

SPORTS

Postlewait heads for fishing nationals

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

Astoria's Michael Postlewait is finding success in competitive bass fishing at the collegiate level, as he and angling partner Andrew Rickman finished second in the recent Carhart Bassmaster College Series wild card qualifier, held in June at Lay Lake in Shelby County, Alabama.

As a freshman at Dallas Baptist University, Postlewait will now compete along with Rickman in the Bassmasters College National Championship, Aug. 12 through Aug. 14, on the St. Lawrence River out of Waddington, New York.

He and Rickman have helped the Dallas Baptist club sports team to its best finish ever.

Winners of the wild card event were McKendree University's Blake Jackson and Trevor McKinney, who finished with a two-day total of 30 pounds, 2 ounces.

Down to their last chance to qualify for nationals, Postlewait and Rickman caught the largest bag of the entire tournament on their second day, weighing 18 pounds, 6 ounces. As a result, they climbed from 23rd place to second, and brought their two-day total to 29 pounds, 6 ounces.

After catching 11 pounds on Day 1 at the south end of the lake, Postlewait and Rickman ran up the river and landed on a current break that was loaded with big spotted bass.

"We basically scrapped everything we did yesterday," Rickman told bassmaster.com. "The first day of practice we were fishing the dam, and (Postlewait) caught a 4.89 spotted bass. So, we got up there today and they cut the current off a little bit and we had four in the first 20 minutes and five in the first 40 minutes, and we kept culling throughout the day."

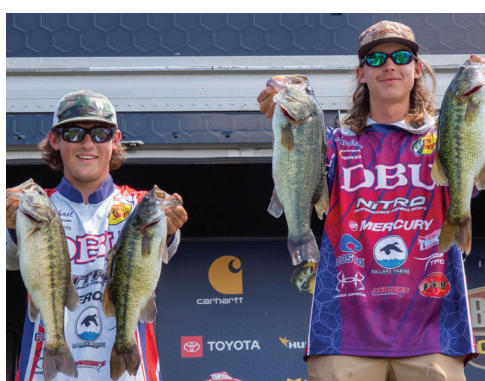
With only minutes left to fish, Postlewait cast into the current and caught a 3½-pound spotted bass.

"We were sitting in a little eddy, just enough to where we could hold there, and we were bombing 5XD's and 6XD's (fishing lures), whatever we didn't snap off, into the current," Postlewait said. "We had to weed through the striper. We caught 30 stripers today, and every once in a while, it would be a 3-pound spot."

Other local graduates competing this summer

Justin Morris, Seaside — The Class of 2021 senior took part in the Oregon 4A All-Star series, June 19 through June 20 at North Marion, where Morris was 5-for-8 at the plate with four RBIs, and also pitched four innings and struck out four batters. He is playing for the Lower Columbia Baseball Club.

Tony Tumbarello, Astoria — The former Fisherman also played in the 4A All-Star games, helping the North team win two of



Dallas Baptist University
Former Astoria Fisherman Michael Postlewait, left, and teammate Andrew Rickman, with their second-place catch in last month's national qualifying event.

three games to win the series. After a 10-2 win for the South in Game 1, the North answered with victories of 9-1 and 17-4. Tumbarello was 2-for-5 and walked twice at the plate, and played left field. He plans to play next season at Linn-Benton Community College.

Jackson Arnsdorf (Astoria), Corvallis Knights — Arnsdorf has a 1-1 record in eight appearances, with one save. Has pitched 12 2/3 innings, with 13 strikeouts, nine walks, nine hits allowed and a 4.26 earned run average.

Conor Harber (Astoria), Acereros de Monclova — In his second season in the professional Mexican League, he has started nine games pitched 43 innings in 2021 for the defending Mexican League champions.

Jake Morrow (Warrenton), Willamette Wild Bills/Portland Pickles — In a 21-14 win over the Portland Gherkins last week, Morrow was 2-for-3 and scored four runs with two RBIs. He is among the hitting leaders in the Wild Wild West League. He was picked up by the Portland Pickles of the West Coast League this week.

