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Local artists sift through the various clay pieces recovered from the paper kiln on Saturday.



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Charred remains of clay and wood were all that remained after the paper kiln burned down Friday night.

Kiln: People gathered around the collapsed ruins

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The Maori artists surrounded the pieces in a wooden tepee of thick branches and boards of Douglas fir, pine and alder, covering it all with a layer of newspapers dunked in a mixture of clay and water.

Firing the tepee

The Maoris lit small fires next to two openings on either side of the kiln, burning them down to coals and pushing them under the grate inside.

By the middle of the night, the outer layer of clay hardened and the inside became an inferno burning up the wood around the clay art pieces, releasing a column of flame from a top vent.

Karuna Douglas, a glaze technician and wife of visiting artist Todd Douglas, said the kiln can fire at up to 1,000 degrees Celsius, or around 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. It burned through the night, the brittle clay exterior eventually collapsing as the wood burned to ash.

The morning after

Late Saturday morning, people gathered around the collapsed ruins of the kiln to sift through the rubble of thin clay-crust paper fragments and ash.

David Campiche, owner of The Shelburne Inn in Seaview, Wash., extracted from the ruins a small clay bottle topped with the miniature bear — an urn, he said, to hold a family member's ashes.

Many of the pieces, some too wet before entering the kiln, fell victim to pops of breaking clay heard throughout the firing process. But many came out intact, including a seashell-shaped representation of Hine-ahu-one, the first woman in the Maori Adam and Eve story, that Halliday had bisqued in advance and brought for the workshop.

"I've lost a whole series of work," Halliday said of trying to learn the paper kiln process, which she has done about five times. "And what do you do? You make more."



The outside of the paper kiln was coated with layers of newspaper dunked in clay and water. Due to the high heat inside the paper kiln, it had to be constantly maintained with new paper throughout the day and night.

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Visiting Maori artist Rhonda Halliday shows off her piece, a bisqued, seashell-shaped representation of Hine-ahu-one, the first woman in the first pair of humans in her indigenous culture, to community members attending weekend clay workshops at Clatsop Community College.



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Loretta Maxwell packs leaves into a clay bowl before firing it in the paper kiln Friday. The visiting Maori artists encouraged local artists to experiment with different materials when firing clay pieces.

SPORTS

Gulls lead the way after one round

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BANKS — The Seaside Gulls are halfway home to a regional boys golf title, as they lead the field of 11 teams after one round of play.

Opening-round action of regionals took place Monday at Quail Valley Golf Course, where the Gulls posted a 323 team score to build a 12-stroke lead on Scappoose, with final round action today at Meriwether Golf Course in Hillsboro.

Seaside's Sam Hinton is atop the leaderboard with a 77 (39-38), fol-

lowed by a three-way tie between Carter Lee of Tillamook, Ryan Schmidlin of Valley Catholic, and Seaside's Aaron Richardson, all at 78.

Scappoose has a 335 after one round, followed by Valley Catholic at 336. Tillamook is fourth at 356, and Astoria recorded its second-best score of the season at 372. The top three teams advance to the state tournament, plus the top five individuals.

The defending state champion Gulls had four birdies on the day, two by Richardson and one each for Shane Fritter and Kevin LaCoste.

Fritter carded an 82, with LaCoste at 86. Trenten Meyer rounded out the Seaside scoring at 93.

Astoria's top two scores came from their No. 4 and 5 golfers, Ron Schumacher and Kirk Fausett, both with a personal best 91.

Will Keeran had a 94, followed by Arthur Clark (96) and Joey Voeller (99).

GIRLS GOLF

Lady Gulls in third

HILLSBORO — Seaside is still very much in the running for a state tournament berth, after one round of

play in the regional girls golf tournament at Meriwether National Golf Club in Hillsboro.

The tournament concludes today at Quail Valley in Banks.

Crook County is the current team leader with a 361, followed by Scappoose (389), Seaside (480), Valley Catholic (481) and Molalla (482). Astoria is a distant sixth at 532.

Golfers from 13 schools are represented in the first Regional tournament. The top three teams and top five individuals advance to the state tournament next week.

Hannah Clarizio of Molalla is the current individual leader, with a 79.

Seaside's Caroline Kotson is tied for 11th at 101, and Astoria junior Chloe Hunt is 16th with a 104. Hunt had a birdie on the par 4 16th hole.

Also scoring for the Gulls were Kaylea Roberson (118), Samantha Wozniak (120) and Diana Tinoco (141).

Karla Mandujano had the second score for Astoria with a personal best 140, followed closely by Kira Barela (personal best 142) and Sadie Wooldrige (146).

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE	
TODAY	
Baseball	— Seaside at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Catlin Gabel at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.; Portland Lutheran at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Softball	— Tillamook at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Portland Adventist at Warrenton (2), 3:30 p.m.
Girls Golf	— Regionals, Quail Run Golf Course, Noon
Boys Golf	— Regionals, TBA
WEDNESDAY	
Baseball	— Banks at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Scappoose at Seaside, 5 p.m.
THURSDAY	
Track	— District 1/4A, at Banks, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY	
Baseball	— Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 3:30 p.m.; Knappa at Portland Lutheran (2), 3 p.m.
Softball	— Astoria at Scappoose (2), 4 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic (2), 4 p.m.; Warrenton at Clatskanie (2), 3:30 p.m.; Waldport at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.
Track	— District 1/4A, at Banks, 2 p.m.; District 1/3A, at Portland Christian, TBA
SATURDAY	
Baseball	— Newport at Astoria, 5 p.m.
Track	— District 1/3A, at Portland Christian, TBA

BASEBALL	
HIGH SCHOOLS Standings	
4A Cowapa League	
League	Overall
Scappoose	10-1 15-5
Astoria	10-2 15-5
Banks	7-4 13-7
Valley Catholic	5-7 7-11
Tillamook	2-10 3-18
Seaside	1-11 3-18
3A Lewis & Clark League	
Clatskanie	8-0 16-4
Rainier	8-2 11-8
Warrenton	5-3 10-10
Catlin Gabel	1-7 2-11
Portland Chr	0-10 1-22

2A Northwest League	
Knappa	20-0 18-0
Portland Luth	13-5 15-6
Faith Bible	11-7 15-7
Gaston	11-7 12-10
Neah-Kah-Nie	9-9 11-10
Vernonia	6-12 6-15
Nestucca	3-15 3-18
Delphian	1-17 1-19
SOFTBALL	
HIGH SCHOOLS Standings	
4A Cowapa League	
Banks	12-1 20-3
Scappoose	10-2 16-4
Tillamook	5-8 8-11

Seaside		4-8 7-14	
Astoria	3-9	6-16	
Valley Catholic	3-9	6-11	
3A Lewis & Clark League			
Rainier	10-0	17-4	
Clatskanie	6-2	10-10	
Warrenton	4-4	10-9	
Portland Adv	2-6	4-7	
Portland Chr	0-10	0-23	
2A Northwest League			
Knappa	12-0	21-3	
Gaston	6-3	15-5	
Vernonia	3-6	6-13	
Neah-Kah-Nie	2-7	3-11	
Delphian	1-8	1-12	