

TOP SPORTS STORIES IN 2016



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Seaside players and coaches stand for a portrait after placing second in state after the 4A State Championship at Liberty High School.

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This year had many outstanding games and achievements. Here are the three top stories:

Astoria girls track wins state ... again

The Astoria girls track team successfully defended their Class 4A state title by winning their second straight state championship May 21 at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Behind their record-setting, multiple state champion sophomore Darian Hageman, the Lady Fishermen racked up a 4A record 109.5 points, blowing out runner-up Siuslaw by almost 40 points.

Gulls take second in boys basketball

In a record-breaking season for Seaside boys basketball, the Gulls advanced all the way to the 4A state championship game for the first time in school history. Philomath scored a 55-45 win in the title contest in Hillsboro. Seaside junior Jackson Januik was named the 4A's State Player of the Year.



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Knappa's Dale Takalo delivers a pitch as the Knappa Loggers faced off against the Burns Hilanders in the 2A/1A state championship game at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. Burns defeated Knappa 4-3.

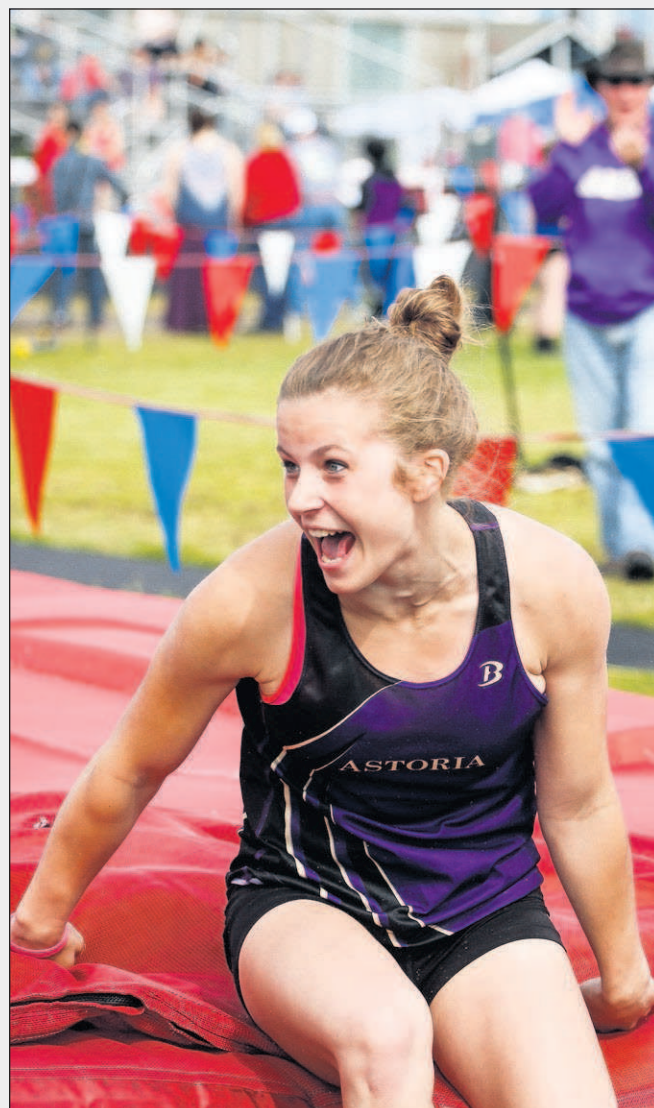
Loggers come up short on the diamond

The defending state champions of 2A baseball fell short of their title defense in the 2016 championship game, won by Burns, 4-3, June 3 at Volcanoes Stadium. Still, the Loggers have many of their players returning in 2017 — including

two all-state pitchers — and will be favored to recapture the 2A state championship next spring.

Astoria's Darian Hageman reacts after breaking the Astoria school record during the high jump at The Daily Astorian Invitational Track Meet at Seaside High School in April.

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NOTABLE DEATHS IN 2016



Submitted photo

Jason Goodding



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John Fraser



Michelle Lindstrom/Courtesy Photo

John Lindstrom, left.



Submitted Photo

Hal Snow



Alex Pajunas/The Daily Astorian

Michael Foster

Feb. 5

• **Sgt. Jason Goodding**, a 39-year-old police veteran and married father of two, was fatally shot while trying to arrest a felon outside a downtown restaurant in Seaside. His partner returned fire, hitting the felon three times. The two men died at separate hospitals. The tragedy and outpouring of grief and support made Goodding The Daily Astorian's top story of the year and The Oregonian's Person of the Year.

Feb. 25

• **John Fraser**, a colorful character and self-described Dada artist and "Juan Man Band," bought the Once Upon a Breeze kite shop in

Cannon Beach in the '80s. He was active in the community with positions on the Cannon Beach City Council, Planning Commission, Design Review Board and community policing team.

March 23

• **John McKibbin** of Vancouver, Washington, and **Irene Mustain** of Woodland, Washington, who died in a plane crash in the Columbia River in Astoria. McKibbin, 69 — a former Washington state representative and Clark County commissioner and an amateur pilot — was in a private plane with family friend Mustain. They had planned to scatter the ashes of Mustain's husband,

Terry, who passed away in October 2013.

June 12

• **John Berdes**, a banker who was pivotal to Astoria's rebirth over the past two decades, was president and CEO of Craft3, an unconventional lending institution. Berdes was central to the redevelopment of Mill Pond, the restoration of the Liberty Theater and the renovation of the Clatsop Community College campus.

Oct. 7

• **John Lindstrom**, the longtime proprietor of Lindstrom's Danish Maid Bakery in downtown Astoria. The shop closed a year

before his death after Lindstrom had a leg amputated. Friends and local businesses came together and raised more than \$27,000 in a series of fundraisers to aid in his recovery

Dec. 15

• **Hal Snow**, 75, was a community presence as a major donor to local athletic programs and was the prime mover in the creation of the Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association and the Warrenton soccer fields. Snow and his wife, Jeanyse, were partners in Snow & Snow, a law firm on Commercial Street that traces back to the 1960s. For many years, Snow also served as the city attorney of Astoria and Warrenton. He was on the

Dec. 20

• **Michael Foster**, 76, a teacher, art lover and community booster who was nicknamed "Mr. Astoria" left his imprint on city landmarks. A fourth-generation Astorian, Foster played key roles in many local projects, such as the restorations of the Astoria Column, the Liberty Theater and the Flavel House Museum, and the acquisition of the old Astoria City Hall and its transformation into Clatsop County Historical Society's Heritage Museum.