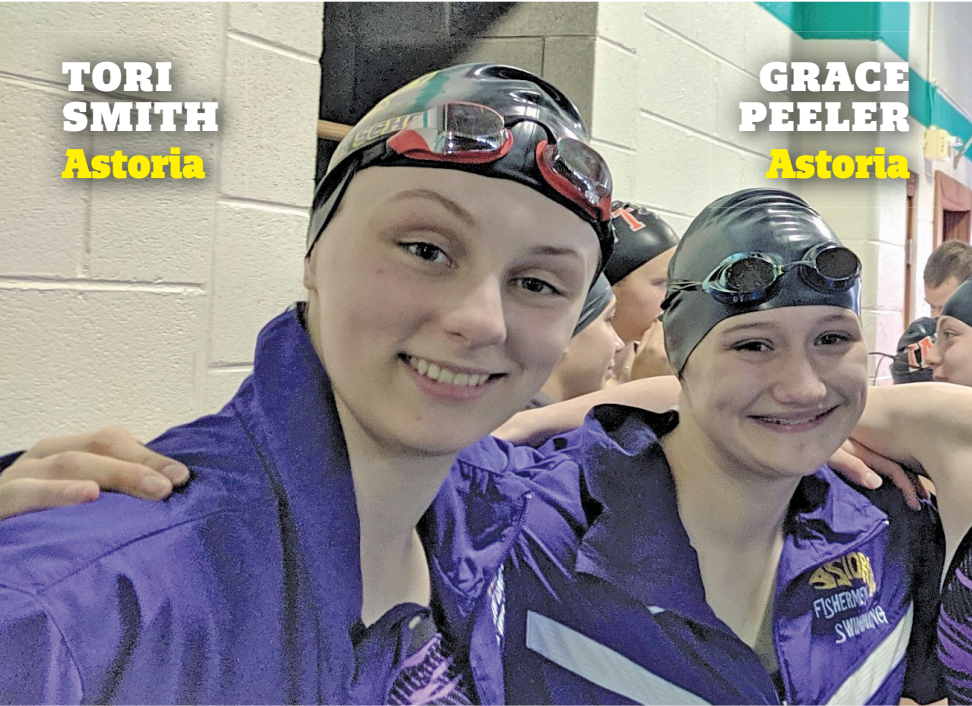


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# SPORTS

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Kathryn Zacher

In a three-way dual meet with Gladstone and Seaside Jan. 30, the Astoria girls won seven events. Peeler and Smith combined for four individual victories, and both swam legs on the winning 200-yard medley relay, along with Emelia Cameron and Constance Rouda. Peeler had wins in the 100-yard freestyle (16 entrants) and 100-yard breaststroke, while Smith won the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly. The Astoria girls also swept the team scoring.



Shane Spell

The Gulls' junior won two individual events and anchored the winning 200-yard freestyle relay, in a three-way dual meet Jan. 30 with Astoria and Gladstone. Garvin had the best time out of 13 swimmers in the 50-yard freestyle (25.49 seconds) and also had the top time (57.69) out of 10 entrants in the 100-yard freestyle. He teamed with Westin Carter, Logan Dennis and Sean Olea to win the 200 freestyle relay, as the Seaside boys swept the meet in preparation for districts.

## KNAPPA GIRLS KNOCK DOWN MANNAHOUSE

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There are very few close games in Northwest League girls basketball, if Thursday night's games were any indication. Scores from the night included: Portland Christian 43, Nestucca 26; Vernonia 47, Columbia Christian 17; and Faith Bible 70, Neah-Kah-Nie 37. Thursday's game at Knappa took top honors as the closest, as the Lady Loggers defeated Mannahouse Christian, 56-42. With a spot in the league play-offs almost secured, Knappa (5-9 in league) can still finish fourth with wins in its final two games vs. Columbia Christian (4-9) and Nestucca (6-7). As for Thursday's win, Madelynn Weaver scored 15 points with six steals to lead the Loggers. "Mannahouse has some very talented, versatile players who can hurt you from the outside and get to the rim," said Knappa coach Tracie Brockey. "Madelynn and Katelynn Weaver were given our toughest defensive assignments of the night, and held Mannahouse's (usual) highest scorers, Marlei Knox and Emilee Owen, to zero and seven points, respectively." She added, "We knew by overplaying them that we'd be sacrificing something else, but it payed off tonight. We wanted to keep Awek Di Piok, their 6-3 center, off the

