

Whales to surface as next Discovery Series topic

YACHATS — Have a whale of a good time at the next Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series installation.

Joy Primrose, president of the Oregon Chapter of the American Cetacean Society, will discuss the diverse species of whales, dolphins and porpoises found off the Oregon Coast at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Visitor Center, 2400 S. Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats.

"It's the perfect time to learn about our coastal marine mammals before the gray whales' spring migration and the upcoming Whale Watch

Week," said Brian Hoeh, Visitor Center manager at Cape Perpetua.

This spring's Whale Watch Week runs March 19-26. More than 1,600 gray whale sightings were reported during this past winter's Whale Watch Week as the whales traveled to their warm calving grounds off Baja California, Mexico.

The Cape Perpetua Winter Discovery Series is an opportunity to explore topics and resources relevant to the Oregon Coast during the off-season months between November and March.

All presentations and guided

walks are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within to the Cape Perpetua Scenic Area.

For more information, contact the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center at 541-547-3289.

Upcoming Winter Discover Series events:

- March 5 (2 p.m.) — The Amanda Story and Trail: Learn the tale behind the trail. Doc Slyter, an elder, flutist and tribal council member for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, along with Yachats res-

ident and trails enthusiast Joanne Kittel, will tell the story of a native woman and her people's forced march over Cape Perpetua's rocky headland to a resettlement camp and the legacy they left behind.

- March 20 (2 p.m.) — Children's Stories and Tidepool Walk: Children's author Kizzie Jones will read from one of her latest books, and then lead families down to the tidepools for a guided tour.

Jones blends her love of dachshunds and the ocean to create whimsical tall tales.

Titles to her credit include "How Dachshunds Came to Be:

A Tall Tale About A Short Long Dog" and "A Tall Tale About A Dachshund And A Pelican: How A Friendship Came To Be."

- March 21 (11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.) — Experiencing Gray Whales: Cape Perpetua volunteer interpreter and naturalist Michael Noack has studied gray whales for many years, assisting with whale research missions and training Whale Watch volunteers.

Visitors will enjoy hearing about his first-hand encounters with these iconic creatures of the Oregon Coast.

- March 26 (2 p.m.) —

Oregon Dunes: They're more than just sand. Learn about the origins, shapes and future of the longest stretch of coastal dunes in the United States.

Dina Pavlis, author of "Secrets of the Oregon Dunes," will share photos, stories and knowledge gained from living and playing within the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

No RSVPs are necessary for any of the Discovery Series events.

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

Cape Perpetua receives national grant for student field trips

YACHATS — The Cape Perpetua Scenic Area has long been a favorite destination for school field trips. However, tight budgets sometimes make transporting students to the coast unaffordable for many schools districts.

A recently received grant now will make it possible for Cape Perpetua staff to ease transportation burdens for field trips.

The National Park Foundation awarded Cape Perpetua \$5,500 to offset transportation costs of schools sending children to the Scenic Area for field trips.

The Open Outdoors for Kids grant program is part of the White House's Every Kid in a Park initiative to connect youths with nature through public lands.

"We're appreciative of the

National Park Foundation's generosity, and we're looking forward to working with area school districts to bring their students into our 'outdoor classroom,'" said Brian Hoeh, visitor center manager at Cape Perpetua.

Each year, about 40 school groups and 2,000 schoolchildren visit Cape Perpetua on field trips. To be eligible for transportation funding, fourth-

graders must be participating in the field trip.

The Every Kid in a Park program targets fourth-graders, giving them free annual passes for public land entrance or day use fees.

To inquire about transportation assistance, contact Cape Perpetua staff at 541-547-3289.

Every Kid in a Park passes are still available. Fourth-grade students can still pick up a free

pass, good for admission or day-use fees at national parks, national forests and other federal lands across the United States.

To receive a free pass, fourth-graders must obtain a paper voucher through the Every Kid in a Park website at www.everykidinapark.gov, and then exchange the voucher for the pass at a participating agency's field office.

On the Siuslaw National Forest, Every Kid in a Park passes can be obtained to its offices in Corvallis, Hebo and Waldport, as well as the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center in Yachats and the Oregon Dunes Visitor Center in Reedsport.

For more information about the Every Kid in a Park program, call 541-750-7000.

Annual Fly Fishing expo returning to Reedsport this weekend

Saturday, Feb. 27, bring your family to the annual Fly Fishing Expo at the Reedsport City Hall at 451 Winchester Ave., in Reedsport.

