

## Li'l Toads Wrestling to be hopping Nov. 6-10

Li'l Toads Wrestling will take place Monday, Nov. 6, through Friday, Nov. 10.

Sign-up forms were sent from school with children yesterday, Oct. 24. Parents who didn't receive a form can pick one up at the elementary school office.

Participants will be escorted to practices at the Siuslaw High School gym Monday through Thursday after school.

Practices will run from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Parents will need to pick up children at 5 p.m. in the main gym of the high

school.

The tournament will be held Friday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. and will last to approximately 8:30 p.m. The tournament will be in the high school's main gym.

Admission will be \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children grades K-12.

All proceeds will be used to support wrestling in Florence.

The program needs as many volunteers as possible. Anyone who would like to help can call or text Neil Wartnik at 541-991-6033 or Stecher Buss at 541-991-1644.

## Coastal Gem Walkers to jaunt on Halloween

The Coastal Gems Volkswalkers monthly "Come Walk with Us" jaunt will be on Tuesday, Oct. 31. The group will be walking the Newport Historic year-round event.

This 10K walk includes some steep inclines that could be problematic for wheelchairs or strollers. Walkers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Commons in Yachats to carpool to Newport. Walkers can also meet at the Hallmark Inn in Newport at

9:45 a.m. to register.

The group walks in any weather, so come prepared.

As always, leashed pets are welcome on walks, but carry water and cleanup materials for pets. This walk requires a 6 ft. non-retractable leash.

For more information or directions, call Maryann Brown in Waldport at 541-961-4279.

The club website is at [www.yachatscoastalgems.org](http://www.yachatscoastalgems.org).

## Sailors

from 1B

"It's definitely a great goal for us that gives us something to focus on and shoot for," said Greene. "We feel Lowell is definitely a team we can beat, as long as we come in and execute."

Greene says he will use this week to prepare and let players recover from their injuries.

As of yesterday, Moso's participation was still questionable.

"Hopefully, we'll have him back," said Greene. "It looks like Nate [Neece] will be back, so we'll just re-evaluate things later this week and do what we need to do in order to give ourselves the best chance to reach our post-season goal."

Kickoff for Friday's game at Mapleton is set for 7 p.m.



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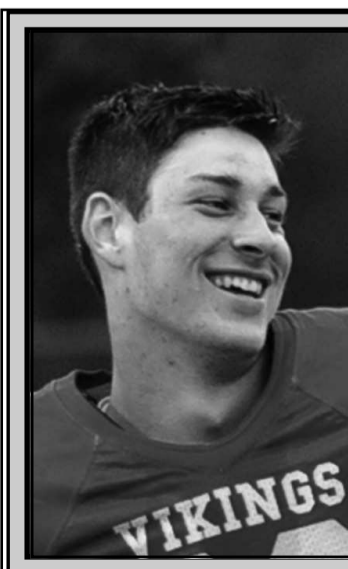
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**ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**Trent Reavis Senior**

**VIKINGS FOOTBALL**

## Free presentations at Cape Perpetua through December

Waldport — Celebrate fall on the Oregon Coast with free educational presentations and events at Cape Perpetua.

In addition to the hiking, tidepooling and exploring always available, visitors can enjoy a variety of speakers and topics every Saturday from Oct. 28 through Dec. 16 at the Cape Perpetua Speaker Series as well as other special events.

All events are free and held at the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center unless otherwise noted.

• Saturday, Oct. 28:  
Enhancing Habitat for Native Bees and Butterflies, 11 a.m. Learn why our pollinators are in decline and what you can do to help. Native bee conservationist and former OSU Master Gardener Laren Leland will cover topics such as plant selection, providing safe water, and getting involved on a larger scale, including the Highway 101 Pollinator Corridor project.

