

# Archeologist to unearth Tahkenitch history at Cape Perpetua today

YACHATS — It's one of the oldest inhabited sites on the Central Oregon Coast. Tahkenitch Landing, seven miles north of Reedsport, has produced archaeological finds dating as far back as 8,000 years into the past.

Oregon State University graduate student and archaeological researcher Molly Kirkpatrick will share her findings during the final Winter Discovery Series installment, beginning at 2 p.m. today, at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center,

2400 S. Highway 101, three miles south of Yachats. Protected against the erosional nature of the rising Pacific Ocean, Tahkenitch Landing provides intriguing insights into an early period of coastal occupation. Kirkpatrick

and her colleagues are using minimally invasive technologies, such as geochemical analysis of sediment cores to investigate the prehistoric occupation at the Tahkenitch Landing site and surrounding area.

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 events

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.

## Warmer weather means added danger for pets left in cars, warn Sheriffs

While many of us are looking forward to enjoying the warmer weather, we must remind ourselves that some of our loved ones may find themselves in an uncomfortable predicament.

It could even result in their death.

We are speaking about our pets who accompany many of us on our trips and errands in a

motor vehicle. Never leave your pet unattended in a parked car. On warm days, the temperature in a car can rise to dangerous levels in minutes, even with the windows cracked open.

Here on the Oregon Coast, even on what seems like a cool but sunny day, inside car temperatures can become uncomfortable and even dangerously

high enough to cause a pet to suffer heat stroke.

Dogs have a normal body temperature of 101 to 102.5 degrees. They can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short period of time before suffering brain damage or even death.

Even immediate emergency care may not save your pet's life.

The brief stop we plan to make at the store could stretch to 15 minutes or more before we know it. Our mistake could cost our pet its life. Leaving the windows cracked won't cool the car enough to protect our

beloved pet, even if we have made water available.

Many pets may not care about a trip in the car, but we know that most dogs are excited about car rides. Most dogs want to go with their owners

everywhere, but when the weather turns warm, it may be safer to leave your pet at home or with a trusted friend.

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Siuslaw junior Chehalis Stinger slinks under the tag to make it safe to third base.

### Softball from 1B

5 p.m., then a doubleheader with Douglas on Friday beginning at 3

p.m., followed by the nightcap. "We've got work to do, but we're already ahead of where we were at this time last season," O'Mara said. "The team sees it's

potential to finish somewhere in the top three and make the post season.

"Now it's time to go to work."

### Baseball from 1B

falling short of the win, 5-2.

Siuslaw's two runs came from Gordon and Cornish, each of whom got aboard on an error to lead off, then came home to score; Gordon in the bottom of the first and Cornish in the bottom of the fifth.

"With our league opener scheduled for the next day, it was a little tough for us, especially on the mound," said Siuslaw head coach Tony Castro. "But these boys will come out and play tough heading into the league season.

"They have a lot of character."

Now that the Far West season is officially under way, junior Michael Larson will be the team's starting pitcher, throwing to senior catcher Michael Mason.

Cornish at first base, Gordon at second, Thrall at short stop and sophomore Jared Brandt at third base will round out the infield, with Parades in center-field flanked by sophomores Darren Stennett in left field and Evan Teter in right field.

Stennett will also see time on the mound, along with Thrall tapped for the team's closer.

Both of Siuslaw's game will be away next week, Tuesday at Brookings and Friday at Douglas for a doubleheader.

Tuesday's game against the Bruins begins at 4:30, with Friday's matchup with the Trojans opening at 3 p.m.

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