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Astoria's Nick Ketcham participates in the discus event during the Seaside track meet.



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Seaside's Allison Kilday clears a hurdle during the 100-meter hurdles event at the Seaside track meet Thursday. Kilday placed first among girls in the event.

Gulls take to the track in Clatsop County meet

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The first track meet of the season was a Clatsop Clash event, plus one.

Seaside and Astoria staged the season's first Cowapa League dual meet, while Warrenton also had athletes taking part in the March 19 three-way meet at Seaside, as the trio of schools met under sunny skies on the Gulls' track.

Teamwise, the Astoria girls and Seaside boys had enough points to take first in the team standings.

The Fishermen and the Gulls both had some athletes missing from the lineup ...

still, the usual big stars scored their usual big wins for both teams.

Individually, the Willyard sisters shared in five victories for the Gulls, with Danielle winning the 100 meters and the long jump; while Kelly took the 400 meters.

Danielle ran the second leg on the winning 400-meter relay, and Kelly ran leadoff for the winning 1,600-meter relay team.

In her high school debut, Astoria freshman Darian Hageman won the high jump and triple jump, and took second in the long jump.

Meanwhile, one athlete dominated the throwing

events, as Astoria junior Halie Korff won the discus, javelin and shot put. Teammate Taylor Cosner was second in the discus and javelin.

Seaside made a big impact in the distance races, with Charlotte Blakesley and Josie Smith running 1-2 in both the 1,500 and 3,000 meters; and senior Allison Kilday is off to a hot start, as she swept the hurdle events.

On the boys' side, Seaside won 11 of the 17 events, including the sprints — Josh Chesnut in the 100, Will Garvin in the 200 and Juneau Meyer in the 400.

Chesnut added victories in the long jump and triple

jump, and Garvin won the 300 hurdles.

The Gulls were without distance runners Jackson Januik and Hunter Thompson, but Rafi Sibony had an impressive win in the 3,000, as he ran slightly behind Warrenton's Jeryd Lewis for much of the race, then turned on the afterburners to win.

Astoria scored wins with Lucas Caruana in the 800, and Zander Arnold in the shot put.

Warrenton also had some success in the boys' meet, with Luke Liljenwall finishing first in the 1,500, while teammate Chris Ocana won the javelin and the high jump.



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Astoria's Andrew Schauer mann clears the bar during the high jump event at the Seaside track meet.



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Seaside's Kelly Willyard wins the 400-meter race at the Seaside track meet Thursday.

Broadway gets a new dock



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Veronica Russell, marketing and information specialist at the Seaside Visitors Bureau, left, and Necanicum Watershed Council Coordinator Melyssa Graeper were among the first people to use the new Broadway Park dock when it opened to the public in March. The EZ-Dock, which sits in the Necanicum River, includes a kayak/canoe launch with an accessible transfer system that makes it ADA compliant. The dock project was completed through a partnership of the city, the watershed council and the Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District and with a \$40,000 grant from Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's Restoration and Enhancement Board.



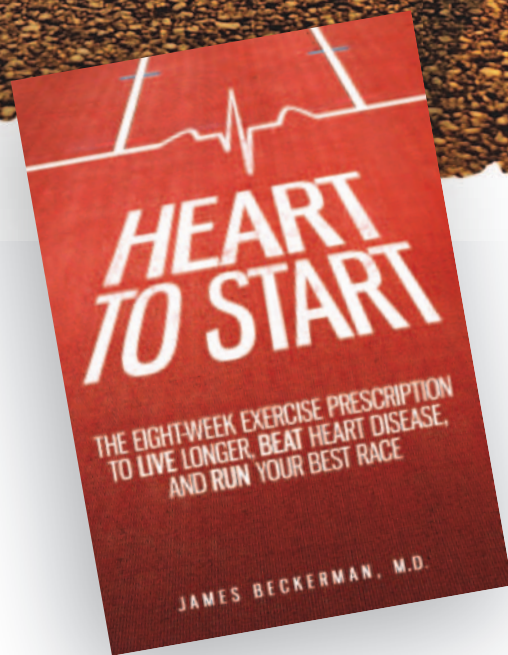
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From left, Seaside Director of Tourism Marketing Jon Rahl, Necanicum Watershed Council Coordinator Melyssa Graeper and Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District General Manager Justin Cutler.



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