

# Classes: 'It's going to be an absolute nightmare'

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"I think each classification should have a minimum of 40 schools," said Astoria Athletic Director Howard Rub.

Seaside Athletic Director Jason Boyd is concerned with the implications on playoffs.

"I am not a proponent of putting 24 teams out of a 33-team classification into the playoffs," Boyd said. "That doesn't make any sense."

Locally, Astoria and Seaside are now the big fish in a smaller pond — longtime 4A Cowapa League power Scappoose will be bumped up to 5A, to meet the school's rising enrollment.

The OSAA decided not to replace Scappoose with another school, so the Cowapa League will be the only five-team league at the 4A level.

As a result, scheduling could be a problem for the new-look Cowapa. Specifically, in football it creates a bye week for one team each week after the league season begins.

"It's going to be an absolute nightmare," said Rub, also the Astoria football coach. "If you look at everybody's schedule now, wherever you see Scappoose, you'd now have to put a bye. So a year from now, who are we going to find to play in Week 8?"

"In basketball and volleyball, we might end up playing each other three or even four times. It's a major issue. That's why we as a league testified at the OSAA meeting last month, to say, 'let's find a way to fix this.'"

## 'Doing backflips'

At the Class 3A level, the current Lewis & Clark League was cut in half, with private schools going one way and the rest joining two other schools for the new Coastal Range League, comprised of Clatskanie, Rainier, Taft, Warrenton and Willamina.

Catlin Gabel, De La Salle, Horizon Christian, Oregon Episcopal, Portland Adventist, Riverdale and Westside Christian will now comprise the Lewis & Clark League.

"We are very excited to move into the Coastal Range League," said Warrenton Athletic Director Robert Hoepfl, also the girls' basketball



The Astoria Fishermen defense swarms a player from Estacada during Friday's play-in game. Heather Perkins

coach. "All of the schools in our new league participate in the sports that we do, and that will make for some great competition and consistency to our sports year."

The Warriors should be thrilled with the changes, especially in basketball. Last year's standings in Lewis & Clark League boys basketball included first-place De La Salle, second-place Oregon Episcopal, third-place Catlin Gabel and fifth-place Portland Adventist — all no longer there.

Chris Spencer, former Warrenton girls basketball coach and now the athletic director and boys basketball coach at Knappa, said, "I think everybody in the new Coastal league is doing backflips, because they got rid of all the private schools in the Portland area."

"I don't know how 3A and 4A are going to schedule, with not many teams in their leagues," he said. "They created some travel nightmares, too. Rainier to Taft on a Tuesday night is going to be a very difficult scenario."

The Class 2A Northwest League was left largely unaffected. Former league member Portland Christian — which left the league a few years ago to join the 3A Lewis & Clark League — is moving back, along with Open School

East, a small private school (90 students) in Portland.

## Playoff implications

Spencer said the 2A level, with 49 teams, and 6A are the only true classifications.

You look at 3A, 4A and 5A, they're all in the low 30s," he said. "In most states, that's not even enough to have a state tournament."

With almost 50 2A schools in basketball and other sports, "it's going to mean something when you win a state title or even get into the playoffs," Spencer said. "All the leagues will be very balanced, with between seven and 10 teams, and that creates a real competitive level across the state."

One of the main points that athletic directors seem to agree on is that the OSAA erred when it went from four classes to six classes to begin with, following the 2005-06 school year.

"I was not a fan of the six-class model — I wanted five," Spencer said. "The leagues are weird, but everything is driven by football at the 4A and 5A level. As a whole, the five-class model would have made for a much more even system for the number of schools at each level. I just have a problem with 30 or 34 teams competing for a state title."

Rub prefers fewer classifica-

tions. "When looking at it, five really works very well in Oregon, because of the different geographic regions. An even number makes sense, but there's part of me that thinks they should look at the old four-class system, and possibly create a better post-season system."

"From the Seaside standpoint," Boyd said, "we were supporting the five-classification system, because that leaves all classes with at least 40-plus schools in their classification. You could have a good playoff system, good-sized leagues, and at least you have an opportunity where you're going to get games."

In general, Rub said, "nobody's real happy with how it's shaking out. The Cowapa League is not happy to lose Scappoose, and Scappoose — although they understand the situation based on their current (enrollment) — really believe long-term they still belong in the Cowapa League."

Boyd agrees. "The general feeling for the Cowapa League is that we kind of got left out in the cold, right at the end. Twenty proposals, and the first 18 had the Cowapa with a six-team league, and the last two proposals, with everything getting settled in, they pull a team out and leave us with five."

# Museum: 'Is going to be in good hands for the foreseeable future'

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museum," Johnson said of Jones.

The opportunity to hire Jones was a no-brainer, with his background in the Coast Guard and experience in personnel management, Johnson said.

"He is absolutely one of the finest individuals I think I can name anywhere," he said.

