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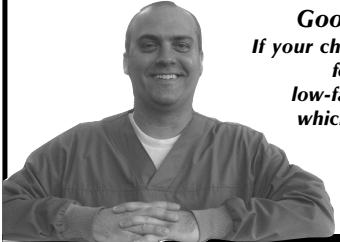
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CYCLING GROUP FROM DOWN UNDER



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This past Monday, May 11, a group of nine Australian cyclists ages 50 and over dipped their toes in the Pacific Ocean near Florence and embarked on a cross country trek taking them to Yorktown, Va., in an effort to raise funds for Wheelchairs for Kids. The group of friends converged in Florence from different parts of the world for the 10-week journey. The money raised will benefit children in Africa in need of rough-terrain wheelchairs.

ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK



Carissa Oliver

Siuslaw H.S. Track & Field

The sophomore thrower holds the longest throw in the 4A ranks so far this year in the discus... 124' 5". She got that in a victory at the Wally Ciochetti Invitational last week in Cottage Grove. In addition to being the top mark in the state this year, it's also the fifth longest all time throw at Siuslaw. Oliver also set personal records in two other events in Cottage Grove, in the shot put: 34' 5"; and in the javelin: 93' 6".

Honorable Mention Joseph Dotson

Joseph Dotson set the all-time Siuslaw record in the 300 intermediate hurdles with a win in Cottage Grove. His time of 39.33 seconds moved him past Collin Cram who set the previous mark of 39.84 seconds in 2004. Dotson also moved up to number four on the all-time Siuslaw list in winning the 400 meters with a time of 50.78 seconds.

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Cape Perp. to host wildflower walk



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Chickweeds are just some of the wildflowers in bloom along Cape Perpetua.

YACHATS — Wildflowers are in bloom at Cape Perpetua, and the public is invited to learn more about them.

Join Siuslaw National Forest botanist Marty Stein on a wildflower walk at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 16, from the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center, 2400

S. Highway 101.

Stein will lead visitors on an hour-long, easy-to-moderate hike along the Giant Spruce Trail. He will identify local plants, discuss their biology, and share some of their native and traditional uses.

The hike is free, but space is

limited.

Participants also should be aware that a day-use fee or recreation pass is required within the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Visitor Center staff at 541-547-3289.

Marine Reserves launches new photo contest

Do you like walking on the beach, watching seabirds, or just enjoying the views of the Oregon coast? You can share how you connect with Oregon's marine reserves and special places by submitting a photo to "The Sea That Feeds Us," a photo contest hosted by the Oregon Marine Reserves Partnership and Oviewfinder.

The contest, which ends October 15, 2015, is a great way for anyone to share their connection with our marine reserves."

The five marine reserves are Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, Otter Rock, Cape Perpetua and Redfish Rocks. The three categories of photo submissions include landscapes, people and fish and wildlife, with prizes will be awarded in all three categories.

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Viks from 1C

at home to host North Bend for a doubleheader and the final game of the league season.

First pitch for game one goes out at 3 p.m., followed by the nightcap about 5 p.m.

On the softball diamond, the Lady Viks lost both of their games to the Bruins, opening with a 10-0 shutout.

But in game two, Siuslaw rallied hard in the seventh inning, posting seven runs before falling to Brookings in a narrow loss, 10-9.

Friday, the Lady Viks will wrap up their season on the road at North Bend for a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

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