

## Gulls eye state championship

Seaside Signal

For one year only, the location of the 4A state basketball tournament has changed — but the Seaside Gulls are back, and they'll be in Coos Bay/North Bend later this week, in search of state championship No. 3 since 2018, and their fifth title game appearance in seven years.

After a nearly two-week layoff, the Gulls punched their ticket to the tournament with a 45-30 win over Woodburn, last Friday night at Seaside.

The No. 4-ranked Gulls (19-6 overall) are set to open the state tournament at 4 p.m. on Thursday this week against fifth-ranked Philomath (19-5) at North Bend High School.

Woodburn was coming off a 57-55 win at Astoria the previous Friday, but its return to the North Coast was not nearly as nice.

The Bulldogs held an early 9-2 lead, but while Woodburn started missing free throws (2-for-10 in the first quarter), Sea-



Gulls go for the ball against Woodburn.

side went on a 17-4 run to close the first half, and had all the points it would need midway through the third quarter.

Offensively, the Gulls turned to their usual go-to guys. Cash Corder poured in a game-high 14 points, followed by Connor Langmo (12) and Ever Sibony (10).



Ever Sibony demonstrates his moves.

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Fans cheer the Gulls on against Woodburn.

## Riptide places fourth at state tournament

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The Seaside Riptide sixth grade girls' basketball team competed over the last few months in various basketball tournaments across the state.

The Riptide placed second at the Sisters Shootout on Feb. 20, and then went on to compete in the Oregon Amateur Basketball State Tournament in Salem, where they placed fourth. Seaside competed against large schools such as Wilsonville and Mountainside, and was able to remain in the championship bracket playing five games over three days.

Thanks to the support of the Pacific Basketball League, Riptide Sports, and parents and sponsors, the sixth grade girls basketball team had a very successful year.

Coach Erika Marshall said, "Over a four-month period this group of girls has grown and improved immensely. They have learned not only about the



Riptide players at the state tournament in Salem: Alex Allen, Bailee Bishop, Araya Edwards, Olyvia Morse, Amy Henry, Tiera Spivey, Chloe Baker, Berkley Sturgell, Stella Ensign, Sophia Saso, Allie Corder and Jahzara Marshall.

game of basketball, but how to be resilient and compete at a high level. We, as coaches, are so very proud of the girls and all that they have accomplished together as a team."

Riptide is coached by Marshall, Nicole Sturgell

and Christina Allen. The players consist of Alex Allen, Bailee Bishop, Araya Edwards, Olyvia Morse, Amy Henry, Tiera Spivey, Chloe Baker, Berkley Sturgell, Stella Ensign, Sophia Saso, Allie Corder and Jahzara Marshall.

## Marshall, Spivey star at free throw shoot

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Seaside student athletes, Jahzara Marshall and Tiera Spivey, attended the Oregon State Elks free throw shoot in Silverton on Feb. 26.

Marshall competed in the age 10/11 girl's group and Spivey competed in the 12/13 girl's group.

Both Marshall and Spivey were winners of the North West District Hoop Shoot in Seaside and advanced to the state finals.

Each contestant shoots a total of 25 free throws for their age group. Marshall was the Oregon State



Jahzara Marshall with her trophy from the Elks free throw championship.



Tiera Spivey at the free throw line.

Elk's Free Throw Champion for the 10/11 girl's age group, making 15 of 25 free throws, and advancing

to the Northwest Region 1 Hoop Shoot contest in Pasco, Washington, on March 25 and 26.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### 'Splash-a-Thon' set at Sunset Pool

On Friday, April 1, the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District will host a fun all-comer swim meet from 4 to 5 p.m. that will include games and a treasure hunt.

On Saturday, April 2, "Splash-a-Thon" will raise funds for a new electronic timing system and dive blocks for the Sunset Pool to benefit the swim team. The free event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The goal is to raise \$50,000, and donations can be made through the Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation, a non-profit organization.

To participate, sign up at the front desk counter of Sunset Pool to receive a sponsor packet with more information.

#### Parks foundation provides recreation scholarships

The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District collaborates with the Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation to provide scholarships to members of the community who need support to participate in recreational programming.

Participants are required to apply and can receive up to 50 percent of their program fees subsidized by the foundation. The foundation raises funds through events, generous donations, and other activities.

The park district strives to keep fees low to keep programs accessible, seeking additional funding through grants and sponsorships.

Last year the founda-

tion provided almost \$22,000 in scholarship funds. More than 85 percent of these scholarship funds were given to families enrolling children in youth programs, in preschool, after-school care or summer camps.

Child care is a critical need in Clatsop county, and many families need access to this essential service, particularly as child care options have decreased.

The Sunset Park and Recreation Foundation will be hosting two fundraisers to support the scholarship program.

On Sunday, May 1, they will present the Sip & Savor, a culinary celebration and auction from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bob Chisholm Community Center.

On Friday, June 3, they will hold a golf tournament and raffle from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Highlands golf course in Gearhart.

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