SPORTS

State title for Astoria sixth graders

The Astorian

There's more great teams and players on the way for the Astoria and Seaside girls basketball programs, as youth teams from both cities were successful in recent state tournaments.

The Astoria sixth grade girls basketball team known as the Fish - competed at the 10th annual Oregon Middle School Basketball Championship in central Oregon, and returned with the championship trophy.

The Fish went undefeated in pool play to secure the No. 1 overall seed entering bracket play.

In the semifinals, Astoria defeated Lake Oswego 42-29, which set up a game against (future Cowapa League opponent) Scappoose in the championship game, won by the Fish, 43-27.

Astoria also recently won the championship at the Pacific Basketball League tournament in Seaside, defeating Cascade 38-26 on its way to the state tournament.

coach Fish Adam Svensen said, "These girls have been great to work with. I am proud of the way we competed all season and am excited to see them improve next season."

Team members include Maggie Falleur, Kyah Gohr, Lucy Oien, Khloe Painter, AJ Sterkel and Kilee Svensen.

Seaside's sixth grade girls team — the Riptide has also competed the last two months in various tournaments across the state.

Coached by Erika Marshall. Nicole Sturgell and Christina Allen, Rip-



The Astoria Fish, sixth grade state champions.



OBITUARIES

Edward Helge Aho

Astoria

June 8, 1927 — Feb. 19, 2022

The Seaside Riptide sixth grade team.

tide players include Alex Allen, Chloe Baker, Bailee Bishop, Allie Corder, Araya Edwards, Stella Ensign, Amy Henry, Jahzara Marshall, Olyvia Morse, Sophia Saso, Tiera Spivey and Berkley Sturgell.

The Riptide placed second at the Sisters Shoot Feb 20., followed by a fourth place finish at the state tournament in Salem.

Erika Marshall

competed Seaside against large schools including Wilsonville and

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE THURSDAY Boys Basketball — 4A state quar-

terfinal: Philomath vs. Seaside, 4 p.m. at North Bend High School

Mountainside, and was able to remain in the championship bracket, playing five games over three days.

supported by the Pacific Basketball League, Riptide Sports and various parents and sponsors.

Coach Marshall said, "Over a four month period this group of girls has grown and improved immensely. They have learned not only about the game of basketball, but how to be resilient and compete at a high level. We, as coaches, are so very proud of the girls and all that they have accomplished together as a team."



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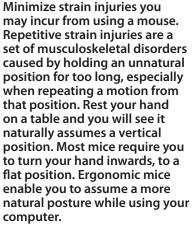
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care of him. Ed was preceded in death

Lifelong Astorian Edward Helge Aho passed peacefully on Feb. 19, 2022,

Helen's passing in 2014. Ed joined the U.S. Postal while in orbit. Service and retired with 30 years of service. Ed was a volunteer for hospice and Loaves & Fishes (now Columbia Senior Diners). He was a master Mason and was a past trustee

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radio operator. Ed

achieved the Extra

Class license, held

by less than 20%

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The Seaside team was

at the age of 94.

Ed was born on June 8, 1927, in Astoria, and grew up on Birch Street in the Alderbrook neighborhood with his five siblings. His parents, Hannah and Matti Aho, were both Finnish immigrants.

Ed's childhood was spent on the shores of the Columbia River working on gillnet boats, mending nets, fishing and catching crawdads. His love for the sea led him to join the Merchant Marines near the end of World War II. He traveled the world, and loved sharing memories of his travels well into his later years.

Ed served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1950 to 1953. In 1955, Ed married Helen Marie Frans, of Seaside, and together they raised three children. They were



He documented

of

thousands of contacts with every U.S. state and county, and every country in the world. He was instrumental in establishing the amateur radio station on the Lightship Columbia. One of his



gas during transports after World War II contributed to lifelong health challenges. Ed was very

proud of his Finnish heritage, and was a past member

gene and mustard

of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters. A DNA test confirmed he was 99.9% Finn. As a longtime resident at Clatsop Care Center, he was often heard speaking Finnish, and teaching Finnby his wife, Helen; brothers, Olavi, Albert, Walter and Reino; and sister, Ruth.

He is survived by his children, Dave (Darla) Aho, of Astoria, Julie (Glenn) Waddell, of Bellevue, Washington, and Mike (Tami) Aho, of Warrenton; his grandchildren, Emily and Connor Waddell and Matt and Hannah Aho; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family burial will be held at Ocean View Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions to the Columbia Senior Diners, Astoria Nordic Heritage Park or the Columbia River Maritime Museum, in care of Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave., Astoria, OR., 97103.

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