

Five Viks receive all-league nods from Far West

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All-league selections were made by Far West League coaches over the weekend, with five Siuslaw basketball players recognized for their performances this season.

For the Viking girls, junior guard Destinie Tatum was named Second Team All-

League as one of the league's top scorers. Tatum also received an All-Defensive Team nod as a top rebounder.

Senior point guard Sierra Potter was given Honorable Mention for her more than 30 shots from beyond the arc.

For the boys, senior guard Preston Mitchell was named Second Team All-League for his scoring and work at the

point guard position.

Trent Reavis, a 6-foot-6 sophomore post who was Siuslaw's second-leading scorer and top rebounder, was given Honorable Mention accolades.

At 6-foot-4, senior post Reese Siegel was a constant threat in the paint who garnered All-Defensive team recognition.

In addition, all five were named to the South Coast All-Star team, which will play in the Coast All-Star Game on Saturday, March 13, at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC).

Girls tip off at 4:30 p.m., followed by the boys game at 6 p.m.

Cape Perpetua receives national grant for 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, Cape Perpetua 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.

7th annual Shamrock Run set for March 12 in Old Town

The Siuslaw Middle School (SMS) cross country and track and field programs will host the seventh annual Shamrock Run 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, March 12.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Bridgeport Market parking lot in Old Town Florence, next to the Port of Siuslaw boat ramp.

Proceeds from the fundraiser provide the two SMS programs with their largest source of funding.

The course is terrific for beginners and experienced runners alike.

The course route can be previewed online at www.goo.gl/r6WUYx.

There are free races for younger children and a Fun Dash (100m) for ages 5 years old and younger beginning at 8:45 a.m.

The 5K and 2K walk or jog begins at 9 a.m.

Come out and wear your green.

Race forms are available at Coastal Fitness and both the Siuslaw Middle and High School offices, or download on online at www.goo.gl/CxecCL.



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St. Paddy's costumes are encouraged but not necessary to participate in this run for all ages.

Sponsors for the race are PeaceHealth Hospital, Siuslaw Athletic Booster Club, Florence Eye Clinic, Potter's Tire and Automotive, Central Coast Disposal, Community Baptist Church, Card Heating and Air, Florence Dental Clinic, Glo Tanning, The Shippin' Shack, Red Artworks and Florence Kiwanis.

Each sponsor has provided

either seed money or logistical support for the event.

Participation fees are:

- Ages 5 and under 100M Fun Dash: Free
- Ages 6 through 10 for the 2K or 5K: Preregistered \$5 (with T-shirt, \$17)
- Ages 11 and older for the 5K or 2K: Preregister \$10 (with T-shirt \$22)
- Ages 6 through 10 for the

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a southern Alsi village near the Yachats area, as well as the trauma inflicted upon the Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw and Alsi tribes during resettlement.

It also will describe the journey within the last 30 years to bring truth and reconciliation between the Tribal People and the Yachats community.

"This talk will be a weaving of historical truths and a multi-path journey of reconciliation that has resulted in profound transcendence," said presenter Joanne Kittel, a Yachats resident, retired psychotherapist and author of "Yachats Indians, Origins of the Yachats Name and the Prison Camp Years."

Kittel will be joined by Doc Slyter, a Tribal flutist and council member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Slyter recently was honored as a "Special Friend of Yachats" by the City of Yachats.

The presentation is intended

to be an opportunity for celebration and will include Native American flute music and drumming. Audience members will be invited to participate in the drumming.

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 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 dachs-

hunds 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

No RSVPs necessary for any of the Discovery Series events.

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Unfortunately, Huff fell to Cole Morgan of Crook County in the next round, moving him further into consolation for a chance at fifth place.

Ironically, Huff found himself facing his first opponent and loss of the tournament — Jace Hays — who won by 8-1 decision to secure fifth place over Huff.

Also wrestling for the Viks were senior 152-pounder Talamoia Tupua and 126-pound freshman Murray Bingham.

Tupua went 1-2 at the tournament and did not place. Bingham went 0-2.

Overall, the Vikings placed 20th as a team with 26 points. Crook County won the team title with 249 points.

Marshfield was a distant second with 175 points. Other Far West teams included Douglas (10 points), Brookings-Harbor (3 points), South Umpqua (3 points) and North Bend, which did not score.

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Johnston Motor Company is pleased to announce the hire of new body shop manager Pat Hopkins.

Pat, and wife Nancy, have owned a home in Florence for the past 10 years. They recently moved to the area from Aloha, Oregon where they had lived for the last 26 years and raised their children. Pat is excited for the opportunity to continue in the auto body field. Nancy also recently found employment within the community. Pat and Nancy eventually plan to retire in Florence. Pat joins us with 41 years of automotive background.

Pat enjoys riding his motorcycle, walking, and dining at Florence's restaurants with his wife.

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