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Athletes of the Week

(FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3-8)

NATALIE CUMMINGS
 Astoria



The Astoria senior had a field day on the track in the annual Daily Astorian Invitational April 8. Cummings won the 100 meters in 13.33 seconds; took first in the 200 meters in 28.42; then ran legs on both winning relay squads. The week before, Cummings accepted a full-ride scholarship to run track at Portland State University.

TYLER WHITAKER
 Warrenton



The Warrenton senior had a busy day in the Daily Astorian Invitational, just running back and forth between events. Competing against mostly athletes from the Class 4A level, he won two field events, leaping 19 feet, 1 3/4 inches to take the long jump, and 39-7 for first place in the triple jump. In between, Whitaker finished second in the 400 meters in a personal best 56.97 seconds, finishing just behind Seaside's Juneau Meyer (56.22); and took third in the 200, in 25.30.

Astoria tops Knappa in Babe Ruth Baseball

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Astoria (J.J. Neikes) scored a 4-3 win over Knappa in Babe Ruth Baseball Wednesday at CMH Field, running their season record to 2-0.

Tied 3-3 in the bottom of the sixth with the bases loaded, Astoria catcher Isaak Dunaway put the ball in play and man-

aged to drive in the winning run. Pitchers were backed up by stellar defense.

Astoria opened the season with a 7-4 win over Naselle, Washington, last week, allowing just one hit through five innings, before Naselle rallied in the top of the sixth with a ground rule double and a two-run throwing error.



Astoria's Babe Ruth Baseball team (J.J. Neikes), following a 4-3 win over Knappa Wednesday at CMH Field.

Stutznegger wins first drag-racing event

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WOODBURN — Astoria's Jeff Stutznegger took first place in the High School Division in a drag racing event April 1 at the Woodburn Dragstrip.

Stutznegger faced Devon Dixon of Sweet Home in the final round. Not only was it the first event of the season for the high school class, but it was the first time Stutznegger had ever raced.

Earlier, Stutznegger defeated Jake Meithoff and Caleb Winn, while Dixon eliminated Austin Varner and earned a single in Round 2.

In the finals, both drivers broke out and Dixon turned on the dreaded red light (left the start line before the green light was given), giving the win to Stutznegger.

Driving a 1978 Sunbird, Stutznegger ran a .353 RT, 12.33 dial, 12.360 estimated time at 106.90 miles per hour.



Jeff Stutznegger in his 1978 Sunbird.

Greyhounds outlast the Warriors, 10-6

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WARRENTON — The Warrenton Warriors cut a 7-0 deficit to 7-5 with a chance to tie, but the Gaston Greyhounds managed to get themselves out of a jam, then tacked on three runs in a 10-6 win at Huddleston Field Wednesday.

Both teams had six hits, while six pitchers combined for 16 strikeouts and 15 walks in the nonleague baseball contest.

Gaston's three pitchers struck out nine batters and walked seven, with starter Dylan Duckworth picking up the win.

Three Warrenton pitchers had control issues at times, walking eight and hitting four batters. Starter Kale'o Kapua took the loss. Devin Jackson struck out four batters with one walk in two innings of relief.

"Kale'o did what he had to do," said Warrenton coach Lennie Wolfe, "we just gave up more than we could afford. (Kapua) ate up some innings for us, but we had some errors and didn't make some plays that we needed to," part of that being that it was only Warrenton's fourth game of the season.

Both teams also had

plenty of base runners — the Greyhounds had batters reach base in every inning except the fourth, and the Warriors had base runners in every inning except the fifth and seventh.

Gaston stranded eight, and Warrenton left seven runners on base.

The Greyhounds scored twice in their first at-bat, then added five in the third inning, scoring two runs on hit batters with the bases loaded.

Kaleb Adkinson had a two-run single to highlight the big rally that gave Gaston a 7-0 advantage.

Warrenton chipped away at the lead, scoring twice on bases-loaded walks in the bottom of the third, and Austin Little lined a single to center field in the fourth, scoring Alec Herrera and Derek Ham to cut Gaston's lead to 7-5.

The Warriors had runners at second and third with no outs, but the Greyhounds managed an 8-2 double play on a fly-out to center field, then got out of the inning without any further damage.

Little had a run-scoring single in the sixth inning for Warrenton's last run, as he finished with three of Warrenton's six hits, to go with three RBIs.

Athletes receive Westerholm scholarships

Other area athletes sign letters of intent

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Three student-athletes received scholarships at the Westerholm Scholarship Banquet, held April 5 at the Astoria Elks Lodge.

The awards are named in honor of long-time Seaside High School teacher, coach and Athletic Director Jerry Westerholm.

The 2017 recipients — Olaf Englund of Astoria, Anna Klein of Banks and Hunter Thompson of Seaside — each received a \$500 scholarship.

Minimum requirements to be considered for the scholarship are a min-

imum cumulative GPA of 3.50, and having earned at least one all-league honor in varsity athletics in the Cowapa League.

College signings

Other senior athletes signed with colleges or universities last week to continue their athletic careers.

Astoria sprinter Natalie Cummings received a full-ride scholarship to compete in track at Portland State; Astoria's Tyler Lyngstad signed to play baseball at Lower Columbia College; and Seaside senior Juneau Meyer (soccer and track) will attend Northwest Christian University in Eugene, a popular destination for past Seaside student-athletes.

LETTERS OF INTENT LOCAL SIGNEES

Astoria

Jackson Arnsdorf, Corban baseball
 Natalie Cummings, Portland State track
 Abi Danen, Highline softball
 Fridtjof Fremstad, Linn-Benton baseball
 Keldon Littell, Western Oregon football
 Tyler Lyngstad, Lower Columbia baseball

Seaside

Lizzy Barnes, Guilford soccer
 Juneau Meyer, NW Christian track

Warrenton

Landree Miethe, Lower Columbia softball

Ilwaco

Zac Tapio, George Fox baseball



LEFT: With family members standing behind them, Astoria High seniors Natalie Cummings, left, and Tyler Lyngstad sign letters of intent at a school assembly. Cummings will attend Portland State. Lyngstad will attend Lower Columbia College. RIGHT: Coaches including Jeff Kilday (second from left), Neil Branson (second from right) and Frank Januik, right, stand behind Seaside senior Juneau Meyer, who signed a letter of intent to attend Northwest Christian University in Eugene.



Submitted Photos

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE	BASEBALL
TODAY	Gaston 10, Warrenton 6
Baseball — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 4 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 5 p.m.; South Bend at Ilwaco, 4 p.m.	Gaston 205 003 0—106 1 Warrenton 003 201 0—66 2
Softball — Astoria at Scappoose (2), 4 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic (2), 4 p.m.	Duckworth, Losey (3), Cullers (5) and Anderson; Kapua, Jackson (4), Little (6) and Morrow. W: Duckworth. L: Kapua. S: Cullers. RBI: Adkinson 2, Losey 2, Lowery 2, Talent, Richardson; War, Little 3, Jackson, Alcobendas. 2B: War, Morrow. HBP: Gas, Richardson 2, Anderson, Lowery; War, Jackson, Morrow. LOB: Gaston 8, Warrenton 7.
Boys Golf — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 1 p.m.	
Girls Golf — Seaside at Scappoose, 12:30 p.m.	