

Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

WHALE WATCH WEEK CONTINUES ALONG COAST



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Visitors to the coast for the annual spring migration of gray whales will find dozens of locations manned by volunteers to help with whalewatching tips this week.

Whale Watch volunteers will be available at overlooks all along the coast, as well as at the Cape Perpetua Visitors Center, to help visitors spot whales and share information from 10 a.m.

to 1 p.m. through Saturday, March 26.

Gray whales are traveling past Cape Perpetua as they make their way north to their summer feeding grounds near

Alaska.

This past winter, more than 1,600 whales were sighted by Whale Watch volunteers along the Oregon Coast during the whales' southern migration.

Films and interpretive materials about gray whales also are available at the visitor center.

Whale Watch Week is part of Oregon State Park's Whale Watch Spoken Here program.

All presentations and events at Cape Perpetua are free, but a Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Passport, federal recreation pass or \$5 day-use fee is required within the Cape

Perpetua Scenic Area.

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

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION

www.dfw.state.or.us/RR

MID COAST LAKES:
Rainbow trout stocking is underway in many locations along the mid coast. Look at the stocking report to see the full stocking season.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species tends to be slower during the winter month but can

See **FISHING 3B**



COURTESY PHOTO

Siuslaw track members (from left) Morgan Bingham, Destinie Tatum, Annmarie Precht and Mikaela Siegel

Siuslaw girls set historic relay mark

By NED HICKSON
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Only one week into this year's track season, and four members of the Siuslaw girls 4x400 relay team have already made Viking history.

This past Saturday at the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland, Siuslaw runners Morgan Bingham, Destinie Tatum, Annmarie Precht and Mikaela Siegel were among the 144 prep sprinters making up the 36 teams competing in a special high school relay competition held in conjunction with the championships at the Oregon Convention Center.

It was the first time in the event's

30-year history that prep athletes had the opportunity to race on the same track as some of the world's best track and field athletes vying for a spot in the Olympics.

Siuslaw's 4x400 girls relay team ran in one of six heats included in the final three days of the four-day world-class meet, with teams competing in one of three divisions: 1A/4A, 5A/6A and Invitational, which included teams from throughout the Pacific Northwest, including Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The team made history Saturday night, winning the special 1A/4A race during the IAAF World Track and Field Championships at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

Bingham, Tatum, Precht and Siegel ran in the 1A/4A division, finishing 4 minutes, 13.23 seconds to win the event and land a 10-second improvement over their winning time at Thursday's home opener on Hans Petersen Field.

Their wining time in Portland also beat out returning state champion Phoenix, which finished second.

During Thursday's Siuslaw Icebreaker, the same foursome ran a 4:23.93, finishing 18 seconds ahead of second-place North Bend.

Other 1A/4A schools that competed Saturday included East Linn Christian Academy of Lebanon, Newport, Molalla and Union high schools.

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
March 23 12:54am / 7:03pm / 7.0	7:05am / 1.0 7:17pm / 0.9
March 24 1:23am / 7.1 1:40pm / 6.8	7:39am / 0.8 7:47pm / 1.2
March 25 1:51am / 7.2 2:18pm / 6.6	8:14am / 0.7 8:18pm / 1.4
March 26 2:19am / 7.1 2:56pm / 6.3	8:49am / 0.6 8:48pm / 1.9
March 27 2:48am / 7.0 3:37pm / 6.0	9:26am / 0.7 9:20pm / 2.3
March 28 3:20am / 6.9 4:24pm / 5.7	10:06am / 0.8 9:56pm / 2.7
March 29 3:56am / 6.7 5:19pm / 5.4	10:53am / 1.0 10:39pm / 3.1

SPORTS

Calendar

March 23

- SHS SOFTBALL AT C. GROVE NOON (DH)

March 29

- SHS BASEBALL HOSTS ELMIRA 4:30 P.M.
- SHS SOFTBALL AT ELMIRA 4:30 P.M.

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