

# Pirates, Fishermen split twinbill at Aiken Field

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Astoria Ford's summer baseball team scored 10 runs on eight hits in the opener, but their bats fell silent in Game 2, as Hixson Trucking of Neah-Kah-Nie managed a doubleheader split with the Fishermen Monday at Aiken Field.

Astoria Ford won Game 1 of the Junior State baseball twinbill, 10-3, before the Pirates bounced back with a 4-0 victory in Game 2 under the lights.

After giving up a solo home run in the first inning of the first game, Astoria pitcher Trey Hageman settled into a groove and allowed just three hits over the next five innings, with 11 strikeouts and two walks to pick up the win.

Tyler Lyngstad came on in relief in the sixth and finished off the Pirates, who had just four hits.

Meanwhile, the Fishermen pounded out four extra base hits, which included a two-run

## SCOREBOARD

### SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Junior State Baseball — Knappa at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Junior State Baseball — Astoria Ford at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

Junior State Baseball — Seaside at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

Junior State Baseball — Knappa at Clatskanie (2), 3 p.m.

triple by Jared Lucore in the bottom of the first.

Mackenzie Pierce's single to left scored Lucore for a 3-1 Astoria lead.

The Fishermen were back at it in the second inning, as Will Reed had a one-out, ground-rule double to left, and scored moments later on a single by Calvin Kaul.

A double by Hageman brought in Kaul, and Astoria had all the runs it would need.

Hageman and Kaul each had two hits and drove in a pair of runs, while the Pirates committed six errors in the opener, and three pitchers

combined to walk seven and hit two batters.

The tables were turned in Game 2, as Neah-Kah-Nie starter Bryce Bridge went the distance on the mound, allowing just four hits with six strikeouts and four walks over seven innings.

Playing its young freshmen-sophomore lineup, Astoria Ford committed four errors over the first three innings, and trailed 4-0 after three.

Bridge retired nine of the final 10 batters he faced.

The same two teams meet for a single game Wednesday at Neah-Kah-Nie.



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Jon Gizdavich was a standout baseball player during his years with the Gulls.

# Gizdavich Tourney set for this Sunday

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The second annual Jon Gizdavich Memorial Tournament is set for 1 p.m. Sunday at Broadway Field, where former Seaside baseball players are welcome to come and celebrate the life of a former teammate — and raise money for a good cause.

It's a win-win, said Seaside coach Joel Dierickx, who helped organize last year's event.

Nearly 30 former Gulls showed up and played two alumni games, and raised a good deal of scholarship money.

"We were able to give away a \$2,000 scholarship this year," Dierickx said. "We were pretty excited about that."

Gizdavich was a Class of 2007 graduate of Seaside High School, and was nearing his graduation from Oregon State University when he lost his life following a car accident in Corvallis, in January 2013.

After last year's event, Dierickx said, "To me, Jon was always the epitome of someone who consistently cared about other people and was a pleasure to be around. He had to overcome some things, but was about ready to graduate from college."

To start a scholarship in his name, Dierickx said at the time, "was a no-brainer. The goal was to bring everybody together and give a little something. I talked to Bri Hostetler, who was Jon's girlfriend, and she and Terry (Horner), his mother,

jumped on board. It just steam-rolled from the idea."

Seaside graduate and former teammate Ross Knutsen also helped with some of the organizing.

"His mother is going to be here again, and hopefully the rest of his family," Dierickx said of Gizdavich. "His father is in town, and his family and friends are all looking forward to it."

For the players, Dierickx is expecting "everybody from last year, plus more. We're hoping for a great turnout."

"If it gets to be a lot of guys, we'll break them up into three teams, and each will play each other twice."

For more details, see the tournament's Facebook page, "Jon Gizdavich Alumni Weekend."



AP Photo/Alex Brandon

A hexacopter drone is flown during a drone demonstration at a farm and winery on potential use for board members of the National Corn Growers in Cordova, Md. Routine commercial use of small drones got a green light from the Obama administration Tuesday, after years of struggling to write regulations that would both protect public safety and unleash the economic potential and societal benefits of the new technology.

# White House clears small, commercial drones for takeoff

By JOAN LOWY  
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WASHINGTON — Routine commercial use of small drones was cleared for takeoff by the Obama administration Tuesday, after years of struggling to write rules that would both protect public safety and free the benefits of a new technology.

The Federal Aviation Administration has created a new category of rules for drones weighing less than 55 pounds. The long-anticipated rules would mean drone operators would be able to fly without special permission.

Currently, commercial operators have to apply for a waiver from rules that govern manned aircraft, a process that can be time-consuming and expensive.

Since 2014 the FAA has granted more than 6,100 waivers and another 7,600 are waiting for approval. Many more small companies have been using drones without FAA permission, say industry officials.

Unless those operators make a serious mistake that brings them to the FAA's attention, there's not a lot the agency can do to track them down. The new rules would provide an easier way for those businesses to operate legally.

The rules also would effectively lift the lid on flights by other potential operators who have held off using the technology — real estate agents who want bird's-eye videos of properties, ranchers who want to count cattle and a multitude of other businesses.

### Big change

Under the new rules, operators must register their drones online and pass an aviation knowledge exam for drone pilots at an FAA-approved testing center. That would give them a drone pilot certification that's good for 24 months.

That's a big change, since operators currently have to have a manned aircraft pilot's license. Operators must also present identification for a security vetting similar to that applied to general aviation pilots.

Operators also have to follow many of the rules that apply to model aircraft hobbyists, including keeping drones within sight at all times and not flying over people or higher than 400 feet. Speed would be limited to about 100 mph. The minimum age for commercial operators would be 16.

Drone flights will be permitted during the day. They will be permitted at twilight only if the drone is equipped with anti-collision lights. Operators could still seek waivers for nighttime flights. Drone industry officials have long complained that restricting drone flights to daytime precluded a great many uses like some search and rescue operations, agricultural operations best done after dark and roof inspections of commercial building roofs that use heat sensors.

The rules would still prevent delivery drones from flying across cities and suburbs clasp small packages, in part because that would entail flying over people. Amazon and Google announced two years ago that they are working on drone delivery systems for goods purchased online, and Google officials have said they expect deliveries to begin sometime in 2017.

Earlier this year, the Senate passed an aviation bill that would require the FAA to issue regulations within two years to enable drone deliveries. The House has been unable to pass its own version of the bill due to unrelated controversies.

### New rules

Congress has been prodding the FAA for more than a decade to write rules to enable

broad access to the national airspace by civilian drones. Initially, the agency put its emphasis on finding ways to enable larger drones like those used for military missions to safely fly at the same altitudes as airliners and other manned aircraft. After several years, the agency shifted its focus to small drones when it became clear that the market for their uses was developing much faster.

But the FAA's slow pace led frustrated lawmakers to include a provision in a major aviation bill four years ago setting deadlines for the agency to issue regulations to safely integrate small drones into the national airspace by August 2014 and other drones by September 2015.

The rules expected this week would fulfill that first deadline. The agency is also working on an array of other safety rules and standards to further broaden the circumstances under which drones can be flown. In April, FAA officials said they are working on regulations that would permit small, commercial drones to fly over people and crowd based on recommendations from an industry advisory committee. The recommendations called for allowing drones weighing about a half-pound or less to fly over people virtually without restriction and created three other categories of other drones that could fly over people if certain requirements are met.

Drones larger than a half-pound in the other three categories would have to maintain a distance from people of at least 20 feet overhead and 10 feet laterally. Manufacturers would have to crash-test drones and certify that they are unlikely to cause serious injury if the drones struck someone.

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