Jones retired in Astoria after more than 30 years in the Coast Guard, the last three spent as commander of Sector Columbia River. He oversaw air, sea and land units along the Oregon and Washington state coast and up the river to Lewiston, Idaho. Part of his job was as captain of the port, with regulatory oversight of regional maritime traffic. This will be his first staff position with a museum.

"I'm very knowledgeable of the local maritime industry," Jones said. "I feel like I have some expertise in our subject matter."

A career helicopter pilot, Jones went to work for Brim Aviation after leaving the Coast Guard, transporting Columbia River Bar Pilots by air to and from ships. He left in January after replacing Russ Warr on the City Council. The position at the maritime museum was the only one that would take him out of semiretirement, Jones said.

Johnson and outgoing museum board Chairwoman Helena Lankton lauded Jones' managerial experience overseeing hundreds of Coast Guard personnel and his knowledge of the regional maritime industry, and said he will be a

quick learner on how to run a museum.

"He's great on a lot of issues," Lankton said. "Whatever he needs to learn, he's a great administrator. He's a smart cookie."

Jones holds a bachelor's degree in East Asian studies and German from Washington and Lee University, a master's in public administration from Syracuse University and training in national security and foreign policy from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Along with his trusteeship with the museum, Jones serves on the board of the Friends of the Astoria Armory.

Pearson became acting director after the retirement of Jerry Ostermiller in 2008. When Johnson was hired in 2009, Pearson became the museum's first deputy director. Part of the decision of whether to hire a replacement was the timeline of Johnson, who said he will be with the museum a maximum of five more years.

"I'm 73, and Bruce is 57," Johnson said. "If he works out well, he could be there a long time."

The museum will hold its annual membership meeting Friday, when Lankton will pass the gavel to attorney and trustee Michael Haglund. Lankton is confident the museum's late founder, Rolf Klep, would be pleased with their new hire and the direction of the 55-year-old museum.

"Rolf Klep has got to be looking down and going, 'Yes,'" she said. "His museum is going to be in good hands for the foreseeable future."

# Ames: Served as Warrenton fire chief before taking Astoria job

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Ames, well aware of the city's situation, offered stay on as interim fire chief after retiring.

"He wanted to be able to help bridge the gap," Estes said.

Ames served as Warrenton fire chief for 16 years before taking the helm in Astoria in 2013.

"The past five years with the city of Astoria have been the most challenging, yet rewarding years I've spent working as Fire Chief," Ames said in a statement. "I leave with the incredible satisfaction of knowing our work at the fire department has made a positive and

at times dramatic impact on the lives of the people being served."

"We are grateful to Ted for his service and leadership in the Astoria Fire Department," Estes said in a statement. "He has done a great job leading the Department and has been a tremendous asset to the city. The city of Astoria wishes him the best in his retirement."

Ames said he isn't sure yet what he will do after his time with the fire department ends. He said he's had two occupations his entire adult life: commercial fishing and "playing fire chief."

"How about something where I'm not in charge?" he joked.

# Aarts: 'There's something about the feeling of the community'

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Taking the advice of a friend, Aarts went back to school in 2010 to earn a master of public administration degree in emergency management from Portland State University. In three years there, he made connections with fellow students that eventually led to the Columbia County job.

"Those Columbia County

commissioners have been shaking their finger in my face saying, 'You poached one of our really good guys,'" Clatsop County Commissioner Lianne Thompson told Aarts at a recent commissioners meeting.

Now, Aarts, his wife, two toddler sons and one infant daughter live near Astoria — a place the couple has often frequented on week-

end trips.

"We love it out here," Aarts said. "There's something about the feeling of the community, the friendliness."

At work, Aarts will take a number of projects off the plate of his supervisor, County Emergency Manager Tiffany Brown. But they will still keep tabs on what each other is doing in order to ensure leadership stability should one of them become incapacitated in an emergency.

"We try to build redundancy into the program so we don't have a lack of leadership in an incident," Aarts said.

He appears to be set for a long career of doing just that. "We're looking forward to the day when our kids go to high school and become Fighting Fishermen," he said. "We feel very much like we have come home."