• Saturday, Nov. 4:  
Forest Homestead Act and Current use of Tenmile Creek, 11 a.m. Hans Radtke is a freelance economist specializing in the relationship between resource-based industries of the Pacific Northwest and regional, state and national economies. The Radtke family purchased land in the Tenmile Valley in 1972, built a home, and have lived there since 1982.

Hans has interviewed long-time residents and original homesteaders and will present on the Forest Homestead Act of 1906, early homesteading, and current land use of the Tenmile Creek Valley.

• Saturday, Nov. 11:

Mushrooms and Lichens Presentation with BioBlitz Mushroom Hike, 1 p.m. Anna Moore is an amateur mycologist and photographer who will share her knowledge from over 30 years of foraging.

Moore's presentation will include a slide show of the fantastic habitat of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area and she will emphasize the diversity of fungi found in the dunes and forests from Reedsport to Cape Perpetua.

This presentation will be followed by a BioBlitz walk through the forest where visitors can help locate, identify, and record different species of fungus using the iNaturalist app.

• Thursday, Nov. 16:  
5th Annual Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium, 5 to 8 p.m. at Yachats Commons Building, in Yachats. The Cape Perpetua Land-Sea Symposium is a community event aimed at promoting local stewardship efforts and raising awareness about current research being conducted within Cape Perpetua nearshore and adjacent watersheds.

This year's event will feature keynote speaker William Percy, of Oregon State University, sharing his research and the significance of Heceta Bank, the largest and farthest offshore underwater bank along the west coast of North America and a "hot spot" for seabirds and whales.

For more information and to RSVP to this free event visit [www.tinyurl.com/perpetua2017](http://www.tinyurl.com/perpetua2017).

• Saturday, Nov. 18:

Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Research Findings, 1 p.m. The rocky intertidal habitats in the Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve are a hotspot of biodiversity. Scientists have been monitoring the dynamics and intertidal species here for decades. In addition, scientists have been conducting oceanography, hypoxia and ocean acidification studies in this area since the early 2000s.

Steven Rumrill, Shellfish Program Lead and Daniel Sund, Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Researcher with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Marine Reserves Program will present research related to ocean acidification along the Pacific Coast and its potential impact on coastal ecosystems.

• Saturday, Dec. 2:  
Sea Star Wasting Disease: The Consequences of an Epidemic and a Possible Recovery, 11 a.m. Sarah Gravem, postdoctoral researcher at Oregon State University, presents research on sea star wasting disease, the viral disease that killed 60 to 95 percent of sea stars along the entire U.S. and Canadian West Coast and is still present at low levels.

She explores the ecological consequences of the demise of these "keystone predators" and how it affects the abundance and diversity of other ocean creatures such as mussels, barnacles, algae, sea anemones, and snails.

• Saturday, Dec. 9:  
North Pacific Gray Whale Populations: The Eastern/Western Paradox, 1 p.m. Dr.

Jim Sumich, OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Faculty, has conducted research on gray whales from Baja California to British Columbia and has just published a new book, *E. robustus: The Biology and Human History of Gray Whales*.

Gray whales are legally protected under several statutes as two separate populations; a large eastern population of about 20,000 whales and a critically endangered western population of less than 150.

Sumich will describe some exciting research that is helping to clarify the evolving status and related management issues of these populations.

• Saturday, Dec. 16:  
Living with Wildlife: Mountain Lions, 1 p.m. David Thompson, a lifelong educator and retired Interpretive Specialist for the Siuslaw National Forest, will recount his multiple encounters with a mountain lion while living and working in the Redwoods as a National Park Service Ranger.

Learn about living with large predators through David's masterful storytelling that has drawn crowds at various venues throughout Oregon.

These 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 and at some trailheads and day use sites.

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

## Crab harvesting closure extended on Oregon coast

SALEM — The Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife have announced the immediate closure of recreational and commercial crabbing from the north jetty of the Coquille River, which includes the bay in Bandon, to the

California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

This includes crab harvested in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties. The recreational crabbing season in the ocean closed coast-wide on Oct. 15.

