By PATRICK WEBB Chinook Observer

NASELLE, Wash. football captain Jimmy Strange had a busy Saturday night. The Comets running back scored four of Naselle's 10 touchdowns and was crowned homecoming king at halftime.

Strange had 144 yards on five carries in a 76-0 win over Northwest Christian. It was Naselle's largest winning margin of the shortened season and the second game in which the Comets (now 4-0) have held the opposition

Brother Joey Strange, a junior, made his mark, too. He added two touchdowns and led the tackle count with nine plus a fumble recovery.

Senior quarterback Warren Wirkkala controlled the action, gaining 98 yards on four successful passes and carrying the ball himself for



Naselle running back Jimmy Strange, left, was king of the field Saturday with four touchdowns in a 76-0 win over Northwest Christian 76-0. He was crowned homecoming king at halftime. Also pictured are fellow seniors Warren Wirkkala (21) and Daniel Holt (13).

48 yards on four runs.

Just about everyone got on the scoreboard. Junior center George Wilson rolled around defenders on the crowded goal line to run in extra points to make the half-time margin 44-0 then ran through a gap to add two more later in the

Junior wide receiver Jason Harman caught a kickoff, ran sideways toward the grandstand but found his path

blocked. He turned around and ran a 50-yard loop in the other direction, neatly sidestepping the final tackler to

Two senior linemen made their presence felt. Daniel Holt made seven tackles and put himself on a scoresheet with a 40-vard carry in which he outpaced defenders. And Jordan Lopez, who made six tackles, was alert when the Wolverines fumbled a high snap. He raced forward, scooped up the ball and ran it in.

To complete senior night celebrations, an alert Trevor Johnson was in exactly the right place when a deflected 2-point conversion toss was tipped into his hands for the final score.

Next up for the Comets is a road trip to Taholah on Friday, followed by a season finale March 19.

Banks tops Astoria football in opener

By GARY HENLEY

The Astorian

The Astoria Fishermen brought out their throwback uniforms Friday night, the same uniforms they wore in their 2008 state championship win over Banks.

Meanwhile, the Braves came to CMH Field with the same tough team they seem to have every year.

With a Gobel (Cooper) at quarterback, and talent at every position, Banks opened the shortened spring football season with a 49-18 win over the Fishermen.

The Senior Night game for both teams was originally scheduled to be played at Banks — the only home game the Braves had on their

schedule.

No matter what field the Braves are playing on, Banks is one of the toughest teams at the 4A level, having played in the state championship game in its previous two seasons.

In Friday's win, Gobel threw for 267 yards and five touchdowns on 20-of-24 passing.

Junior running back Jamar Flippen had 14 carries for 101 yards and two scores, and Charles White had seven catches for 119 yards, as the Braves racked up 399 yards in total offense.

Astoria had a few bright spots, as senior Bo Williams threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Colton McMaster with 29 seconds left in the first quarter, then hit the junior

tight end for an 18-yard score with eight seconds left in the second period.

Michael Moore capped the Fishermen scoring with a 1-yard run in the fourth.

Astoria hosts Tillamook on Friday.

Gulls 49, Valiants 0

Seaside built a 35-0 halftime lead on its way to an easy 49-0 win at Valley Catholic on Friday night in Cowapa League football action. Andrew Teubner rushed

for three touchdowns and Aedyn Cook ran for two (all in the first half), while Tanner Kraushaar (39-yard interception return) and Lawson Talamantez (34-yard catch from Carson Kawasoe) had second half scores for the Gulls, who host Milwaukie on Friday.

Warriors crush the Cards

Warrenton had the lead just 14 seconds into the game Saturday afternoon, and the Warriors put it in cruise control from there in a season-opening 46-12 win over Corbett at John Mattila

Warrenton's Hordie Bodden Bodden returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown, the first of three rushing touchdowns by the junior quarterback, who added four touchdown passes to Ethan Caldwell (two), Dawson Little and Joshua

Warrenton plays at Rainier on Friday.

OBITUARIES

Gary Robert Pedersen Sandy

June 8, 1943 — March 3, 2021

Gary Pedersen

Dr. Gary R. Pedersen passed away from pulmonary fibrosis complications March 3,

Gary was born in Oregon City to Nancy Marie Edith Salmon and Fred Findal Pedersen on June 8,

2021.

1943.

Gary attended elementary schools in Rockaway Beach,

Reedsport and Corvallis. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1961 and was privileged to serve as student body president his senior year.

