

SPORTS

Seaside softball beats Banks

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Two weeks after the Astoria and Valley Catholic softball teams ended long losing streaks to Banks,

Seaside did the same Tuesday afternoon at Broadway Field, where the Gulls posted a 2-0 win over the Braves.

Banks dropped to 0-3 in

league play, while the Gulls improve to 1-1 in league, 4-7 overall.

Seaside pitcher Lydia Klumper tossed a complete game for the Gulls.

Braves defeat Seaside in boys golf dual

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Seaside's Carson Kawasoe was medalist for the fourth time in four events this season, but Banks was the team winner Monday in a Cowapa League boys golf match at Quail Valley Golf Course.

Kawasoe shot a 75 to easily outpace the Braves' Aaron Brown and Jake Walters, who each shot 82.

Banks countered with Ben Cost (86) and Bo Wormington (87), and the Braves finished with a 337 team score, to Seaside's 390.

Riley Wunderlich (101), Carter Perrigo (105), Carson Bates (109) and Ever Sibony (111) rounded out the Seaside scoring.

"Carson has been the cream of the crop in each event this season," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "He is playing well as we get close to the postseason. Our other guys hit some really good shots, but they haven't quite figured out how to put together a full round."

He added, "The big numbers are really hurting us. The Braves had three holes of triple bogey or worse and we had 25. We will talk a lot about damage control and course management next week and see if we can get to

where we can avoid the big numbers."

Tillamook tops Seaside

Kawasoe made it 5-for-5 in the medalist department Tuesday against Tillamook, but the Gulls came up short again in the team scoring, with the Cheesemakers scoring a 346-362 win at Gearhart Golf Links.

Kawasoe birdied two of the first three holes to go two-up on the co-medalist from last season's state championship, Elliot Lee, of Tillamook. Lee birdied the seventh hole to get back to within one, where it stayed most of the day. Kawasoe birdied two of the last four holes to walk away with medalist honors, carding a one-under par 71, to

Lee's 74.

Nick Gitchell shot 87 to lead the Cheesemakers.

Seaside scorers included Ever Sibony (92), Carter Perrigo (97), Carson Bates (102) and Riley Wunderlich (112).

"Carson is five-for-five this season and has played against some very good players the last two days," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "We finally got a couple players into the 90s to help him out a little, but it wasn't enough today."

Valiants 178, Fishermen 213

Valley Catholic won a rain-shortened Cowapa League boys golf match with Astoria on Monday afternoon at Meriwether National Golf Club in Hillsboro.

The Valiants carded a 178 team score to Astoria's 213, as the match was stopped after nine holes.

"There was standing water on all the greens and casual water everywhere on the course," said Astoria coach Peter Roscoe. "We were in the middle of a downpour that had been going on for hours."

Astoria was led by Ian McHone (49) and Judd Field (51), while Valley Catholic's top four scores were 40, 44 and a pair of 47s.

Astoria baseball rallies past Valiants, 8-4

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Trailing 4-3 entering the seventh inning, the Astoria baseball team erupted for five runs in the top of the seventh, on its way to an 8-4 Cowapa League win on Monday at Valley Catholic.

Astoria's Connelly Fromwiller opened the seventh with a double to center, and Merrick Benesch followed with a single. After an out, Niko Boudreau tripled to right field to

score both runners.

The Valley Catholic meltdown continued, as Garrett Hillard and Sven Johnson both had two-out singles, and both scored on a triple by Benton Moore for the final two runs.

Astoria pitchers Karson Hawkins and Boudreau combined to limit the Valiants to six hits, with five strikeouts and three walks.

Banks 5, Seaside 0

Banks pitcher Colton Hes-

selman tossed a two-hit shutout, leading the Braves to a 5-0 win over visiting Seaside in a Tuesday afternoon Cowapa League baseball game.

Hesselman struck out 12 with just one walk, while the Braves scored a run in the third inning, then tacked on four in the fourth.

Hesselman, Ashton Crossen and Logan Kind each had a double for the Braves. Tallen Kraushaar had both Seaside hits.

