SPORTS



Justin Tucker/Trail Blazers

Astoria Middle School teacher Eric Gohr and his son Quin accept a \$9,500 check from Wells Fargo Region Bank President Tracy Curtis on behalf of Astoria Middle School.



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Representatives from Astoria Middle School were among the 24 schools that received grants totaling \$110,000 from Wells Fargo and the Trail Blazers Foundation.

Astoria Middle School receives grant from Blazers, Wells Fargo

The Daily Astorian

Representatives from Astoria Middle School received a grant from the Portland Trail Blazers and Wells Fargo at a special presentation March 17 at the Moda Center.

The Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo awarded \$110,000 in grants benefiting hundreds of high risk and lowand moderate-income students at 24 schools in 19 rural and urban cities across Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Astoria Middle School received the largest grant, \$9,500, which will be used to update and repair the basketball hoops and backboards for its gyms.

The other 23 grants ranged from \$500 to \$7,500, based on the scope and costs associated with the project or program seeking funds.

Astoria Middle School principal Linda Brech, physical education teacher Eric Gohr and Astoria High boys basketball coach Kevin Goin helped secure the grant. Through their fourth annual "Take It To the Court for Education" program, the Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo distributed the grant checks during a special reception during the Detroit vs. Portland basketball game. Gohr was on hand at the

game to accept the check for Astoria Middle School.

Teachers, school staff, administrators, parents and community members had submitted more than 300 applications in pursuit of grants for their local schools. A committee of community leaders managed the review process to determine this year's winners.

is the culmina-'This tion of an important partnership that has allowed the Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo to channel muchneeded dollars directly into schools and classrooms," said Trail Blazers and Rose Ouarter President & CEO Chris McGowan.

Baseball: Astoria blanks Yamhill-Carlton, 10-0

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Astoria scored nine runs in the first inning on its way to an easy 10-0 win over Yamhill-Carlton in a nonleague baseball game Monday afternoon at CMH Field, on Day 1 of Astoria's spring break tournament.

Pitcher Colby Junes tossed a three-hit shutout, striking out three Tigers with one walk. He needed just 50 pitches to com-

plete the five-inning contest.

Trey Hageman led Astoria's 10-hit attack, going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Leadoff batter Dylan Rush was 2-for-2 and scored twice, and Ephraim Tice added a double.

Tournament action continues today at 10 a.m. when the Fishermen play South Umpqua.

Astoria hosts a nonleague game Wednesday with Naselle.

Softball: Astoria defeats Regis

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After struggling to score runs in their first five games, Astoria softball players crossed the plate 15 times Monday morning in a firstround game of the Seaside Spring Break tournament.

Astoria defeated Regis 15-5 in a game that was played at Astoria's CMH Field. The remainder of the tournament will be played today at Seaside's Broadway Field, where the Lady Fishermen are scheduled to play Ilwaco at 5 p.m.

The 15 runs equaled the combined total in Astoria's first five games, as the Lady Fishermen improve to 1-5 overall.

In Monday's win, Julia Norris started in the circle and struck out the side in each of the first three innings.

Emma Biederman and McKailyn Rogers came on in relief, and Norris eventually came back and finished.

Norris also had a double at the plate, as did sophomore Taileigh Cole in her first at-bat of the season.

Irish dance back to Final Four after beating Oregon 84-74

By TIM BOOTH **Associated Press**

SPOKANE, Wash. -Kathryn Westbeld scored 20 points, Jessica Shepard added 18 and Notre Dame reached the Final Four for the eighth time in school history by defeating Oregon 84-74 on Monday night.

Westbeld came up with the biggest game of her Notre Dame career despite being slowed by an ankle injury from the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Westbeld had scored a combined 12 points in the previous four games, but she teamed with Shepard for an inside attack that hurt the Ducks

shots. Notre Dame (33-3) outscored Oregon 52-38 in the paint and outrebounded the Ducks 51-29 in the Spokane Regional final.

Arike Ogunbowale added 19 points and Marina Mabrey had 15 for the Irish.

Despite a handful of costly injuries along the way, the Irish are back in a familiar spot in the national semifinals. It's the sixth Final Four for Notre Dame since 2011 and old friend UConn awaits in the semis Friday night in Columbus, Ohio.

First-team all-American Sabrina Ionescu led Oregon (33-5) with 26 points, but the Ducks struggled offensively over the final 20 minutes.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE TODAY

Baseball — South Umpqua at Astoria, 10 a.m. Softball - Seaside Spring Break Tournament: Harrisburg vs. Seaside, 11 a.m.; Harrisburg vs. Ilwaco, 3 p.m.; Ilwaco vs. Astoria, 5 p.m.; Knappa at Riverside Tournament, TBA WEDNESDAY

Baseball - Naselle at Astoria, 4 p.m. Softball - Knappa at Riverside Tournament, TBA

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(Astoria statistics): Junes and Hillard. W: Junes. RBI: Ast, Hageman 3, Hirsch, Matteucci, Rush, Stutznegger, Tice. 2B: Ast, Hageman, Tice. HBP: Ast, Lee. LOB: Yamhill-Carlton 3, Astoria 9. DP: Astoria.

BASEBALL

Softball: Seaside wins twice, now 5-0

Westbeld made 9 of 12

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SEASIDE — The Seaside Lady Gulls won two games Monday, on the first day of action at their own Spring Break tournament at Broadway Field.

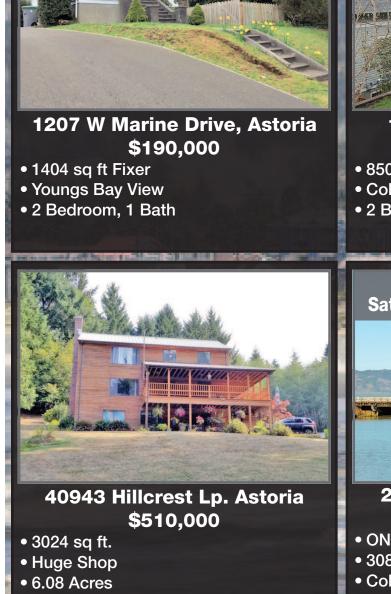
With their 9-2 win over Cottage Grove

and 11-6 victory over Regis, Seaside improved to 5-0 overall, one of its best starts in school history.

Freshman Kandice Flaigg highlighted the day with a home run against the Rams.

The Gulls finish the tournament today vs. Harrisburg at 1 p.m.





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