After graduating from Oregon State University, Gary was accepted to the University of Oregon Dental School (Oregon Health and Science University now) and graduated in the class of 1970.

While in dental school, Gary met his soulmate, Sonia (Sunny) Green, who was enrolled in a dietetic internship at the medical school. Sunny and Gary were married in Sunny's hometown of Oxford, Kansas, on July 27, 1968. The event was a first for

Gary in several ways: First time east of Reno, Nevada, first time meeting Sunny's family in person and first time experiencing Midwest weather in July. The next adventure after

dental school was the move to Astoria to build a dental practice, make new friends and get acquainted with the weather. All of these took a

little time, but we were very happy.

In 1977 our son Eric arrived, so we got involved with his activities, such as soccer, scouting and sports. We are extremely proud of Eric, who has a beautiful family and works for the Sandy Fire District as a firefighter and

paramedic. Dr. P, as he was called at the office, had many wonderfully loyal staff members who worked with him. Small town practice has the benefit of seeing office patients out and about, and following their activities and families.

After 37 years of dental practice, Dr. P totally retired, including the last five years part-time. Sunny and Gary enjoyed several trips to Europe and winter time at their home in Sun Lakes, Arizona.

Gary is survived by his wife, Sunny; son, Eric (Rebecca) and granddaughter, Piper, of Sandy; sister, Carolyn (John) Solvason, of Eugene; brother, Jon (Trista), of Beaverton; niece, Gretchen (Ryan) Guttridge and their two boys, Cayden and Jack; and nephews, Matt Solvason and Ryan Pedersen (Macki).

Special note: My life has been filled with many joys; most of which has been the love of my family, wonderful friends and loyal patients. I love every one of you. Thank you to all.

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Warrenton defeats Seaside volleyball

The Astorian

Warrenton outlasted Seaside in a lengthy nonleague volleyball match Saturday Warrenton, 23-25, 25-20, 19-25, 15-8.

The Warriors held a 2-to-1 lead in sets before the Gulls won Game 4 to force a fifth set.

After losses to Seaside every year since 2016, Warrenton won Game 5, 15-8, improving to 2-0 in the first of seven home matches in the snortened season.

In their first victory over the Gulls since 2015, Warrenton's Avyree Miethe pounded out 16 kills to go with 29 digs and five

team-high five of Warrenton's 13 aces.

Jaime Annat had 18 assists and Bemus finished with 10 assists and nine digs.

Teammate Mia McFadden added nine kills and four ace serves to lead the offense while Brenna Bemus had a

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY Volleyball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 5:30 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Clatskanie at Warrenton, 5:30 p.m.; Nestucca at Knappa, 6:30 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 6 p.m. Girls Soccer — Astoria at Rainier/Clatskanie, 4:15 p.m.; Banks at Seaside, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Volleyball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Jewell, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer — Seaside at Banks, 4:15 p.m. **THURSDAY**

Volleyball — Rainier at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Seaside at Banks, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Willamina, 5:30 p.m.; Jewell at Perrydale, 7 p.m. Girls Soccer — Seaside at Astoria, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Tillamook at Astoria, 7 p.m.; Football — Milwaukie at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7 p.m.; Siletz Valley at Jew-Volleyball — Willamette Valley at Jew-

ell, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY - Warrenton at Knappa, 1:30 p.m. Volleyball



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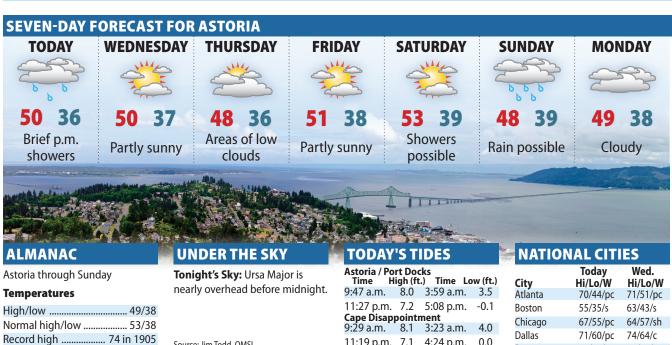
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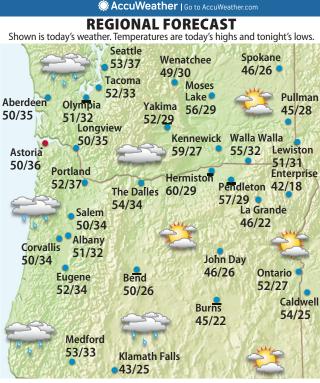
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