The expo has been offered to the public annually for the past 25 years by the Lower Umpqua Flycasters organization at no charge and offers fun for the whole family.

Open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be more than 24 expert fly tiers demonstrating their craft, and explaining the

different flies and showing how to create them.

Children and adults are encouraged to learn how to cast in the indoor casting pool with expert assistance from internationally know flycaster, Frank Moore.

Presenters include Ralph Glazier on steelhead fly tying and fishing, and Lloyd Thurman, who will discuss Oregon lake fly fishing.

Specialists from the Salmon Trout Enhancement Program

(STEP), the Tenmile Lake Basin Partnership and ODFW of Coos County will have booths at the expo to answer questions about their programs.

Some of the newest and best in fly fishing equipment will be on view at the expo including flies, rods and float boats.

Other exhibitors include wild flower exhibits, fishing antiques, bamboo rods, fly tying equipment and even fish art.

This free annual expo is an

educational and fun family event with raffle drawings every hour throughout the day, a silent auction, and a concession stand for meals and snacks.

The Lower Umpqua Flycasters is a nonprofit fly fishing club based in Reedsport. It was founded in 1990 to accommodate persons with all levels of fly fishing and fly tying skills.

Club meetings and special sessions have featured activi-

ties including fly tying, rod building, construction of fishing leaders, fly casting and fishing outings. In addition the club hosts an annual Tube-O-Rama float trip on the Umpqua River.

This organization works with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on projects that pertain to the conservation and restoration of coastal streams and the enhancement of local fisheries.

COASTAL GEM VOLKSWALKERS WALKING GROUP SET FOR MARCH JAUNTS

Coastal Gems Volkswalkers invites anyone who like walking to the group's walk for March. The walk will be held on Tuesday, March 1.

Next month's walk will be the Depoe Bay "Three Loops by the Sea" Route. Those who want to carpool to Depoe Bay

can meet at the Commons in Yachats at 9 a.m., or be at the Sea Hag in Depoe Bay at 10:15 a.m. to register.

The 10K walk is rated 2B because of uneven footing on the forest path and a couple of minor hills. Walkers may mix and match the three loops to

create a shorter walk. The route would be difficult for strollers and wheelchairs.

As always, leashed pets are welcome on walks, but be sure you bring water and clean up materials. A sturdy 6-foot leash (not the retractable type) is required.

On Wednesday, March 2, the group will hold its monthly meeting at the home of the club president in Yachats at 6 p.m.

For more information or directions, call Maryann Brown in Waldport at 541-961-4279.

Vikings from 1B

Most Valuable Player after leading Siuslaw in scoring with 235 points, 223 rebounds and 27 assists — and playing in 21 of the Viks 22 games this season.

And while they'll be losing their top shooter from beyond the

arc, Sierra Potter, and most experienced post player, Taylor Dotson, to graduation, Siuslaw will have a solid nucleus of returners to draw from in junior s Claire Waggoner, Abby Watkins and Nikki Launius, as well as sophomore post Marika White and freshman wing Annabel Tupua — all of whom con-

tributed to the Viks growth this season.

Both Tatum and Potter, who sank 32 3-pointers and had 68 assists, were invited to play in the South Coast All-Star game March 13 at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) in Coos Bay.

Siuslaw from 1B

sophomores Jared Brandt and Jakob Hickson, and high pressure from seniors Scott Gordon, Preston Mitchell and Kenneth Thrall, the Vikings held North Bend to just 9 points in the third period while posting 10 of their own to tie the game at 27-27 entering th fourth quarter.

But in the final period, the Bulldogs were able to nab a six-point lead off of a pair of 3-pointers that put them ahead in the final minutes. From there, North bend was able to stay out of reach with foul shooting down the stretch — outscoring the Viks 18-12 in the quarter.

Overall, the Bulldogs outshot the Vikings 17-8 from the charity line.


Reavis led scoring with a game-high 15 points. Mitchell had 9 points against the Bulldogs.

The game ends the season for the Vikings at 1-9 in league.

Marshfield defeated Douglas 64-40 to secure the Far West League title, followed by North Bend in second and South Umpqua in third place.

ATHLETE

OF THE WEEK



Trent Reavis

Siuslaw H.S. Vikings Basketball

The sophomore post scored a season high 18 points against the Douglas Trojans, then led all scorers with 15 against North Bend.

Honorable Mention Hannah Rodet
Honorable mention goes to Mapleton's Hannah Rodet. She received Honorable Mention from Mountain West League basketball coaches last week in All-League balloting.

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