# Lady Gulls score big in first swim meet

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TILLAMOOK — The Seaside girls had six individual event winners Saturday, helping the Gulls place second in the team standings of the Tillamook Invitational.

Tillamook won the girls' team title with 298 points, followed by Seaside (196), Newport (179) and Astoria (157), as most of the District 1/4A schools competed in the eightteam event.

Newport won the boys' championship, followed by Rainier, Astoria and Seaside.

It's early, but the Lady Gulls already have some high hopes

Seaside freshman Kendy Lin won the girls' 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 15.66 seconds, and also took first in the 100-yard backstroke (1:09.05), just ahead

of Astoria's Megan Sparks (1:10.23).

Seaside's Clarisse Coventry had the best time in the 50-yard freestyle (27.20), while Alyssa Harkins took first in the 100yard butterfly (1:08.06), followed by teammate Holly Wood (1:10.22).

Wood was second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:36.72).

Seaside's team of Lin, Harkins, Wood and Coventry won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:48.30 (would have placed second in last year's district meet), well ahead of Tillamook (2:01.13).

The same four also took first in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 4:05.20, which would have won districts.

Astoria's 200-yard medley relay foursome of Sparks, Kendal Gustafson, Ashley Schacher and Olivia Paul placed second behind Tillamook in 2:09.81.

On the boys' side, Astoria freshman Joshua Shipley was a double winner, taking the 100yard freestyle in 53.39, the best time out of 21 swimmers; he also took first in the backstroke

Seaside's Bradley Rzewnicki was third in the 200 freestyle (2:11.14).

#### Wrestling Fishermen compete in Ranger Classic

ESTACADA — Astoria took part in the Ranger Wrestling Classic Saturday, placing 10th in the team standings out of 14 schools. Warrenton finished

Warrior senior Colton Walker opened with a bye, then scored three straight victories to take the individual title at 106 pounds.

Walker scored pins over Colby Giltner of Sandy (1:03) and Landon Robinson of Churchill (3:54), and finally a pin (3:07) over Churchill's Gavin Sherrill in the championship bout.

Bronson Holthusen and Tyler Ranta had the highest finishes for the Fishermen.

Holthusen tied for third at 220, while Ranta lost an early 4-3 decision to Sandy's Brody Diaz De Leon, who is currently ranked fourth at the 5A level. Ranta dominated the rest of his matches and placed third at 132.

Elsewhere, Jake Lunsford won a match on his way to taking fourth at 113, while freshman teammate Kaden Gilbert wrestled up a weight class and won three of five matches to place fourth at 195. Andrew Poplin took fifth at 285.

Final team results: Sandy 207, Churchill 156, Washougal 131.5, Banks 131, Scappoose 112, McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen 111. Estacada 100. La Grande 89, Heritage 86, Astoria 83, Molalla 46, Warrenton 39, LaCenter 36, Colton 3.

#### Loggers sixth at Ocosta WESTPORT, Wash. — The

Knappa Loggers finished in the middle of the pack over the weekend, in a tournament at Ocosta (Wash.) High School.

Knappa finished with 117 points to place sixth in the team standings, as the only Oregon school in a tournament against 10 Washington teams.

Willapa Harbor won the team championship with 197 points, followed by Ocosta

Andrew Goozee had the only individual title for the Loggers, winning the 182-pound division.

Reuben Cruz placed second at 160, while Spencer Fulton (138), Dawson Whiteside (145) and Jared Parks (220) all placed fourth at their respective weights.

"The team wrestled well," Knappa coach Dan Owings said. "Some of my new wrestlers (Fulton, Parks) did surprisingly well despite the lack of experience.

"Some of the wrestlers are one weight above where they are going to be because of the weight-descent program," he said. "Reuben Cruz and Andrew Goozee looked good, as the results show."

Final team results: Willapa Harbor 197, Ocosta 170, Rainier 138, Adna 127.5, Tenino 119, Knappa 117, Darrington 85, North Beach 80, Rochester 50, Chief Leschi 50, Toledo/Winlock 49.

