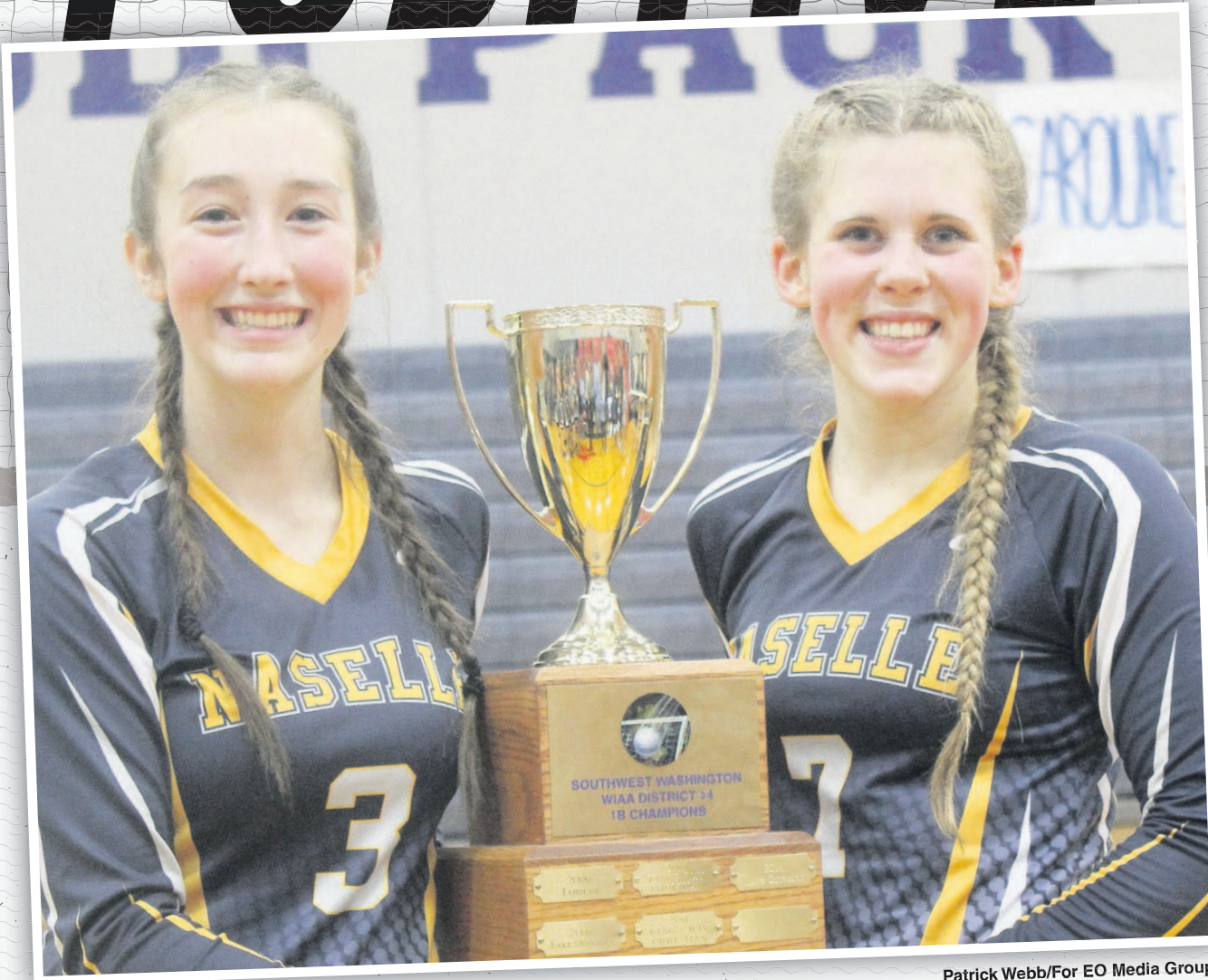


WIAA VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Naselle captains Taylor Eaton, left, and Kendra Leeland display the District IV volleyball trophy after an energetic 3-1 win in Tumwater, Wash., Saturday night over Three Rivers Christian School. The two have been a fixture of the Comets' sports program for four years. When volleyball is over, they will play basketball then softball, where Eaton is the pitcher and Leeland the catcher.

