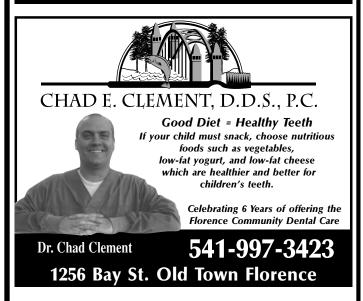
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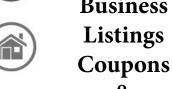
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'Walk With a Ranger' program starts at Cape

YACHATS — Explore the trails within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area during weekly "Walk with a Ranger" guided

Retired chief park ranger and interpretive naturalist Michael Noack is now leading a leisurely 30- to 60-minute hike along easy-to-moderate trails at noon every Monday

through the summer.

"This is a great opportunity for people to connect with nature, while sharing the experience with others," Noack

During the hikes, Noack will share information about the local flora and fauna, while participants will have the opportunity to get to know one another and make new hiking friends.

Hikes will depart from the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, located three miles south of Yachats on Highway 101.

Participants should dress for variable coastal weather, wear comfortable shoes, and bring water.

"Walk With a Ranger" hikes

will continue through the sum-

Attending the hikes is 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-

Aquarium to 'go green' for Earth Day Celebration

NEWPORT — Oregon's window to the underwater world will go green on Saturday, April 25, when the Oregon Coast Aquarium celebrates Earth Day.

"We host this annual celebration to encourage the public to engage in positive behavior changes for the benefit of a healthier environment and lifestyle," said Beth Hawkyard, the aquarium's volunteer services manager, who organizes the event. "It is a wonderful feeling to know you are reduc-

Seth Campbell

The senior middle and

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Far West meet in Coos Bay,

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Exhibits will brim with ecofriendly educational opportunities for visitors. Guests will be able to practice identifying marine debris, learn about reusable products and contribute to a collaborative art piece called "Wave of Change."

Guests are also invited to take a guided walk on the wild side through the aquarium's naturescaped grounds that the National Wildlife Federation honored with a wildlife habitat certification.

Anita Albrecht, the aquarium's head groundskeeper, will lead visitors during this native plant walk to explore this restored natural landscape.

Those interested in joining the 45 minute tour should meet outside the aquarium's lobby at 1 p.m.

Pre-registration is not required and all activities are included with general admission. The aquarium is open every day from 10 a.m. to 5

For more information call 541-867-FISH or visit www. aquarium.org.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium organizes its Earth Day event in conjunction with the Association of Zoo and aquarium's (AZA) nation-wide Party For the Planet event on April 22. Party For the Planet's collective events make the world's largest combined Earth Day Celebration.

For more information about AZA's Party For the Planet, visit www.aza.org.

New guide outlines 63 local fishing spots

Anglers in Lane County now have a new guide to more than five dozen fishing spots, from the Oregon Coast to the Cascade Mountains.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and Travel Lane County, the guide "65 Places to go Fishing in Lane County" offers key details to help novice to expert anglers navigate their way to the region's

lakes, rivers and streams.

"We are excited to offer local and visiting anglers a piece that shows the diversity and extent of fishing in our In a partnership between the area," said Samara Phelps, Director of Visitor Services, at the Eugene, Cascades and Coast Adventure Center. "Whether it's fishing on the Oregon Coast or on the McKenzie River, we hope to inspire new and experienced

4:30 p.m.

(doors open at 3:30 pm)

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anglers to explore locations across the county."

The guide outlines the types of fish found or stocked in each locale, as well as key amenities such as boat launches, picnic areas, camping facilities, disabled access and restrooms.

Listings also include whether parking, day-use or other fees apply.

A map inside pinpoints the 65 fishing spots located in and around Eugene, Springfield, Grove, Cottage Dexter, Leaburg, Blue River. Oakridge, Florence, Veneta, Junction City and Cheshire.

A QR code can be scanned for easy mobile map access.

"We know there are many popular fisheries here, but realize that we have some locations that don't get the attention they merit," said Shannon Richardson. Fisheries Biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Partnering with Travel Lane County allows us to get the word out about the angling opportunities in Lane County and empower people to get outdoors and get fishing."

The guide features full-color illustrations of common fish found in Lane County waters to help anglers identify everything from Chinook salmon and largemouth bass to rainbow trout and crappie. Tips for embarking on a fishing trip via a drift boat, pontoon or kayak provide helpful hints for successful, safe trips.

A total of 10,000 guides have been printed and will be distributed at key locations Oregon through the Department of Fish and Wildlife and information cen-

Travel Lane County will distribute them at the Eugene, Cascades and Coast Downtown Visitor Center and the Adventure Center in Springfield, as well as at key partner venues from hotels to trade shows.

Guides are also available for download at www.dfw.state.or. us/resources/fishing/where_ho w/65_places_in_lane_county.a

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