

Coastal Gem Walkers announce September jaunts

The Coastal Gems Volkswalkers invite people to come walking Tuesday, Sept. 5, along the Depot Bay Three Loop YRE. Walkers will meet at the Commons in Yachats at 9 a.m. to carpool to Depoe Bay, or meet the group at the Sea Hag restaurant in Depoe Bay at 10 a.m. to register. The forest trails portion is not appropriate for wheel-chairs or strollers. For more information or directions, call Maryann Brown in Waldport at 541-961-4279, or visit www.yachatscoastalgems.org.

Halibut fishery reopens

Oregon recreational anglers are again able to fish for nearshore halibut in the Central Oregon Coast Subarea (Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.) seven days a week through Oct. 31, or when the adjusted quota is met. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) conferred with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) on the progress of Oregon recreational halibut fisheries and the amount of quota remaining. The agencies determined that enough remained to allow the Central Coast Subarea nearshore fishery to reopen. “By shifting some quota that is likely to go unused otherwise, we are able to reopen the popular Central Coast

nearshore fishery, to allow for some additional halibut fishing opportunities” said Lynn Mattes, ODFW Recreational Halibut Project Leader. The Central Oregon Coast summer all-depth fishery remains open every other Friday and Saturday until the quota is attained or Oct. 31. Anglers are reminded that on days when both the all-depth and nearshore fishery are open, all-depth regulations apply, regardless of depth of fishing. The Southern Oregon Subarea (Humbug Mountain to the OR/CA Border) also remains open, seven days per week until the quota is attained, or Oct. 31. Halibut sport fishery regulations can be found online at www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/fin-fish/halibut/index.asp.

Registration continues for annual Prefontaine Run

Applications still being accepted for the 2017 Prefontaine Memorial Run. The 10,000-meter road run is slated for 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, in downtown Coos Bay, and is held in conjunction with the Bay Area Fun Festival, Coos Bay’s largest annual community celebration. RRCA Championship

medals will be presented to the top overall masters (40-49), grandmaster (50-59) and senior grandmaster (60 and older) male and female winners. A stand-alone 5K high school cross-country team competition will start at 9:45 a.m. Awards for the open 10K Pre Run will be given in five-year age groups. First through

third place finishers in each division will receive awards. The entry fee is \$30 if made prior to Sept. 13, and \$40 thereafter. High School team competitors must register on athletic.net and receive a discounted registration fee. All race entrants will received a T-shirt especially designed to commemorate the

Pre Run. Online registration is encouraged by logging on to the Pre Run website at www.prefontainerun.com Registration forms are available at the Coos Bay Visitor Information Center, Farr’s True Value Hardware and Nasburg Huggins Insurance in Coos Bay.

Little from 1B

players very cautiously. Tall, less mobile hitters often played back row defense. Rally scoring was implemented in the 1990s to speed up the game. Television influenced this rule change to accommodate time limited telecasts. The position of the “libero” became a rotating defensive specialist improving defenses. This position wears a different colored Jersey to identify it to the referees.

The Siuslaw volleyball program has consistently qualified for state play-offs each year, including the Far West League title earned during an exciting play-off game last season — with the Lady Vikings in contention for a repeat of the league title this fall. Watching and supporting them, as well as the Lady Sailors of Mapleton, should be on your fall sports calendar. The bump-set-spike of years ago has been replaced with pass-set-and hit. Add to these

terms like “dig,” “block,” “pancake” and “ace,” and you will be prepared to be an informed spectator. In 1972, Title IX legislation provided equitable opportunities for men and women to participate in sports. It also marks the year that the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) held its first-ever combined class 1A-2A-3A volleyball championship. The winner that first year was my alma mater, Warrenton High School. They were the smallest school and, to quote a

player from that team, “the shortest team, too.” They were known as “Giant Killers.” Many of the players on that championship team were sophomores my senior year. Plan to spend an evening watching and supporting members of our local volleyball teams as they serve, pass, set and hit their way through the fall season. Supporting fans will enhance the efforts of our volleyball teams.

Viks from 1B

In the opening sets against the Billies, it appeared the Lady Viks might be going home early after losing the first two games, 25-19, 25-19. But in the third set, Siuslaw rallied, thanks in large part to

kills from junior middle blocker Makenzie York, who eventually finished the night with 21 kills, 5 blocks and 7 digs against the No. 11-ranked 3A Billies. The Lady Vikings went on to tie up the match by narrowly winning the third and fourth sets, 25-22, 25-23, forcing a fifth set. The Billies pounded kills from

junior Victoria Lewis and senior Sophia Casarez, who combined for 30 kills in the match. Digs from Siuslaw junior Jordan Long kept the Lady Viks close until the final minutes, when Pleasant Hill managed to secure a 15-12 win to take the match and improve to 4-1 overall.

Sophomore Mia Collins had 7 kills against the Billies. Siuslaw (2-2) will compete in the Canby Tournament today before kicking off the Far West League season this Tuesday, when the Lady Viks host Marshfield. First serve goes up at 6:30 p.m.