# Council: Mayor wants 'a 21st century library'

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Hotel. Councilors directed city planning staff earlier this year to investigate a mixed-use project as the catalyst for revitalizing Duane Street downtown.

But Kevin Cronin, the city's community development director, who worked with private consultants on options for redevelopment, chose not to make a recommendation to the City Council Monday night. A project advisory committee in November also declined to make a recommendation, concluding that there is a lack of community consensus.

Instead, Cronin and the consultants presented the City Council with cost estimates and Cronin sought to get councilors to endorse further work and public outreach on aspects of a

While only estimates, the presentation was the first time a price tag was released publicly. The \$29.7 million to \$38.7 million estimate would involve an 18,200-square-foot library, three floors of housing, underground parking, a plaza to

fill the hole, and festival-like streetscape.

The library component would cost between \$10.2 million and \$13.3 million, while the housing would cost between \$8.2 million and \$10.6 million.

A redevelopment project of that scale would likely require a capital campaign of more than \$15 million and a partnership with a private developer.

#### 'Money is a big issue'

City councilors will have to decide whether to pursue such a project or revisit the renovation of the existing library by adding a second level, expanding into the parking lot, or once again looking at the Waldorf. The expansion into the Waldorf fell apart earlier this year after preservationists urged the city to save the old hotel — also known as the Merwyn — as a historic example of the Late Commercial style of the 1920s. Some preservationists also want to preserve the existing library as a reminder of the Brutalist architecture from the 1960s.

"I think the money is a big

issue. This is just a boatload of money to do this at Heritage Square," said Price, who would be willing to demolish the Waldorf, which has sat vacant for more than 25 years. "It's just mind-blowing."

Warr said the cost estimates for Heritage Square are so expensive, a project would take many years to get built. He compared the cost to the \$40 million to \$50 million the city is spending on sewer improvements to reduce wastewater flows into the Columbia River.

"I can't imagine that we'd even consider in our wildest imaginations spending upwards of \$38 million to make another vacant building in Astoria," Warr said, referring to the possibility that the existing library might be left vacant if a new one goes to Heritage Square and is not part of a broader redevelopment. "It doesn't make a bit of sense to me."

#### 'No escape clause' Herzig chided Cronin and

the consultants hired by the city for not making a recommendation on a preferred option, telling them "there was no escape clause" in the city's request.

But councilors themselves appeared cautious about making any commitments to a project that could have both financial and political consequences.

The City Council split 3-2 on taking the interim step of filling the hole with some type of plaza — a roughly \$450,000 expense — with Herzig and Nemlowill voting "no" out of concern that the work might have to be redone if a redevelopment project is approved. The council voted 4-1 for housing as a potential option at Heritage Square, with Price voting "no," citing the lack of community consensus.

LaMear, a retired librarian who had made a new library a focal point of her election campaign last year, said a library at Heritage Square next to the Garden of Surging Waves would create a much-needed central gathering place for the community. She said the housing component could attract private investment and that the project could encourage the revitalization of Duane Street.

"I want a 21st century li-



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Heritage Square has been home to a printing press, an auto repair shop, dry cleaners, and most recently a Safeway before the city acquired the property.

brary," the mayor said. "And if the decision is made to include it in the revitalization of Heritage Square, that's wonderful. If it is not, then I will support the will of the people and the council, obviously.

"But I think there's many, many good reasons for putting the library in Heritage Square."

Herzig was also ready to consider Heritage Square. "The library, workforce housing addresses so many community needs simultaneously. I think it's worth taking the risk of saying that let's at least move forward in exploring the reality-based options that we've just touched on tonight," he said.

Nemlowill said the city has failed to redevelop Heritage Square since taking over the former Safeway in 2003 and should find a private developer. But she said both Heritage Square and the existing library are viable options for a new library and she was not prepared to cast a vote for Heritage Square.

"I'm glad that we're looking at this issue really critically, she said. "And it's not one issue, but we're trying to solve two very complicated prob-lems."

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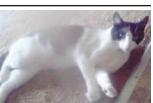
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