

## 2016 CLASS 2A/1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Knappa's Reuben Cruz reacts after hitting into an out in the top of the seventh inning while Ryker Coffey, top, comforts him as the Knappa Loggers faced off against the Burns Hilanders in the 2A/1A state championship game Friday at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. Burns defeated Knappa 4-3. More photos online at DailyAstorian.com

# Barn door stays closed

## Court extends injunction at Neacoxie barn

By R.J. MARX  
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GEARHART — The Neacoxie Creek Barn will be shuttered for the tourist season after an injunction from Clatsop County Circuit Court was extended.

Judge Philip Nelson extended an order keeping the former livery stable off-limits for parties and special events at least until next fall. At that time, barn owner Shannon Smith will have the option to fight the order at trial, according to Gearhart City Administrator Chad Sweet.

"She is not able to operate inside the barn," Sweet said. "The court agreed initially with the city of Gearhart so that injunction stands until October or November."

He added: "In my opinion, no, she cannot have parties outside either."

Smith said in an email she plans to bring the building up to code.

"I'm investing my time and money in improving this one-of-a-kind historic livery stable to continue to be of enduring benefit to Gearhart, and I chose not to oppose the city's request to continue the injunction against using the barn through the summer months," she said.

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# 'They're going to be back'

## Knappa falls short against Burns, 4-3

By GARY HENLEY  
The Daily Astorian

KEIZER — The Knappa Loggers have played in three state championship games over the last seven years, and they've scored three runs in each and every contest.

Knappa won the first two, but fate finally caught up with the Loggers Friday, when another team scored that magical fourth run.

Talon Case of Burns sprinted home on a softly hit ground ball by Bryce Goss in the bottom of the fourth inning. That turned out to be the game-winning run for the Hilanders, who held off a Logger rally to win the 2016 Class 2A/1A state championship game, 4-3, at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer.

After coming from behind to win each of their three previous playoff games, the Knappa's Comeback Kids indeed tried their best to chase down one last rally ... but this one just wasn't meant to be.

The Knappa players — who had experienced just one loss over the last two years — were naturally heartbroken, but a positive message came their way, moments after the final out.

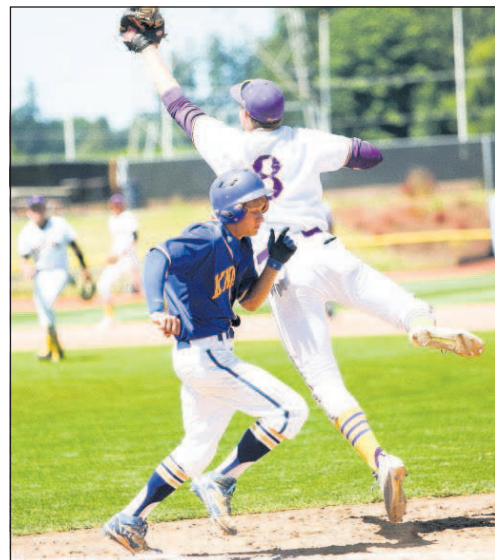
"They're a great team, they have a lot of youth, and they're going to be back here next year," said Burns coach Kevin Feist, who was coaching his final game for the Hilanders. "They're solid. Jeff (Miller) does a great job with their program, Dale (Takalo) pitched a heck of a game, and their defense is solid."

### Rough start

The defending state champion Loggers fell behind by their standard 3-0 deficit after just



ABOVE: Knappa's Jason Miller dives back to first on a pick-off attempt. RIGHT: Knappa's Mason Hoover beats out a throw at first as Burns' Zach McDonald fields the throw.



two innings in Friday's 90-degree heat at Volcanoes Stadium.

Burns — this year's No. 1 seed — tacked on one more run in the fourth to make it 4-0.

"We talked the other day, that we couldn't fall behind 3-0 this time," Miller said. "And we joked in the second inning, saying 'what took them so long to get their lead?' The kids battled again and came up short."

A big reason why the Loggers finished with just three runs (two unearned) was Burns' starter Ty Hueckman.

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# Smithart agrees to pay his city debt

## Former hotelier to pay back taxes on Riverwalk Inn

By DERRICK DePLEDGE  
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Brad Smithart has agreed to a payment plan on the nearly \$120,000 he owes the city in back hotel-room taxes from the Astoria Riverwalk Inn.

The former hotelier will pay \$150 a week from June through September and \$100 from October through May until the debt is satisfied.

"I'm really happy to be making payments," Smithart said. "And I look forward to being successful in town to be able to make more payments and get it paid off quicker."

The Astoria City Council authorized City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard in April to file a lawsuit against Smithart and his company, Hospitality Masters, over a \$119,918 debt that extends back to July 2014.

Henningsgaard said the signed agreement, known as a confession of judgment, is a device often used by bill collectors to avoid the cost of litigation but allow debtors the chance to pay.

"If he defaults the city is entitled to file the document and obtain a judgment without having to go to trial," Henningsgaard said in an email. "If the payments are made the matter is resolved."

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# Boyhood dreams get new life after struggle

As a young boy, Chris Patenaude said, he dreamed of working for NASA. By the time he was 20 years old, though, his thoughts had turned mostly to alcohol, drugs and partying.

Through a chance job as a treatment technician at rehab center Astoria Pointe, Patenaude came to grips with his substance abuse. Now 30, he's closer to his boyhood dreams than he ever imagined.

Last spring, the second-year Clatsop Community College student was one of 40 students nationwide invited by NASA to compete in a weeklong robotics competition at the Armstrong Flight Research Center in California. On Sunday, Patenaude left to spend 10 weeks as an intern at the University



Submitted Photo

Chris Patenaude, center, was the MVP of his robotics team, which created a mock Mars rover at the Armstrong Flight Research Center.

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