glass, particular offensive rebound put-backs. And while we significantly limited her shots in the paint (only three field goals there), she hit four 3-pointers." The Knappa posts "did a great job rotating on (Di Piok) and being physical in the paint," Brockey said. "We made some adjustments, and our girls consistently responded when it seemed like Mannahouse was making a comeback." The Loggers led from start to finish, although the Lions closed to within 40-39 early in the fourth quarter. From there, a basket by Sophia Carlson sparked a 16-3 run by the Loggers. Knappa had seven players in the scoring column and six players with steals. Carlson had 12 points, seven steals and eight rebounds, while Katelynn Weaver added nine points, five assists and five steals. "Our girls came to play tonight, hard-nosed Logger basketball," Brockey said. "I'm proud of their effort and resiliency. I am hopeful that we bring that in our next two games to fight for that last spot in playoffs." "That puts the pressure on us to keep taking care of business and fight for wins," she said. "As a team we talk about how pressure can burst pipes or build diamonds, and we are working toward the latter."

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### Knappa boys pound Mannahouse, 62-33

Knappa maintained its hold on first place in Northwest League boys basketball, with another easy win Thursday night, 62-33 over Mannahouse Christian. The Loggers set the tone with a 12-3 lead after one quarter, which Knappa turned into an eventual 22-3 lead midway through the second period. Knappa coach Paul Isom called it a "Big win against one of the better teams in the league. Our defense really came up huge. We held them to 10 in the first half and made things very difficult for their two guards." Knappa improves to 20-1 overall, best in the state at the 2A level. Mannahouse dropped to 11-8 overall. "Camo (Miethe), Kanai (Phillip) and Devin (Hoover) did a great job not giving up anything easy on the outside, and then Mason (Westerholm) and Logan (Morrill) shut down everything at the rim," Isom said. "Joe (Ramvick) was back tonight and he played really well, hitting some shots and flying around on defense," he added. "Now we are on to a big one at Columbia Christian Monday. Whoever wins that game will have the league title in their control to finish the year."

### Seaside sweeps Valiants in dual at the pool

The Seaside swim teams scored a dual meet sweep over

## SCOREBOARD

| PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE |                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MONDAY               |                                                                                                                                           |
| Girls Basketball     | — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 6 p.m.                                                                                                    |
| Boys Basketball      | — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 7:30 p.m.                                                                                                 |
| TUESDAY              |                                                                                                                                           |
| Girls Basketball     | — Astoria at Banks, 6 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7 p.m.             |
| Boys Basketball      | — Astoria at Banks, 7:45 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 7:45 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7:30 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m. |

Valley Catholic Tuesday at Sunset Empire pool, as the Gulls celebrated Senior Day with two wins. With very few seniors, the Seaside boys defeated the Valiants 90-69, as the Gulls will be making a strong run at a district title in two weeks. The Lady Gulls won their half of the meet, 70-66. Seaside swimmers were making improvements and time drops across the board. Winners for the boys included freshman Masyn McCulloch in the 200-yard freestyle (2 minutes, 19.70 seconds, a nearly five-second time drop), and McCulloch also won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:35.02, a 16.77 time improvement. Leif Rehnert won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:07.67. For the Seaside girls, senior Kara Spell had a four-second time drop in winning the 200-yard individual medley in 3:10.49. Pizazz dance team is hosting a youth dance clinic Saturday. The clinic has been moved from Astoria Middle School to Astoria High School. The clinic will still run from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and is for boys and girls, age 4-14. Registration opens at 9:45 a.m. Cost is \$20 with a Pizazz T-shirt, \$15 without. This is a fundraiser for the team's competition season. Those attending are encouraged to wear comfortable dance or gym clothes. Participants will be placed into groups based on grade level in school. They will work on dance skills such as turns, leaps, kicks and tricks. Students will also learn a short dance routine, choreographed and taught by Pizazz team members. For questions or more information, contact coach Emily Madsen at 503-440-5384. On Feb. 14, youth are invited to perform this routine with current Pizazz dancers at halftime of the Tillamook vs. Astoria girls basketball game, which begins at 6 p.m.

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