# TV SCHEDULE

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Evening listings MONDAY

MONDAY EVENING												OCTOBER 30	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)				The Good Doctor "Not Fake" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dancing With the Stars (N)				The Good Doctor "Not Fake" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:5) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere" The 'Knockout' rounds begin. (N)					The Brave "The Seville Defection" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait 9JKL (N)	Me, Myself & I	Donuts (SP) (N)		Scorpion "Queen Scary" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Kevin Can Wait 9JKL (N)	Me, Myself & I	Donuts (SP) (N)		Scorpion "Queen Scary" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:5) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Knockouts Premiere" The 'Knockout' rounds begin. (N)				The Brave "The Seville Defection" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:5) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supergirl "The Faithful" (N)	Valor "Zero Visibility" (N)			News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	
10	KOPB	(10) This Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Antiques Rd. "Our 50 States - One" (N)	American Masters "Edgar Allan Poe" (N)			Mark Twain's Journey		Words on the Wind	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lucifer (N)	The Gifted "boXed in" (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lucifer (N)	The Gifted "boXed in" (N)			Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		American Dad!	American Dad!	Conan	
22	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN2	(29) (5:15) NFL Football Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs (L)				(2:20) SportsCenter Scott Van Pelt presents the day in sports. (N)	E:60			NFL PrimeTime		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt	
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:15) NFL Football Denver Broncos at Kansas City Chiefs (L)				(2:20) SportsCenter (N)	E:60			SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt		Jalen & Jacoby	NCAA Football
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House		Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) (05) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home		K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) Movie	(4:00) ★★ Addams Family Values (93) Raul Julia, Anjelica Huston.			(5:0) ★★ Hocus Pocus (1993, Comedy) Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy, Bette Midler.				The 700 Club		The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (10) ★★ Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (12) Rufus Sewell, Benjamin Walker.				(2:0) FXM Presents	Unfriended (15, Thriller) Matthew Bohrer, Heather Sossaman.			★ Mama (13, Hor)		Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain.	
38	LIFE	(38) To Be Announced				To Be Announced						Project Runway	
39	ROOT	(39) (5:30) NCAA Football Idaho State vs. Montana State				Press Pass (N)	UFUC 182 Site: MGM Grand Garden Arena					TMZ Sports (N)	NFL Films
39	FS1	(39) To Be Announced		UFC "217: Bisping vs. St-Pierre" (N)		Speak for Yourself	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					TMZ Sports (N)	NFL Films
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
44	COM	(44) Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park		South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition (N)
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers "Slim Pickings"	Amer. Pickers "Creepiest Collections"	American Pickers "Real Knuckleheads"	American Pickers "40 Acre Pick" (N)					(05) Pawn Stars (N)	(35) Pawn Stars (N)	(05) Pawn Stars	(35) Pawn Stars
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Old Wounds"	The First 48 "Deadly Premonition"	The First 48 "Deadly Rap"	Kids Who Kill Explores personal stories of young murderers.							The First 48 "Murder on the Bluff"	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	90 Day Fiancé "All or Nothing" (N)	90 Day Fiancé "Tell All" The couples reunite for a tell all special. (N)					Fiancé "Good Morning America" (N)		90 Day Fiancé "Tell All"	
48	DISC	(48) Fast N' Loud "Rocking '76 G10 Van"	FastLoud "Step Vanning into a New Era"	Fast N' Loud: Revved Up (N)	Fast N' Loud: Revved Up (N)					Fast N' Loud (N)		Fast N' Loud	
49	NGEO	(49) Tomb of 1,000 Roman Skeletons	China's Valley of the Kings	King Cobra						Snake City "Trailer Park Terror"		Snake City "Country Club Killer"	
50	TNT	(50) ★★ Maleficent (2014, Adventure) Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.		★ Meet the Fockers (2004, Comedy) Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro.		★★ Bruce Almighty (03, Com/Dra) Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston, Jim Carrey.				(1978, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, P.J. Soles, Donald Pleasence.		(05) Modern Fam	(35) Modern Fam
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers	★★ Halloween: The Curse of Michael Myers (95) Paul Rudd, Donald Pleasence.			WWE Monday Night Raw						Movie	
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hothouse"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Behave"										
53	FOOD	(53) Halloween Ba "It's All in Your Head"	Halloween Baking "Sweet Screams"	Halloween Ba "The Candyman Cometh"	Halloween Ba "Extreme Halloween"					Chopped "Spooked"		Halloween Wars "Beware"	
54	HGTV	(54) Love It or List It	Love It/List It "Mid Century Maternity"							House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) Dracula Untold (2014, Fantasy) Sarah Gadon, Dominic Cooper, Luke Evans.		★ X-Men: Days of Future Past (2014, Adventure) Ian McKellen, Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman.						Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		Fox News Tonight		Tucker Carlson Tonight	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam		American Greed: Scam		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Real Housewives "Armenian Rhapsody"	The Real Housewives "Mystic Mistake"			Orange County Social (N)		The Real Housewives (N)		Dallas "The Beginning of the End"		WatchWhat (N)	Real Housewives
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★★ The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse	★★ Back to the Future (85) Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Michael J. Fox.			(45) ★★ Gilda (1946, Suspense) Glenn Ford, George Macready, Rita Hayworth.						(45) Taxi Driver	
65	SYFY	(65) (4:30) Stickman	★★ The Sixth Sense (1999, Thriller) Haley Joel Osment, Toni Collette, Bruce Willis.			★ Texas Chainsaw 3D (2013, Horror) Dan Yeager, Trey Songz, Alexandra Daddario.						The Night Before Halloween	
102	RFD	(102) Rancher (N)	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Live" "Gleaner"		American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	