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## TRIATHLON TRIUMPHAL

### Team USA triathlete to attempt to break own record at Saturday's Oregon Dunes Triathlon

Evan Pardi will compete May 7 at the 2016 Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon.

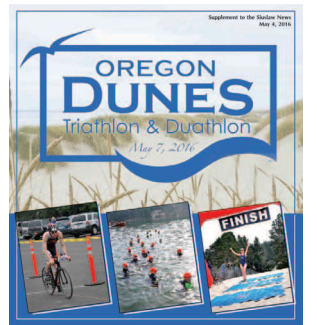
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**T**eam USA Triathlete and University of Oregon senior Evan Pardi will attempt to break the Oregon Dunes Triathlon sprint record of 57 minutes and 26 seconds he set in 2013 during the fourth annual Dunes City event this Saturday, May 7.

Almost 300 athletes have signed up this year to compete in the various age-specific events. The Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon is the first USA Triathlon sanctioned event of the season and the only Olympic distance triathlon on the Oregon coast. The sprint course consists of a 750-meter lake swim, 10.5-mile bike course and a 3.1-mile run.

Pardi, who has competed in two previous Oregon Dunes triathlons, intends to use this year's event as his training season start for the 2016 World Championships in Mexico this September.

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Look inside today's issue for a special Triathlon publication.

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## MEDICAL

# Clinic tries new model to schedule patients

### Some Primary Care doctors switch to afternoon same-day appointments

By JACK DAVIS  
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PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Primary Care Clinic is changing same-day appointments to afternoons for three providers to make scheduling easier for patients, according to Operations Director Nena Harvey.

"For the last few years we have been hearing a lot from our patients that they are frustrated that they can't get in to see their provider when they call. We have been looking at different scheduling models and trying a few different things," Harvey said.

The new scheduling model opens the afternoons up for same-day appointments. It is currently being used by Physician's Assistant Elmer Pardes.

"He has prescheduled appointments in the morning and his afternoon is for same-day appointments," Harvey explained. "When his patients call in on the day that they need something, he has space available in the afternoons. Basically half of his day is for same-day appointments."

This model allows patients to call ahead and make a prescheduled morning appointment. If patients want a same-day appointment, unless the morning isn't full, they will have an afternoon appointment.

"If he has cancellations, or his morning isn't full, then there will be some times they will schedule for the morning as well," Harvey said.

Two other clinic providers, Dr. Aaron Holmes and Dr. Amir Jalilian, are moving to the new scheduling model. Both of their schedules are currently in a transition phase, according to Harvey.

"We are looking out ahead with their schedules to where their mornings start opening up," Harvey said.

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## 2016 RHODY SENIOR COURT



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Taylor Coolidge, Lyndsey Keppol and Hanna Anderson are this year's Rhododendron Senior Court princesses.

# Rhody Court unveils talents, teamwork at Scholarship Showcase May 11

By CHANTELLE MEYER  
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**T**he three princesses of the 2016 Rhododendron Senior Court are part of the 109th annual Rhododendron Festival, coming to Florence May 20 to 22. Princesses Hanna Anderson, Taylor Coolidge and Lyndsey Keppol will have a big night at the Scholarship Showcase on Wednesday, May 11, at the Florence Events Center as they present platforms, participate in games and compete

for the title of Queen Rhododendra.

Rhody Court adviser Cindy Wobbe said, "We want to focus the whole Rhody Court program on mentorship, citizenry, community service and bringing our young people up to be good citizens."

Each princess developed a platform, worked with a team of Rhododendron Junior Court members and developed a way to give back to the community.

Senior Rhody Princess Hanna Anderson is in the 11th grade at Siuslaw High School



and is sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate. She describes herself as an "avid" speech and debate competitor and has been awarded District Champion in the "Radio" category for the past two years. She'll be com-

peting at the state level later this spring.

"My favorite group is speech and debate. I just got back from state and I compete in numerous events, my favorite being radio commentary," Anderson said.

Her speaking platform focuses on body image issues facing youth today.

"My platform is body positivity — more specifically, speaking out against fat shaming," Anderson said. "I only recently started telling myself that I'm beautiful, I have the

right to love my body just the way it is and others don't have the right to take that away from me. I want other people to realize that, too. Everyone has the right to love their body."

Besides speech and debate, Anderson also is a member of Key Club and is currently pursuing confirmation at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Her community service project, "Christmas in Spring," is already well underway.

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