Fishing from 1B

to pick up in the estuary. Trout season c and there should be some nice cutthroat around. Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches. **SILETZ RIVER:** *Steelhead, Chinook, trout* The Siletz River is open for fall Chinook and fishing is starting to pick up in the bay. Spring Chinook and summer steelhead are being caught, and fishing should continue to improve. Recycling hatchery summer steelhead from the Siletz Falls trap has ended for the season. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective. There should be some nice cutthroat around. Remember the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches. **WILSON RIVER:** *Steelhead, trout* Summer steelhead fishing on the Wilson has been moderate to slow, but there are fish throughout the system. Late August and September can be a great time to target these fish as cooler nights lower water temps, and fish that have been holding get more active. Target riffles and the top of pools during first and last light, and concentrate on deeper holding pools once the sun is on the water. Fishing stealthy, with light gear, and targeting first and last light is often the key to success with these fish. The Wilson doesn’t open for fall Chinook above tide water (Hwy 101 bridge) until Sept. 16. Trout is also season open and there should be some nice cutthroat around. Remember, the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8 inches. **YAQUINA RIVER:** *Chinook, trout* Trout is season open and

there should be some nice cutthroat around. Remember, the limit on streams and rivers is two per day over 8-inches. **COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS:** *Warmwater fish, trout* Largemouth bass fishing has been good in many of the area smaller lakes. Bluegills can be found in area lakes right along the weed lines. Anglers have still catching rainbow trout at Empire Lakes. Fishing is best in the deepest part of the lakes. **COOS RIVER BASIN:** *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, salmon* Streams and rivers are now open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. Anglers may harvest 2 trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long. Streams and rivers are now open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater until Sept. 1, when bait will be allowed. Anglers may harvest 2 trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long. Fishing for rockfish inside the Coos Bay estuary has been good one day and slow the next. Anglers are having the most success fishing along the jetties and submerged rock piles. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) is seven fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (two). The 7 fish marine bag limit will remain in place, with these adjustments for 2017. **UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH:** *Trout, bass* The South remains open to trout and warmwater fishing. Bass fishing has been good around the Roseburg area. **TENMILE BASIN:** *Trout, bass* Streams and rivers are now open to trout fishing until Oct. 31. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. Anglers may harvest 2 trout per day that are a minimum of 8 inches long. Trout fishing in **TENMILE LAKES, EEL LAKE, SAUNDERS LAKE** are open all year. Largemouth bass fishing has been very good with anglers catching lots of bass on Senkos and other plastics. Bass will be spreading out and found in deeper water during the day. Fishing for bass will be best early mornings and evenings. **WINCHESTER BAY:** *Bottomfish, perch* Fishing for bottom fish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. **PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES:** *Bottomfish, surf perch, crab, salmon, halibut* Recreational crabbing is open along the entire Oregon coast and has been good both in the ocean and in the bays. The nearshore halibut season (inside 40 fathoms) is now closed. The next All Depth

Halibut days will likely be Sept. 1-2, with 48.1 percent of the quota remaining. Recreational Chinook salmon fishing is open from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain. Anglers may have two salmon per day but is closed to retention of coho except during the selective and non-selective coho seasons. Anglers have reported catching Chinook outside of Winchester Bay and Charleston last week. The selective coho season closed at the end of July. The non-selective ocean coho season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. runs from Sept. 2-30 with a quota of 6,000 fish. The recreational harvest of razor clams is open from Tillamook Head (south of Seaside) to Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City). The recreational harvest of razor clams is closed from Cascade Head to the California Border for elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and all bays. Clatsop Beaches are closed for the annual razor clam conservation closure. This area includes beaches from the Columbia River south to Tillamook Head. The conservation closure will be lifted on Oct. 1 if domoic acid levels are below the closure limit at that time. The recreational harvesting of mussels is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border, except from Tillamook Head south to Cascade Head, which currently closed. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates. Surf perch fishing has been good when ocean swells are small. Surf perch anglers will do the best fishing with sand shrimp or Berkley Gulp sand worms. Fishing is typically best on the incoming tide. **• OCEAN SALMON** Local fall Chinook should be starting to stage near most estuary mouths from the Nehalem south as far as the Coquille throughout August and early September. The Selective Coho (fin-clipped) season between Cape Falcon and Humbug Mountain closed July 31. Coho retention is scheduled to reopen on Sept. 2 and continue through the earlier of the quota of 6,000

coho (no fin clip required) or Sept. 30. Fishing for all salmon except coho remains open through Oct. 31. Note that during the month of October salmon angling will be limited to only inside of the 40 fathom regulatory line. **• BOTTOM FISHING** Bottomfish fishing continues to be good out of most ports along the Oregon coast, when the winds have cooperated. Angler success for rockfish remained about the same as the last few weeks. Lingcod fishing is a little sporadic: excellent some days, but very slow other days. Anglers from the south coast have had better success with lingcod this past week. Remember to know and understand the new bag limits. **SHELFISH:** **• MUSSELS** Mussels remain closed from Tillamook Head (just north of Cannon Beach) to Cascade Head (just north of Lincoln City) due to high levels of Paralytic Shellfish Toxins. Rock jetty structures at nearly every port in Oregon support harvestable populations of mussels. **• RAZOR CLAMS** Razor clams remain closed from the Columbia River South Jetty to Tillamook Head (south of Seaside) and from Cascade Head to the OR/CA border coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. This includes all beaches and bays. Razor clam harvest is open from Tillamook Head (south of Seaside) to Cascade Head (north of Lincoln City). **• BAY CLAMS** Bay clamming is open along the entire Oregon Coast from the Columbia River to the California border. Check the ODFW Shellfish website for where and when to harvest your favorite bivalves. **• CRABING** Ocean and bay crabbing is open coastwide. Newly molted, larger crab are being caught in the ocean and many bays. Some of these crab have hardened up a bit while others are fairly soft and have less meat in them. These crab will fill in and harden up through the summer and should be very high quality crab by September. Catches are increasing everywhere up and down the coast.

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