**James Robert Lessard** 

Cody, Wyoming Dec. 17, 1932 — March 7, 2022

James Robert Lessard

family present.

Academy in 1953,

spent two years in

the U.S. Navy serv-

ing as a second lieu-

tenant, and went on

to a career in the maritime

up through the positions

to attain the rank of cap-

tain of ocean-going vessels.

He ultimately served as a

Columbia River bar pilot

lived in Jackson, Wyo-

ming, from 1972 to 1979. It

was this love of Wyoming

that brought him back in

Cowan in 1959, in St.

Dominic's Church in San

Francisco, and they cele-

brated 62 years of marriage

on June 13, 2021.

James married Helen

The Lessard family

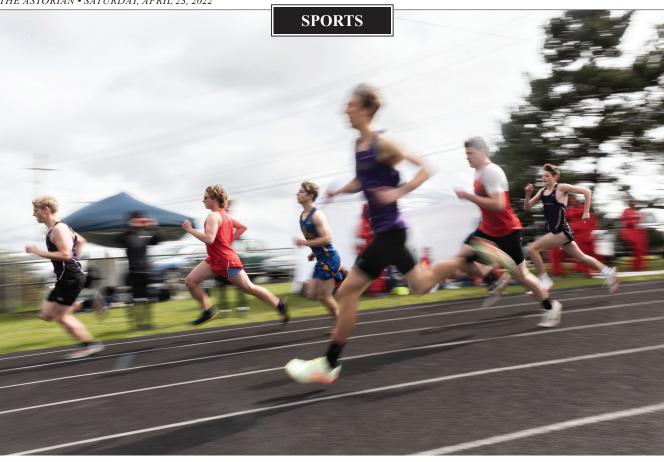
from 1979 to 1999.

retirement.

As he worked, he passed

Lessard.

industry.



Lydia Ely/The Astorian

Boys race in the 800-meters at The Astorian Invitational on Thursday at Astoria High School.

# Athletes compete at The Astorian Invitational

By GARY HENLEY The Astorian

The track meet notorious for its bad weather made its big return Thursday afternoon, as Astoria High School hosted The Astorian Invitational, which made its first appearance since 2019.

With the pandemic canceling the 2020 and 2021 meets, the 2022 meet had seven schools competing in the 32nd edition of the meet.

The meet included five Clatsop County high schools, plus Naselle and Tillamook.

Wet and windy weather off the bay made for some challenges at the start, but the clouds eventually parted for a good day of track and

"It's so fun to see the local kids out on the track competing together," said Astoria coach Garrett Parks, who still holds part of a meet record when he was an athlete at Seaside. "It's been a long time since the last one, and especially since Astoria hosted. We had some great volunteer support, and things ran smoothly."

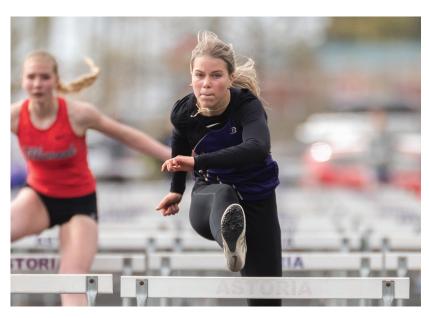
Early rain and wind did not deter the big-name athletes, a list that included thrower Colton McMaster, Astoria's Dartmouth-bound senior.

The heavy favorite to win the discus and shot put at the state meet exactly one month from now, McMaster broke two long-standing meet records on Thursday.

In the discus, McMaster said the wind was affecting his throws.

"It was blowing a bit too hard right in my face, so (the discus) went out, then straight down."

Unfortunately, many fans missed his meet record discus toss, since McMaster finished his throws before other events officially got underway, so meet officials could block off the bleachers and a portion of the outer parking lot, which are always in play when McMaster throws.



Maddie Sisley competes in the 100-meter hurdles at **The Astorian** Invitational.

