HS 3 p.m.
- March 19
SHS track SHS Icebreaker 4 p.m.
- MHS track Mapleton 300 4 p.m.
- March 20
SHS softball hosts Bandon 5 p.m.

Spring forward



Photos by Ned Hickson/Siuslaw News

On Thursday, the Mapleton Sailors track and field team completed in the second day of its "mini meet," a two-day inner-squad meet during which all members compete in the 100-meter dash, 600-meters, shot put and long jump. "The objective is to set a baseline to start from," said head coach Johnny Sundstrom. "Sometimes, athletes also discover they have a talent for an event they otherwise might've passed up." The Sailors' track season will begin March 19, when they host the Mapleton 300. Events begin at 4 p.m.



ODFW announces upcoming Family Fishing days

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife invites Oregon families to come fishing at one of 33 free Family Fishing events scheduled throughout the state this spring and summer.

"The events are designed to show families how easy and fun fishing can be," said Shahab Farzanegan, ODFW angler education coordinator.

ODFW provides loaner rods and reels, tackle, instruction and freshly stocked fish — everything a family needs for a successful fishing trip.

Children under the age of 14 can fish for free, kids 14 to 17 and adults will need an Oregon



ODFW PHOTO

fishing license in order to fish.

For families that can't attend one of

the scheduled events, ODFW offers several resources to help you go fishing on your own, including:

- Easy Angling Oregon at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/easy_angling
- 101 great places for families to fish in Oregon at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing/where_how/gear.asp
- Rod, reel and tackle recommendations at www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/fishing.asp

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A weekly fishing report for the local region

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

MID COAST LAKES:

The rainbow trout stocking program is underway with many of the mid coast lakes been stocked. Most water bodies will be stocked multiple times until early June. Be sure to check out the 2015 stocking schedule for the most up to date information.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species can be productive during the winter months. Anglers may need to target different areas of a lake (typically deeper) versus when fishing more shallow areas in the spring or summer.

SIUSLAW RIVER:

Steelhead
The winter steelhead fishery is slow to fair in both the Siuslaw and Lake Creek. River conditions are

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TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide Low Tide

March 14
6:36am / 6.8 12:24am / 3.3
8:31pm / 5.4 1:54pm / 0.9

March 15
7:50am / 6.9 1:47am / 3.3
9:35pm / 5.8 3:01pm / 0.5

March 16
9:01am / 7.1 3:05am / 2.9
10:28pm / 6.3 4:00pm / 0.1

March 17
10:06am / 7.5 4:10am / 2.3
11:13pm / 6.9 4:51pm / -0.2

March 18
11:04am / 7.9 5:07am / 1.5
11:55pm / 7.5 5:39pm / -0.5

March 19
11:59am / 8.1 5:58am / 0.8
6:24pm / -0.5

March 20
12:36am / 8.0 6:48am / 0.1
12:51pm / 8.1 7:07pm / -0.2

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