The announcement extends

last week's recreational closure. Crab harvesting from the north jetty of the Coquille River to the Columbia River remains open in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers and jetties.

Despite the closure, crab and shellfish products sold in retail

markets and restaurants remain safe for consumers.

For more information, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at (800) 448-2474 or visit [www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosure.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/FoodSafety/Shellfish/Pages/ShellfishClosure.aspx).

## 'POUNDER' TROUT STOCKED IN COOS BAY AREA LAKES

ROSEBURG — This week, ODFW is stocking "pounders," rainbow trout averaging just over a pound each, into Coos Bay area lakes for a great fall trout fishing opportunity.

The weather is cooling, but the trout are still biting.

Within the city limits of Coos Bay, Upper Empire Lake

is getting 3,500 trout. Lower Empire is choked with weeds and has a low water level with water temperatures too high to safely stock rainbows. Those fish instead will be split between Saunders and Butterfield lakes which will each receive 1,200 trout.

Saunders Lake is about five

miles north of North Bend and is an easily accessed place for family fishing.

Next to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Butterfield Lake is accessed through Riley Ranch County Park. Anglers at Butterfield Lake might also hook into a warmouth, an unusual fish that

looks like a crappie with a bass head

Bradley Lake, just three miles south of Bandon and Powers Pond are also being stocked this week with these pounders.

The lake rainbow trout harvest limit is five fish per day, two daily limits in possession.

## Viks

from 1B

Northrop completing the Viking boys' top five consistently throughout the season.

The team's biggest challengers will be Marshfield, although based on the Pirates' performance this season it would be a distant second, followed by North Bend, South Umpqua, Brookings-Harbor

and Douglas.

For the Lady Viks, sophomore Hannah Rannow has led a highly successful underclassman team, setting this season's top time in the girls division (19:13.20)

Standout freshman Brea Blankenship has remained the team's second-place finisher most of the season, with sophomores Chloe Madden and Anne Wartnik taking the third- and

fourth-place slots, respectively, followed by freshman Gracie Freudenthal.

More than likely, South Umpqua will be Siuslaw's biggest challenger for tomorrow's crown in the girls race, with North Bend and Marshfield battling it out for third place. Brookings-Harbor and Douglas will run incomplete teams on Thursday in the hopes of qualifying individual

runners for state.

Tomorrow's meet will be the last Far West League meet at Tugman now that the final OSAA classifications have been adopted, with the FWL dissolving and Siuslaw heading into the newly established 4A Sky-Em League next year.

Races get started at 4 p.m. The state meet is Saturday, Nov. 4, at Lane Community College in Eugene.

## Siuslaw

from 1B

Bruins for the final win, 31-26.

Next season, Siuslaw will join current 4A teams Marshfield, Cottage Grove, Junction City and Elmira in the

Sky-Em, along with Marist, which will drop down from the 5A in 2018.

In this year's first round of post season play, Newport will play at Phoenix, Crook County will be at Sweet Home, Elmira will play at Banks, Molalla is at

La Grande, Junction City will be at Henley, Stayton is at South Umpqua, Astoria plays at Estacada, and North Bend will play at Cascade.

Cottage Grove, Scappoose, Marshfield, Mazama, Seaside, Ontario, Gladstone and North

Marion all received byes in the first round after winning their leagues outright.

Of those teams continuing into the post season, four will be competing in the Sky-Em with Siuslaw next season.

## Siuslaw H.S. Football

**Highlight:** This week's athlete of the week honors goes to senior Viking football player Trent Reavis. Reavis caught three touchdown passes and returned a pick for a touchdown in Friday night's win against the Brookings-Harbor Bruins

## Honorable Mention

Jared Brandt

**Highlight:** Honorable mention goes to senior quarterback Jared Brandt who threw for four TDs in the Vikings' final game of the season.

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