

The Warrior way includes recycling old jerseys

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Cindy Kirby happened to be in the right place at the right time.

The Warrenton-Hammond School District's transportation director spotted high school Principal Rod Heyen removing boxes from the former tech building before it was torn down to make way for the new Career and Technical Education building.

The boxes, filled with four decades of old football jerseys and helmets, were headed for the trash.

It was a classic interception. Kirby went in to the line of scrimmage, made the turnover and scored a touchdown of an idea.

She and her team of driver/receivers washed 200 old jerseys, turned the helmets into decorative items and developed a marketing plan.

Kirby and one of the drivers brought a bus to the first home game and to homecoming, set up a table, and began selling the old football gear for \$5 apiece.

They raised \$915, which they returned to the school's sports programs to be used for kids who

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Above: Transportation Director Cindy Kirby (holding the helmet) with some of the bus drivers who helped with the jersey recycling project, L-R, Lula Carlton, Shawn Earls, James Pottschmidt, Saran Pottschmidt and Leanna Glover.

Right: Kirby talks with Earls, wearing an old practice shirt, and Saran Pottschmidt, in a '90s-era jersey.

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Will Isom talks with one of the commissioners before Tuesday's port meeting.

Port names new chief executive Finance chief Isom takes on new role

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Will Isom was named the Port of Astoria's executive director Tuesday afternoon, making him one of the youngest port chiefs in the state.

Isom, 36, has filled the spot on a temporary basis for the past five months, replacing Jim Knight, who resigned in June after 4 1/2 years at the helm.

"At my core, I'm a pretty detail-oriented person," Isom said Wednesday. "I do have the ability to sit back and see the bigger picture, which is

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