Child care: 'Wonderful opportunity'

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the announcement, Bumble Art Studio and Astoria Head Start approached the city with proposals for a public-private partnership to continue the service.

Astoria Head Start is a federally and state funded preschool program for low-income families that operates at Gray School during the school year.

The City Council reviewed the proposals from Bumble and Head Start during a work session Friday morning.

On Monday, city councilors said it was difficult to choose between the two providers, but unanimously agreed to authorize a lease agreement with Bumble.

"What it comes down for me is doing what I can to make both succeed," City Councilor Joan Herman said. "And my feeling is Head Start has a stable funding source — and I realize that doesn't apply to their private partner, Lauren Guendon — but I'm pretty

sure Head Start is not going to go anywhere if we don't provide the space for them.

"Bumble, on the other hand, has to make ends meet. They have to meet that bottom line. And I think if we can provide free rent to a day care operation, we give them a better chance of being able to do that, and hopefully not have to pass as much of their costs along to their customers, knowing there does need to be a rate increase."

Bumble Art Studio offers a preschool program and summer camps, but is unable to expand in their existing space.

The provider proposed taking over Sprout's enrollment, serving 20 to 40 children at the start, then gradually growing to include infant care. When their current lease expires in August, Bumble plans to move over the rest of their services to the Astoria Recreation Center and raise rates.

Their goal is to provide care for about 60 children, from infants to 5-year-olds.

Bumble hopes to partner with Preschool Promise, a state funded preschool program that makes services available to low-income families.

The provider requested assistance from the city with building upgrades and ongoing maintenance.

Bumble also asked for the city to offer the space rent-free for the first five years.

"We are excited and honored to be able to take over the Sprouts building," Amy Atkinson, the co-owner of Bumble Art Studio, told The Astorian. "This is a wonderful opportunity for Bumble and the community."

Astoria Head Start, which operates during the school year, may need to close earlier than usual this summer for renovations at Gray School. The preschool can return to the space in the fall.

Head Start is unable to expand in its current space, and has had difficulty finding other options in Astoria.

Principal: Resignation adds to uncertainty in leadership at the rural school district

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Fourteen Jewell Education Association members and 18 Classified Association members participated in an anonymous two-question survey.

According to the results, the majority — 79.1% of educators and 94% of classified staff — voted that Wood is incapable of leading the school and staff. Most — 86% of educators and 94% of classified staff — also voted "no" on whether they trusted Wood.

The letter from the unions was obtained by The Astorian.

Wood's resignation adds

to the uncertainty in leadership at the rural school district.

In February, Steve Phillips was placed on paid administrative leave as superintendent pending an independent investigation. The school district hired Gardner, a former superintendent in Linn County, to fill the role on an interim basis until the end of the school year.

Wood previously worked with Phillips in Nyssa before joining him at Jewell School, which serves students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Last week, Newberg Public Schools named Phil-

lips as one of three finalists for their superintendent position. The school district, which has faced public controversy over a ban on political symbols and other issues, said the school board expects to select a new superintendent on April 26.

Phillips is still under contract at Jewell, Gardner confirmed.

"Anytime it is April, and your current superintendent is on administrative leave, (the leadership) is not in good shape," Gardner said. "But things have a way of working out and we will figure out how to help move it forward."



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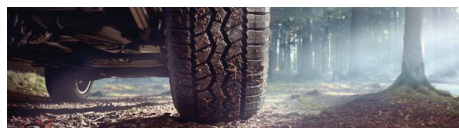
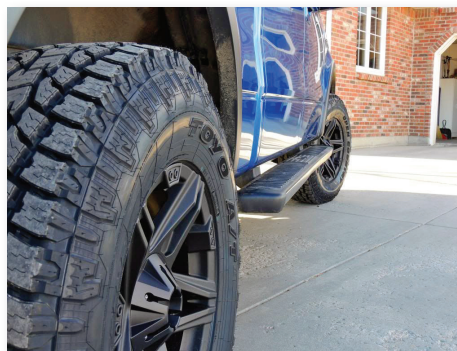
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