Dylan Rush (Astoria), Willamette Wild Bills.

Dale Takalo (Knappa), Cowlitz Black Bears — Has started two games this season, and pitched 20 1/3 innings in 10 appearances, with 15 strikeouts, six walks, 24 hits allowed and a 5.31 ERA. The Black Bears host the Portland Pickles July 20-22.

Eli Takalo (Knappa), Cowlitz Black Bears.
Local athletes playing for the Lower Columbia Baseball Club:
(AAA Hilander Dental)
Duane Falls, Warrenton
Kolten Lindstrom, Naselle
Drew Miller, Knappa
Justin Morris, Seaside
Joey Strange, Naselle
(AA Rohl Roofing)
Karson Hawkins, Astoria
Gunnar Olson, Astoria

Warrenton baseball sweeps Clatskanie, 10-0 and 8-2

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The Warrenton Warriors romped past Clatskanie in a Thursday afternoon Junior Baseball doubleheader at Huddleston Field, 10-0 and 8-2.

The Warriors held a 6-0 lead after just one inning in the opener, and pitcher Dylan Atwood did the rest, allowing just two hits with seven strikeouts and four and two-thirds innings.

Warrenton had just six hits, but took advantage of four Tiger errors. Tyson Smith had a triple.

Mikey Ulness recorded the last out of the first game, and pitched the first four and two-thirds of the second game to earn the win.

Josh Earls had three hits and Atwood

added a triple for the Warriors, who improved to 4-2 in the summer league standings, while the Tigers dropped to 0-6.

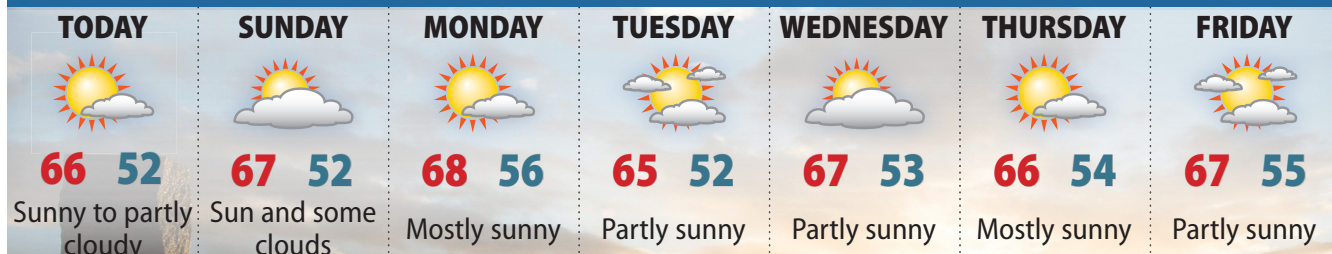
Warrenton plays two games Monday against Astoria Ford at 4 p.m. at Tapiola Park.

In other action Thursday, Knappa defeated Ilwaco 9-6, and Seaside topped Tillamook, 8-7.

SCOREBOARD

MONDAY
Junior Baseball — Warrenton at Astoria Ford (2), 4 p.m.; Knappa at Tillamook (2), 4 p.m.
TUESDAY
Junior Baseball — (8 teams) Seaside at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 62/56
Normal high/low 68/53
Record high 86 in 1979
Record low 40 in 1930

Precipitation

Thursday Trace
Month to date 0.13"
Normal month to date 0.61"
Year to date 37.40"
Normal year to date 36.52"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: To Hercules' lower right is the constellation Corona Borealis, the northern crown.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:41 a.m.
Sunset tonight 9:02 p.m.
Moonrise today 2:12 p.m.
Moonset today 12:42 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
July 17	July 23	July 31	Aug 8