Senior duo leads Naselle girls to state tournament — by example

By PATRICK WEBB | For EO Media Group

NASELLE, Wash. — Once upon a time, there were two little girls who were good at sports.

Now they're poised young women. And they will tell you, in their polite but plain-speaking way, that this story isn't about them at all.

It's about their TEAM.

Friday the Naselle High School volleyball will play in the state tournament in Yakima, after a regular season in which they have only lost twice.

Leading them will be seniors Taylor Eaton and Kendra Leeland. Both take captaincy seriously.

Whenever a player misses a point, one or both will offer their teammate a positive word before they regroup and win back the serve.

"Taylor and I have been playing together for who knows how long," said Leeland. "We feed off each other. A negative attitude is always contagious, and so is a positive attitude."

The girls also play basketball together and are pitcher and catcher on the Naselle softball team. They were called up to the varsity volleyball squad as freshman and have been its leaders since they were juniors.

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Kendra Leeland, left, and Taylor Eaton attend a cheer-leading camp in 2004. The girls have competed in sports from an early age, leading their teams while helping others. notforsale

Cormorant culling ends as migration commences

Wildlife Services reveals 2,346 birds and more than 5,000 nests destroyed

By LAURA BERG

NW Fishletter/Energy NewsData

CHINOOK, Wash. — The federal government stopped shooting cormorants and oiling their nests to reduce cormorant predation on juvenile salmon and steelhead in the Columbia River estuary last month.

Wildlife Services, a federal agency contracted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, killed 2,346 double-crested cormorants and destroyed more than 5,000 nests on East Sand Island between May 28 and Oct. 1. The island is located in Baker Bay near Chinook and the gunfire could sometime be heard echoing around the bay.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave the Corps a one-year permit in April 2015 to kill 3,489 double-crested cormorants and to oil 5,879 nests through the end of January 2016. The permit also includes destroying 105 Brandt's cormorants and 10 pelagic cormorants.

This year's culling activities end once most of the birds begin to migrate south for warmer climates, which is usually by the end of October.

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To seine or not to seine? Questions remain for new fishing method

By KATIE WILSON

For EO Media Group

Under a plan by disgraced former Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber, the beginning of the end of commercial gillnet fishing on the main stem of the Columbia River is little more than a year away, but it is still not clear if gear banned on the river for decades will ultimately replace gillnets.

Oregon and Washington's advisory group and fishery managers in both states are waiting for new information to be released that could clarify what the impacts of the proposed replacement gear — beach and purse seines — are on Columbia River salmon.

What that data shows could make a big difference in whether or not seines stick around.

"Overall, they didn't seem to perform as well as people had hoped (this year)," said Stuart Ellis, of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and chairman of the Washington and Oregon advisory group, the U.S. v. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee.

But, Ellis clarified, as a smaller-than-predicted run of coho finally arrived in the river this fall, many fisheries were catching less than expected.

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A Cub Scout troop, led by North Coast Christian School third-grader Jaxson Barger, retired the American flag near the end of a Veteran's Day celebration Wednesday at Gateway Community Church in Hammond. In the background is a makeshift American flag created by the hand prints of students showing why they are thankful for veterans.

North Coast Christian School in session, celebrates veterans

Students gather to honor those who served country

By EDWARD STRATTON

The Daily Astorian

HAMMOND — While other students took Veteran's Day off Wednesday, the student body of North Coast Christian School took to the nave of Gateway Community Church to honor those who have served.

One by one, using red and white construction paper handprints with a message why they are thankful for veterans, more than 100 students built a makeshift American flag near the pulpit.

Each student had something different to be thankful for. They ran the gamut from family members surviving cancer to having food on the table.

With most schools closed for the day, third- and fourth-grade teacher Kirstin Salmi said the church and school wanted give veterans a place to be honored by youths. Chris Schauer, principal of North Coast Christian and pastor of Gateway Community Church, made the rounds in the audience of family and friends Wednesday, letting kids give a shout-out to their veteran family members, sometimes somber and other times akin an episode "Kids Say the Darndest Things."

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