

Loggers: Next opponent is Sherman-Arlington

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bases-loaded walk, a passed ball and a wild pitch.

After giving up four runs in the first inning, Lost River committed five errors in the second. Coupled with infield hits by Colton Weirup, Jason Miller and Kaleb Miller, Knappa scored four more runs and led 8-0.

Kaleb Miller had three hits on the day, including a single to center field in the third to score Jason Miller.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Kaleb Miller singled up the middle in the fifth, and Dale Takalo followed with a two-out single to right, scoring Miller, and Mason Hoover had Knappa's first extra-base hit of the game, a double to score Takalo for an 11-1 lead.

With no 10-run mercy rule in the state playoffs, the Loggers were free to tack on runs in the bottom of the sixth. With two outs and two on, the Raiders dropped a fly ball to left, scoring Weirup and Jason Miller.

Cruz followed with Knappa's Big Blast of the Day, a triple to deep right center field. And the Raiders' throw to third to get Cruz got away, allowing Cruz to score on Lost River's ninth error of the day.

Michal Goodman pitched the first five innings for Knappa, striking out six with five walks and no



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Dale Takalo takes a pick-off attempt from the mound for Knappa during a game against Lost River.

hits allowed.

Eli Takalo took over in the sixth, striking out the side, and Hoover pitched the seventh inning to finish up the no-hitter, Knappa's third of the season.

"I'm a pitch-by-pitch guy — I don't keep track of those things, to be honest," said coach Miller, who was unaware of the no-hitter. "Eli came in and did a great job, real

efficient in the sixth, Michal started out real strong and got the yips for a couple batters in the one inning (four walks in the third), but overall he got us off to the strong start that we needed from our senior thrower.

"And the other guys got some experience — neither Eli or Mason had ever thrown in a playoff game, so it was nice to get them out here with a little less pressure."

Next up for the Loggers, the Sherman-Arlington Huskies, the second-place team out of District 6, behind Dufur.

"If you've seen their football and basketball results this year, Sherman has got great athletes up and down the order," coach Miller said. "And lots of arms. It should be that way in a quarterfinal. We're going to have to be ready and play our very best."

Project: Tribe's goal is to improve resources important to culture

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The project, estimated at approximately \$10 million, is funded by Bonneville Power Administration customers. The federal agency is required by law to finance habitat restoration projects that offset the impact of the hydroelectric dams it operates along the Columbia and Snake rivers on 13 federally listed species of salmon and steelhead.

Returning wetland

Two summers ago, Big River Construction dug out five main tidal channels throughout the property, starting at the dike and heading inland. Crews have been building concrete walls along Highway 202 to protect portions of the roadway near the restoration site from incoming tides and wave action.

Sometime between June and September, the dike will be lowered to the mean high-water level, and the dike breached near the base of each tidal channel.

"Pulling the levee down kind of helps the site deform on its own, rather than hold it to some pattern that may or may not be natural," said Rudy Salakory, an aquatic restoration manager with the Cowlitz Tribe overseeing the project.

Salakory said the idea is that when those five tidal channels are connected to the Youngs and Wallooskee rivers, the site will start flooding twice a day, and the native plant seeds that are still present in the soil will slowly



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Tidal channels will allow fish to move freely in and out of the Wallooskee-Youngs Confluence Restoration Project. An access road will allow Bonneville Power Administration to maintain at low tide a major transmission line running through the property. Find more photos of the work on the project online at DailyAstorian.com

replace the pasture grass as the site becomes a wetland. The newly created wetlands will provide valuable off-channel areas for fish transitioning from fresh to saltwater, and by extension habitat for mammals, raptors, waterfowl, shorebirds and amphibians.

"We're rebuilding that grocery store, that food web, for everyone," Salakory said.

Lee Dairy Farm

The site was originally diked off from the Youngs and Wallooskee rivers in the early 1900s and made into a Lee Dairy Farm in the 1970s. Salakory said maintenance of the dike surrounding the dairy was getting more difficult for the previous property owner, Richard Lee, who in 2012 sold the land to Virginia-based environmental resources company Astoria

Wetlands LLC.

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe, which has performed more than 30 restoration projects throughout the region, partnered with Astoria Wetlands and sought funding from BPA, which has financed about 45 wetland restoration sites throughout the Columbia River estuary over the past decade.

