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has shifted to reflect sports terms and the way sports has influenced the infrastructure of towns.

"It's a lot of fun and it appeals to people on lots of different levels," Millard said. "The whole idea is to take this large subject of sports and make that local connection."

The local part of the exhibit explores the sports history of the Long Beach Peninsula, with photos from schools as well as town teams.

Dennis Oman of Long Beach contributed photos from the Ilwaco High School basketball team to the exhibit.

"It's a real fun thing for people to come out and see their grandparents who played on town teams," Oman said.

Now a volunteer coach, Oman was on the Ilwaco basketball team when he was in high school in 1959 when the team won the state championship.

"We got to state and won four more games at the state championship," Oman said. "In one game, we were playing Ritzville, Washington, and they had a 9-point lead on us with a minute and 59 seconds to go."

He said people were turning off their radios, thinking the game was over. But then, the Ilwaco team shifted its strategy and won the championship.

"It was a pretty exciting time," Oman said. The Museum on Main Street program



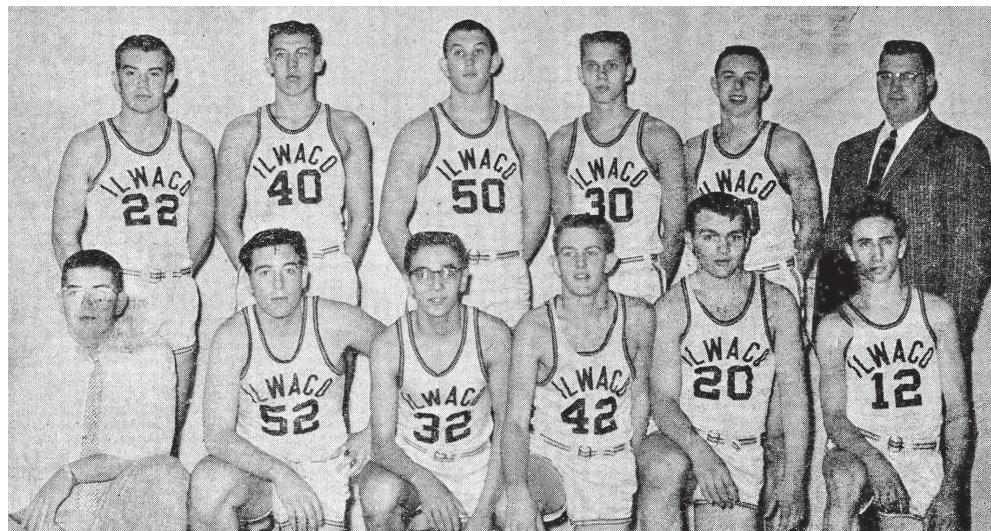
Dennis Oman of Ilwaco High School accepts the basketball championship trophy in 1959.

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brings these kinds of Smithsonian-style, multimedia exhibits to rural communities that might not get the chance to see them otherwise. Humanities Washington helped bring this exhibit to the heritage museum. It will run through Jan. 4, then the local part of the show will expand and continue through March 14.

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The Ilwaco High School basketball team won the state championship in 1959.



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