Throwing into a stiff wind, McMaster set sail with a winning toss of 175 feet, 1 inch — 56 feet further than the second-place mark. A little later, McMaster recorded a 56-3½ effort in the shot put.

Both marks broke 32-year-old meet records (previously 162-0 in the discus,  $55-11\frac{1}{2}$  in the shot put) that had stood since 1990.

McMaster said he is "really hoping to get over 60 in the shot. Toward midseason you're trying to improve, then right at the end you're trying to go for the really big stuff."

As usual, weather always plays a part on the North Coast for most of the season.

"Obviously the weather was not ideal today," he said. "The discus ring was slicker than goose snot. But I have fun doing it. I'm no stranger to it being wet around here."

Elsewhere, Naselle senior Trenton Stephens won the 200 (24.54), cleared 6-4 in the high jump, and won the long jump at 20-5. Both jumps were personal records.

Astoria's Trey Woodrich had a personal record winning mark (37-5) in the triple jump; and Warrenton's Zander Moha set a personal best 2:04.25 to win the 800.

In the distance races, Knappa's Isaiah Rodriguez (4:21.56) and freshman Joshua Peterson (4:37.23) finished 1-2 in the 1,500; and Rodriguez (9:48.46) outdueled Astoria's John Clement (9:54.07) in the 3,000. Both runners are juniors.

On the girls side, Astoria's Maddie Sisley could also be on the podium at state possibly in four different events — and the senior athlete for the Lady Fish continued her unbeaten record this year in the long jump (15-11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) and triple jump (34-4) with Thursday victories.

"I have goals in mind," said Sisley, Astoria's biggest point-scorer. "Right now with the triple jump, I PR'd last weekend at Banks. I'm going for 36 feet. My best right now is 35-2.

In the long jump, "there's a big goal there," she said. "I'm trying to beat the school record (Charlene Harber, 18-33/4)."

Sisley's third win came on the track, in the 100meter hurdles (17.22).

Astoria sophomore Harlie Wiedmaier (30.23) edged Warrenton's Grace Duncan (30.51) in the 200 meters; Warrior freshman Payten Buckelew took first in the 800 (2:41.61) and second behind Seaside's Elise Seppa in the 1,500 in 5:31.73. Both times were PRs.

The Astoria girls did not enter a 400-meter relay squad but won the long relay with freshmen Eva Espelien and Aster Dean and sophomores Ashley Sisley and

Wiedmaier in 4:56.97. Astoria sophomore Lily Meadows was a winner in the shot put (33-2); and Tillamook's Makayla Tuiolemotu was a double winner in the discus and javelin.

He was a life member of the Catholic church, passed away on March 7, 2022, in his family home in the Knights of Columbus, Cody, Wyoming, with his the Right to Life and the National Rifle Association. He was born on Dec. He was very supportive of 17, 1932, in Calumet, Minthe police and first responders, and was instrumennesota, the son of Frank C. and Celina Prudhomme tal in promoting blue lights on homes 8 miles out on Southfork Road in Cody to James graduated from support them. the California Maritime

> His avocations were family, hunting and fishing. James is sur-

vived by his wife, Helen; son, Michael James (Carol), of Yoder, Wyoming; son, Thomas William (Kathryn), of Chugiak, Alaska; son, Gregory Joseph, of Astoria; son, Joel Patrick (Patricia), of Wasilla, Alaska; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; his brother, Frank Lessard Jr., of Vallejo, California; and sister, Mary Momsen, of Napa, California.

Our family saying for him: "Home is the sailor, home from the sea, and the hunter home from the hill."

A funeral Mass was held, and he is interred in Riverside Cemetery in Cody.