David Wilson, a spokesman for BPA, said the project

is one of the largest the agency has ever funded. "Bonneville ratepayers pay for this stuff, and we want to make sure they understand that their money is going to good use," he said.

Running through the middle of the property is BPA's Allston-Clatsop 230-kilovolt transmission line, which goes from Longview, Washington, to provide power to much of the North Coast. To

ensure the towers on raised access pads within the wetlands can still be serviced, BPA engineered a low-water access road made from concrete blocks held together by cables. The roadway is built 12 to 18 inches above the flood plain and designed to withstand daily inundation.

Future use

Once the project is completed sometime this summer, the Cowlitz Tribe will take possession of and manage the property in perpetuity for conservation. Salakory said the next step is a long-term management plan incorporating public access, such as hunting, a concern raised by residents commenting during the project's planning stage.

"We need to balance that with good stewardship of the land," Salakory said, adding he'll start working on the management plan once the project is complete.

The site includes 17 acres of upland conservation area outside of the flood plain, which Salakory said could be used for a youth camp or space for powwows. The site could also grow to include native plant species used by tribes, he said, and even a potential launching spot for the annual canoe journey by Pacific Northwest tribes.

The Cowlitz Tribe's goal in the project is to improve the resources such as fish and plants that are important to the culture of indigenous groups. "The work we do is important to all the tribes."

Arch Cape: 'I think you wasted a lot of good will with our community'

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County Counsel Chris Crean pointed out Wednesday that, while the committee will no longer serve as a quasi-judicial board through the county, the independence will allow committee members to advocate more openly for or against projects as residents of Arch Cape. County staff and commissioners also have accused members of the committee of not following procedural or public meetings rules and intimidating residents with whom they disagree.

Opponents of the ordinance, meanwhile, have rejected the accusations and voiced concerns about Arch Cape's loss of power to review projects. Residents who support the design review committee, which was formed in the 1970s,

presented a petition with 216 signatures and 94 comments at the public hearing earlier this month.

"We lost a good relationship between the commissioners and the residents because of the way this was handled," said Jim Jensvold, an Arch Cape resident. "I think the county could've gotten pretty much everything they wanted if they were to come to us respectfully and said, 'Let's work this out together.' I think you wasted a lot of good will with our community."

Committee member Tod Ludly said after the hearing that the decision is final, though Michael Manzulli, a former committee member who has been actively involved in trying to save it, added they will look into all available options.

Port: Overall employment expected to decrease

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Isom said the Port thinks FEMA's contributions could go up based on KPFF's estimates, but that staff took a conservative approach.

Revenues and expenses

The Port has estimated \$2.3 million in leases and rentals, the agency's largest single revenue source.

The Port's piers, the agency's second-biggest source of revenue, are projected to earn less than \$1.7 million in the coming fiscal year, a decrease of more than \$250,000 from this year. Isom said the Port has budgeted 11 log ships in the coming fiscal year.

While the pier revenues go down, the cost of employing longshoremen is expected to increase by nearly \$200,000. After jurisdictional conflicts between log exporter Astoria Forest Products and the local longshore union, the Port worked out an agreement to lease trucks and have long-



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The Port of Astoria has struggled with aging infrastructure.

shoremen drive logs from a processing yard on Pier 3 to Pier 1 for export. Isom said the agreement results in two additional longshore positions. Much of the longshore labor costs are rebilled to the Port's

customers needing ship-tending and log-loading services.

The agency's debt expenses will increase more than \$88,000 from the previous fiscal year, largely driven by the \$100,000 in principal and

interest Isom said the Port will pay in the coming year on the loan to finance construction of the state-mandated Pier 3 stormwater treatment system.

More with less

The Port's overall employment is expected to decrease by an equivalent of one full-time position to 33.8 agency-wide. Knight said that despite rising wage and benefit rates, the Port will decrease its overall salaries and wages by \$4,000 and benefits by \$11,000 in the coming fiscal year.

One recurring issue has been the need to hire a grant writer, which was not included in the proposed budget. Of the staff the Port has recently hired, Knight said, they have identified about 200 potential sources of grant revenue.

"We need to pursue as much as we can with our staff wearing multiple hats to the best of our ability ... until we can get into a much better financial condition," he said.