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:18 a.m.	5.9	1:32 a.m.	1.5	
7:48 p.m.	7.8	1:21 p.m.	1.0	
Cape Disappointment	6:53 a.m.	5.6	12:53 a.m.	1.7
7:32 p.m.	7.6	12:39 p.m.	1.3	
Hammond	7:04 a.m.	6.1	1:09 a.m.	1.6
7:42 p.m.	8.0	12:59 p.m.	1.2	
Warrenton	7:13 a.m.	6.3	1:16 a.m.	1.5
7:43 p.m.	8.1	1:05 p.m.	1.1	
Knappa	7:55 a.m.	6.2	2:33 a.m.	1.3
8:25 p.m.	8.0	2:22 p.m.	0.9	
Depoe Bay	6:07 a.m.	5.6	12:24 a.m.	1.7
6:46 p.m.	7.8	12:03 p.m.	1.2	

OBITUARIES

Lempi Katri Koskela Warrenton

Nov. 24, 1924 — July 10, 2021

Lempi Katri Koskela, beloved wife, mother and mummo, was born in Uukuniemi, Finland, on Nov. 24, 1924. Her parents were Matti and Ida Alvina Airitsalo. She was raised in the area of Karelia. During the Russo-Finnish War, the family relocated to Kurikka, Finland.

She was the third eldest daughter of eight children. Lempi helped at home with her younger siblings, which led to her being a nanny for a local family. She was also very fond of outdoor activities, and was particularly good at biathlons (snow skiing and shooting), and was an excellent marksman.

After the war she became a seamstress and worked in a tailoring shop. She married Vaino Koskela on Aug. 21, 1949, and they would have celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary this August. They welcomed their son, George, in 1951.

Lempi was a Finnish army veteran, where she served as a lotta (seamstress of army uniforms). Throughout the years, she was honored with several certificates and medals of honor from the Finnish government and, in 2017, when Finland celebrated its 100 years of independence, she was an honored veteran at celebrations in Astoria and Portland.

Vaino moved to the U.S. in 1955, with Lempi and their son, George, to join him in 1956. They lived in Duluth, Minnesota. In 1962, while in Duluth, they had a daughter, Leila. In the mid-1960s they moved to Hibbing, Minnesota, and opened Koskela's Tailoring shop.

In 1977, after visiting their son in Coos Bay, they traveled up the coast to Astoria. Lempi fell in love with the beautiful spring flowers, and the next fall the family moved to Astoria. While in Astoria, she worked for Bumble Bee Seafoods and Ocean Foods, from which she retired in the mid-1980s.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Ladies of Kaleva and, for many years, was with the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters.

Lempi loved to bake, cook, knit, crochet, sew, dance, garden, fish, read the Bible and travel. Visitors to their

home were often the recipients of one of her hand-knit blankets or crocheted tablecloths.

She was always baking and donating her items to events at Suomi Hall, Peace Lutheran Church or the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Ladies of Kaleva United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters booths.

In 1982, she and her son proudly became citizens of the United States!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Matti and Ida Airitsalo; her siblings, Maria Niemihö, Helmi Innanen, Eino Airitsalo and Eila Suvisalmi; and in-laws, Greetta and Matti Koskela, Leevi Koskela, Matti Koskela, Pauli Koskela, Varma Jarvenpaa, Lilja Aho, Lahja Koskela, Antti Koskela and Viljo Koskela.

She will be deeply missed by her husband, Vaino Koskela; her son, George Koskela, his wife Sherry, and children, John Koskela, Cathy Koskela, Tom and Shawnae Coddington and Niki and Kevin Gould; her daughter, Leila Collier, her husband, Michael, and children, Kristofer and Laura Collier, Emmi Collier and Tyler Lane; and great-grandchildren Heidi, Faith, Bailey, Grace, Kaelin, Griffin, Greysen, Maci and Eveliina.

She is also survived by her sisters and family in Finland, Raisa and Aatos Pohjola, Aili Ala-Hulkko, Kerttu Seppanen, and their families; numerous nieces and nephews; godchildren; and great-nieces and great-nephews all around the world.

She will be interred at Greenwood Cemetery with a private family service.

There will be a celebration of Lempi's life on July 23 at 3 p.m. It will be held in the social room of Peace First Lutheran Church, downtown campus, 564 12th St., and all are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please give a memorial contribution in her honor to the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association's Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 34, Astoria, OR., 97103.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at caldwellsmortuary.com



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