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#### **SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA TODAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY** 42 56 45 38 39 A couple of Cloudy with a A passing A shower in the Partly sunny A shower A shower a.m. showers shower shower **UNDER THE SKY**

### **ALMANAC**

Astoria through Thursday

### **Temperatures**

High/low	54/44
Normal high/low	57/42
Record high 77 in	n 1982
Record low 31 in	n 1985
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## Precipitation

Thursday	0.28"
Month to date	5.38"
Normal month to date	4.34"
Year to date	30.94"
Normal year to date	30.01"

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# Tonight's Sky: The Lyrid meteor

shower peaks.

## Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON			
Sunrise t	oday	6	:15 a.m.
Sunset to	onight	8	:13 p.m.
Moonris	e today	3	:28 a.m.
Moonset	today	12	:07 p.m.
Last	New	First	Full

# Apr 23 Apr 30 May 8 May 15

# **TODAY'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.) 6:42 a.m. 7.7 1:03 a.m. 3.7 9:01 p.m. 6.4 2:20 p.m. 0.2 **Cape Disappointment** 6:19 a.m. 7.6 12:12 a.m. 4.2 8:51 p.m. 1:26 p.m. 0.0 6.4 Hammond 7.8 12:34 a.m. 3.8 6:31 a.m. 8:54 p.m. 1:44 p.m. -0.1 Warrenton 8.1 12:47 a.m. 3.8 6:37 a.m. 8:56 p.m. 6.8 2:04 p.m. 0.3 Knappa 8.0 2:04 a.m. 3.2 7:19 a.m. 9:38 p.m. 6.7 3:21 p.m. 0.2 **Depoe Bay** 

7.5 12:57 p.m. -0.4

none

5:32 a.m.

8:05 p.m.

6.3

## **NATIONAL CITIES**

	Today	Sun.	
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	
Atlanta	81/59/s	81/62/pc	
Boston	60/44/pc	49/44/c	
Chicago	82/64/pc	70/48/t	
Dallas	84/68/pc	79/59/t	
Denver	57/32/c	53/31/sh	
Honolulu	85/73/s	85/72/pc	
Houston	84/70/pc	87/69/pc	
Los Angeles	73/57/s	84/59/s	
Miami	83/75/sh	83/75/t	
New York City	60/51/pc	62/49/pc	
Phoenix	82/61/s	87/61/s	
San Francisco	65/49/s	67/51/s	
Wash., DC	71/57/pc	83/58/s	
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,			
<b>c</b> -cloudy, <b>sh</b> -showers, <b>t</b> -thunderstorms,			
r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.			

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allas	84/68/pc	79/59/t	
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lonolulu	85/73/s	85/72/pc	
louston	84/70/pc	87/69/pc	
os Angeles	73/57/s	84/59/s	
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lew York City	60/51/pc	62/49/pc	
hoenix	82/61/s	87/61/s	
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#### **REGIONAL FORECAST** Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows Spokane Wenatchee 60/42 65/40 60/37 Tacoma Moses 61/37 Lake • Pullman Aberdeen Olympia Yakima 67/37 56/35 57/42 61/38 65/36 Longview Walla Walla Kennewick 64/39 61/41 Lewiston 69/38 Astoria 63/39 55/42 **Portland Enterprise** Hermiston 65/43 Pendleton 53/31 The Dalles 67/38 70/41 Salem La Grande 58/32 65/40 Albany Corvallis 65/36 64/36 John Day 57/34 Ontario • Eugene **Bend** 65/36 66/38 62/35 Caldwell Burns 62/34 59/24 Medford 68/40 Klamath Falls 58/27

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Baker City	57/27/s	63/35/pc	North Bend	58/43/s	59/47/pc
Brookings	57/42/s	55/45/pc	Roseburg	69/41/pc	69/47/pc
Ilwaco	54/44/pc	52/46/c	Seaside	56/42/pc	56/43/c
Newberg	64/38/s	69/47/pc	Springfield	68/38/pc	71/48/pc
Newport	55/41/s	55/45/pc	Vancouver	64/41/pc	67/49/pc