

# College game highlights local athletes

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It was the bottom of the seventh, the final inning of a seven-inning practice game on the baseball field at Astoria's Tapiola Park on Saturday, June 27.

At bat was the Lower Columbia College team from Longview, Wash., for potentially its last at bat of the game — they were down 3-1, losing to the team from Lakeside School, a private institution whose alumni include Microsoft founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen.

LCC's Ashden Meyer led off the inning with a base hit to left field. Austin Little, a Warrenton High School alum, was walked.

There were runners at First and Second with no outs.

Cade Warren fouled out and then Caleb Edwards was walked. With bases loaded, Ethan Lindstrom came up to bat. On the first pitch, he hit a single that drove in two runs. A runner was thrown out at third. Two outs. The score was tied 3-3.

Reese Hall came to bat. He was behind, with a 0-2 count, but then was hit by a pitch.

Then, with runners at First and Second, Luke Brown came to the plate. He ran the count to 3-2. Luke took a ball four and trotted to first base. Again, bases were loaded.

Jake Morrow, one of Warrenton's players of the year, walked up to the plate. He walked back. And he waited while Lakeside changed pitchers.

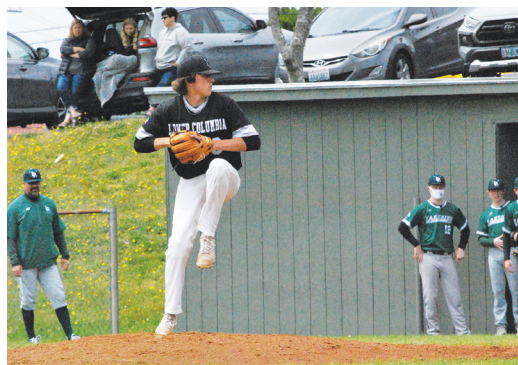
The game was on the line. There was some whooping and hollering from above the field, the only location for spectators during the pandemic.

On the first pitch, Morrow hit a hard grounder to the short stop. While the crowd



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Austin Little scores the tying run in the bottom of the seventh for Lower Columbia College, sending the game into overtime.



Dylan Rush, who graduated from Astoria High School in June, winds up to pitch for Lower Columbia College during a preseason game in Astoria.

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hushed, a quick underhand toss was made to second base to end the inning.

Lakeside came up with two runs in the top of the eighth.

This time, though, Lower Columbia baseball couldn't rebound.

The game was over, a 5-3 win for Lakeside.

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## County's fire season begins

Fire season officially began in Clatsop County on Wednesday, with weather and fuel conditions ripe for wildfires, according to Oregon Department of Forestry.

Fire season is declared each year when conditions of fire hazard exist; most other areas of Oregon were in fire season.

The declaration affects all public and private land with restrictions on operations to protect forest resources.

Campfires will be allowed in designated campsites only.

Additionally, a county-

wide burn ban is in effect, with no open-debris burning allowed. Burn barrels in Warrenton and other cities and county areas require permits from the local fire department or from the Oregon Department of Forestry.

For rural residences, burn barrels must be metal, in good condition and have a heavy mesh screens with holes no larger than a quarter-inch. A charged water supply and hand tools are required to be on site.

For up-to-date recorded information about fire season requirements and burn permits, call 503-325-7215.

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