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## Local equestrian team opens season

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The Astorian

The first Oregon High School Equestrian Teams competition of the year is in the books, with riders and their horses competing last month at the Yamhill County fairgrounds.

It also served as the first meet of the season for the Northwest district, which includes Clatsop County's equestrian team, coached by Brittany Israel. Members of Israel's team include riders from Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton high schools.

Riders and horses from Astoria include Alivia Rickenbach (two horses, "Athena" and "Sage"), Signe Rickenbach ("Timber") and Eve Espelien ("Lewy"); from Seaside, Alicia Cano



Brittany Israel

Seaside members of the equestrian team.

("Moon"), Matthew Cano ("Sailor"), Lindsey McCarthy ("Cosmo"), McKenna Roberts ("Jackson"), Oshi Ward ("Flash" and "Goldie") and groomer

Theia McCarthy. Warrenton has one competitor with two horses, Kaylie Poe ("Emma" and "MoPoe"). Espelien is out with a broken arm, suffered in basketball.

In the competition, held Feb. 10 to Feb. 13, riders from St. Helens High School won the overall team results with 832 points, while the Astoria, Seaside and War-

renton competitors combined for 287.

Highlights for the locals included a strong performance by Roberts and Jackson in Showmanship, as the pair took second out of 20 riders. Alicia Cano, with Moon, placed 10th, while McCarthy and Cosmo came in 13th.

In the Working Pairs competition, Cano and Moon teamed with Alivia Rickenbach and Sage to place ninth out of 15 pairs, as the riders from Seaside and Astoria rode to "The Champion" by Carrie Underwood.

In the 18-rider Keyhole competition, Signe Rickenbach and Timber took 11th, followed by Kaylie Poe and MoPoe, 13th.

In Barrels, Ward and Flash took third out of 26 riders. Ward and Flash also

came up winners in the Pole Bending competition, with a 21.964, first out of 23 riders. Alivia Rickenbach and Athena placed eighth.

Rickenbach and Athena also took eighth out of 24 riders in the Figure 8; and sisters Alivia and Signe Rickenbach, riding Athena and Timber, took fourth out of 18 teams in the Two-man Birangle.

The Roberts and Jackson pair was ninth out of 21 riders in Western; and Ward and Flash took second in Sunday Steer Daubing.

Three pairs took part in "Grand Entry" riding, including Alivia Rickenbach and Athena carrying the American flag; Poe and Emma with an Oregon High School Equestrian Teams flag; and Cano and Moon, representing Seaside.

## Tough competition at state for Seaside, Astoria athletes

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The Astoria and Seaside swim teams had plenty of highlight swims in last month's state meet, but the points were hard to come by for both the Fishermen and Gulls.

Competing in the Oregon School Activities Associa-

tion 4A state meet on Feb. 19 at Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton, Astoria and Seaside swimmers failed to make the scoreboard, with the Sweet Home girls and Catlin Gabel boys winning the team titles.

Representing District 1, Newport finished third in the girls team standings, second on the boys side.

After last year's unofficial culminating event, Seaside coach Shane Spell said, "it was great being back in the full state competition, with 4A through 1A all competing. It gives you a great picture of the high quality swimming happening all over the state."

The highest-placing swim from the North Coast was a

seventh-place showing by Seaside's 200-yard medley relay team of Leif Rehnert, Sam Heroux, Logan Dennis and Liam Matlock, who finished in 1 minute, 56.29 seconds. Astoria was ninth in the same event (1:58.17).

Events were held in two heats, all finals with no preliminaries.

Astoria junior Eme-

lia Cameron took eighth in the 100-yard freestyle, and Astoria's 200-yard boys freestyle relay foursome of Finn Buzzell, Dylan Farrell, Phelan Dopp and Stephen Ero placed eighth in 1:40.92.

For the Gulls, Spell said "it was a nice accomplishment to (qualify) wild cards in six different events —

something that's not happened in quite some time. We're graduating a lot of seniors, but we've got some youth coming up, and we'll keep growing and working for a return visit.

"It was a good meet. Our goal was to drop some times and move up in the seeding, and that happened multiple times."



### SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## Cash Corder, Seaside

Sports: Basketball, baseball

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**Favorite sports moment:** My sophomore year, when we made a 20-plus point comeback playing Marist. I hit a 3 to go in to overtime and we ended up winning.

**Where you see yourself in five years:** Either playing college basketball or working some type of trade.

**Favorite road trips:** Sunrider with my family.

**Favorite pregame music:** Hip hop.

**Most influential coach or teacher:** My dad.

**Advice for young teammates?:** Don't take it for granted. It goes by quicker than you think.

Cash Corder in the Gulls win over Astoria, 75-50.

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## Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival returns as in-person event

By ABBEY MCDONALD  
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The Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival will be held in person this April for the first time in three years.

The popular event, which regularly sees over 10,000 attendees, serves as a fundraiser for the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and community groups.

First held in 1982, the festival was canceled in 2020 due to coronavirus pandemic safety measures.

Last year's virtual event featured an online marketplace allowing participants to chat with vendors and live with music from their screens. It also included Festival Feast passports, encouraging trips to participating businesses and restaurants around town.

"The virtual events in recent years were as fun



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The Crab, Seafood & Wine Festival is an important community fundraiser.

as we could make them with an online expo, small pop-up events like the Astoria clowns drive-up and the inaugural Festival Feast dining passport that helped connect festival patrons with local restaurants," David Reid, the chamber's executive director, said in a statement. "However, we are excited to be planning to return to the festival format we have come to love and be among our friends — vendors, volunteers and attendees alike."

This year, the crab festival will return to the Clatsop County Fairgrounds from April 22 to April 24. Vendor applications opened earlier this month, and the chamber anticipates around 175 vendors selling crafts, food and drinks.

At past events, the Astoria Rotary Club ran the crab feed as its main fundraiser and source of scholarship funding for local high schoolers.

The announcement of the festival's in-person return

generated some buzz on the event's Facebook page. Within the hour, the comment section filled with dozens of people tagging their friends, many with multiple exclamation points.

The Oregon Health Authority has projected that hospitalizations from COVID-19 will significantly decline by late March. The state has announced that an indoor mask mandate will be lifted next week.

Other signature events that usually take place early in the year remain disrupted by the pandemic.

The annual FisherPoets Gathering, which took place in late February, was held virtually. Fort George Brewery canceled its Festival of Dark Arts, and instead held activities in February, including live music.

Tickets for the crab festival will be available online beginning April 1.



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