

## Fall hours begin at Cape Perpetua

The Cape Perpetua Visitor Center has begun its fall operating hours.

The Visitor Center, located three miles south of Yachats, will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily until the end of the year.

"Fall is a great time to explore the Oregon Coast," said Brian Hoeh, Visitor Center manager. "There's less traffic along the highways, while the weather tends to be a little more mild with warmer temperatures and less wind."

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

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**Celie Mans**

## Siuslaw H.S. Vikings Cross Country

The junior distance runner paced the Lady Vikings to the team title at last week's Paul Marri-man Invitational in Philomath, capturing the individual crown with a time of 18:39.

### Honorable Mention Hunter Simington

Honorable mention is given to Mapleton's Hunter Simington who completed seven of 14 passes for 159 yards and two touchdowns in the Sailors' loss to Falls City. Simington was also credited with 13 tackles.

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# 8th-graders take Marshfield tourney title



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The Siuslaw Middle School 8th-grade volleyball team opened the Marshfield Invitational by beating Azalea 8 (25-8 and 25-21), then Coquille 8 (25-8 and 25-18), and North Bend JV8 (25-16 and 25-8) in pool play. Advancing to bracket play, the Vikings defeated Myrtle Point 8 in two sets, (25-8 and 25-12), Marshfield 8 in two sets (25-20 and 25-11), then battled North Bend varsity 8 in the championship for a hard-fought 26-24 win in the first set. North Bend came back to tie the match after winning the second set, 26-24. But the Vikings dominated the final set for the tournament title, 15-5.

## Wildlife Commission to meet in Florence Thursday

SALEM — The Fish and Wildlife Commission will meet Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8-9, in Florence to adopt 2016 big game hunting regulations and hear an updated Biological Status Review for wolves.

The Commission meeting on Friday, Oct. 9, starts at 8 a.m. at the Driftwood Shores Resort, 88416 First Ave. The meeting agenda is online at [www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10\\_october/index](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/15/10_october/index).

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The Commission is expected to adopt the 2016 big game hunting regulations. Major changes under consideration for 2016 regulations are:

- Allowing archery hunters to use lighted nocks.
- A new Premium Hunt series that would offer an opportunity to draw an additional deer, elk or pronghorn tag with a longer season. These tags would be very limited but

available in most areas. Tags would be allocated through the regular controlled hunt draw process but would not use preference points.

- Changing renewal period for hunters with a disability permit from every two years to every five years.

- Defining "drones" and prohibit their use for activities related to hunting, trapping and fishing.

- Clarifying public access to the new Lower Deschutes River Ranch (part of Lower Deschutes Wildlife Area).

- Further discussion of cougar target areas planned to reduce cougar damage to livestock, limit human safety problems, or reduce impacts on ungulate populations.

Plans include new E. Umpqua and Interstate target areas and continuation of projects in Steens Mtn. and Warner units.

- Formally adopt fees not in statute that are set to take effect Jan. 1, 2016.

- The Commission will be briefed on the updated Biological Status Review of Wolves and evaluation of crite-

ria to remove the gray wolf from the state Endangered Species Act. This is an informational briefing only; rule-making is scheduled for the next Commission meeting Monday, Nov. 9, in Salem.

The state's Wolf Plan calls for initiating a process to delist wolves from the state Endangered Species Act when Oregon reaches the conservation objective of four breeding pairs for three consecutive years in eastern Oregon.

This objective was met in early 2015, after ODFW documented 10 packs and nine breeding pairs of wolves in 2014. (A breeding pair is an adult male and female wolf with at least two pups that survive thru Dec. 31.)

The state's current minimum population of wolves is 81 wolves in 15 groups or packs, not including pups born in 2015. Factors related to wolf habitat, dispersal, habitat connectivity and survival rates all indicate a healthy and growing wolf population in Oregon.

On Thursday, Oct. 8, the Commission will tour the Bandon Marsh National

Wildlife Refuge, Coquille Valley Wildlife Area and Beaver Slough Drainage District Tidelgates.

Members of the public may join Commissioners on the tour but need to provide their own transportation and lunch. Be at the Driftwood Shores Resort no later than 8 a.m. to join the tour on Thursday.

Public testimony for topics not on the agenda will be held first thing Friday morning, just after the adoption of temporary rules. Persons seeking to testify on issues not on the formal agenda may do so by making arrangements with the ODFW Director's Office, at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, by calling 800-720-6339 or 503-947-6044.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials.

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## Bowling

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### Season bowling schedule:

Nov. 8 — Boys at Cottage Bowl, girls at Reedsport.  
Nov. 15 — Boys and girls at

Emerald Lanes, Eugene.

Dec. 6 — Boys and girls at Strike City, Eugene.

Dec. 13 — Girls at Holiday Bowl, boys at Reedsport.

Jan. 3 — Boys at Holiday Bowl, girls at North Bend.

Jan. 10 — Girls at Cottage Bowl, boys at North Bend.

Jan. 17 — Boys and girls at Firs Bowl, Eugene.

Jan. 24 — Boys and girls District Qualifying at Firs Bowl, Eugene.

Feb. 19-21 — State championships at Klamath Falls.

March 12-13 — All-Star Tournament at site to be announced.



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