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## LOGGERS ON A ROLL

### Knappa a favorite for another state championship

By GARY HENLEY  
The Daily Astorian

Former Major League Baseball manager Tommy Lasorda once said, "No matter how good you are, you're going to lose one-third of your games." Obviously, the old Dodger coach did not foresee the Knappa Loggers.

When it comes to boys' sports, the numbers the Loggers have put up — baseball, especially — are over the top and hard to believe.

Against Northwest League competition over the past five years, Knappa baseball has a record of 99 wins, three losses.

#### QUARTER FINALS

Monroe (20-7) vs. Knappa (21-0) Friday, TBA at Knappa High

More numbers: It's been 77 years since Major League Baseball has had a .400 hitter. The Loggers had five starters bat over .400 last season, a normal year for Knappa.

Odds of throwing a no-hitter in the majors is somewhere around 1,600-to-1. The Loggers average about three no-nos per season, with three or four one-hitters for good measure.

Of course, Oregon 2A baseball is far from the majors. But still, add those numbers together, and it's no wonder the Loggers are big favorites to repeat as the 2A/1A state champions.

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Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian  
Knappa Loggers head coach Jeff Miller, upper left wearing gray hat, gives his team instructions during a recent practice.

*'We're playing good, but I still feel like we haven't reached our peak. That's kind of a good thing. We're playing good baseball and beating teams, but I feel like we can play better.'*

Kaleb Miller | Knappa senior

The Loggers practice tagging out a baserunner.



## Astoria theater searches for a leader



Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian  
Wayne Doyle watches a rehearsal of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' in the auditorium of Astoria High School.

### Doyle is leaving on a three-year military tour

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

Theater director Wayne Doyle sat near the front of Astoria High School's auditorium last week, watching the cast of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" run through the opening scenes of the classic musical one night before the premiere.

Doyle called out cues and reminders to his young cast, but largely made them stand on their own.

"This is my transition night," he said. "After tonight, it's their show."

Friday and Saturday night will be the final shows of "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang." The shows will also be the last directorial effort in

Astoria for at least a few years for Doyle. The captain and battle manager with the Oregon Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Squadron is transferring to Maryland this summer on a three-year tour.

Doyle's imminent departure leaves Astoria theater boosters searching for a replacement before the fall.

"We've just been talking to the community at large ... just to let people know I'm transferring, and we don't want the program to die," he said.

Doyle, a math teacher, joined the Oregon Air National Guard in 2002 after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He moved to the North Coast in 2003, teaching in Astoria while at Camp Rilea. In 2009, he went full time with the Air National Guard.

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## County enters opioid lawsuit

Drug companies are to blame for nationwide epidemic, claim says

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
The Daily Astorian

Clatsop County will join a national lawsuit against a host of pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, asserting the companies should bear much of the responsibility for opioid abuse.

The county will band with Clackamas, Washington and Lane counties, with at least five others in Oregon expected to sign on, County Counsel Heather Reynolds said. While the suit was filed in Oregon, it will be heard in federal court in Ohio as part of a joint case with other local governments.

In 2015, more than 27 percent of Clatsop County residents were prescribed opioids, according to the Oregon Health Authority. Curry County residents, by comparison, were prescribed at a 35 percent rate — the 74th largest figure of any county in the country.

"Clatsop County is up there in the number of prescriptions, which can lead to some negative consequences and addiction," Reynolds said.

The lawsuit claims companies sold drugs dishonestly and failed to keep records in compliance with state and federal laws.

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## State economist predicts 'kicker'

Taxpayers could get another credit in 2019

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SALEM — State revenue projections have grown significantly since mid-2017, likely triggering both the personal and corporate income tax "kicker" in the next two-year budget cycle.

The growth is due to recent changes in federal and state tax law and an improved economic outlook, state economist Mark McMullen told lawmakers Wednesday.

Personal income tax projections are now about 3 percent higher than state economists' close-of-session forecast, a difference that, if revenues hold steady or grow more over the next year, could trigger Oregon's unique "kicker" law in 2019.

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