

SPORTS



Warrenton wrestling coach Corey Conant, right, with assistant coach Trent Klebe and 2020 state champion Sam Irwin.

Conant: Big tournaments, meets could be a thing of the past for a while

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very much. And we may be streaming matches (online), instead of fans in the stands. It’s a really rocky place for us.”

The days of the big Saturday tournaments and district meets — with 10 to 20 schools taking part — may be a thing of the past, for a while.

As for the matches, who knows? Athletes may be wearing gloves and masks, and the mats could be sterilized between matches.

“Of all sports, we pay pretty close attention already to germs and things like that, but if they’re talking about air droplets, I don’t really see how we can avoid that,” Conant said. “You could wipe mats down. It is concerning about the future, but hopefully we can get back to something normal.”

The coronavirus may have taken another big step in furthering the decline in wrestling at the collegiate level. Of the Pac-12 schools, only three — Arizona State, Oregon State and Stanford — still have varsity wrestling programs.

“There’s some movement in bringing it back for the smaller schools, and girls wrestling is doing well,” Conant said. “There’s

still phenomenal wrestlers out there, but overall it is struggling.”

At Warrenton, “We’re going to be a support system, and be a team,” Conant, who also teaches fourth grade at Warrenton Grade School, said. “We will do what we can as far as conditioning and strength work, and conducting something like a practice.”

Last season, the Warriors tied for 13th in the 3A team standings at state, with one state champion, junior Sam Irwin at 195 pounds.

Irwin will be one of the top athletes in the state this coming school year, especially in football and wrestling, sports which will take place in reverse order this year. He could be heavily recruited in both.

“He loves both sports,” Conant said. “I know he’s excited about wrestling. He’s a stellar athlete. He just caught fire for us last year, so he’s ready.”

“We’ll have the same numbers or more coming back, assuming people are comfortable in competing,” he said of the Warriors. “I hope we get to do something resembling wrestling this year. Just from the kids I’ve talked to on our team, they are excited and doing everything they can.”

Gearhart Links, Highlands host two-course tournament

The Astorian

Gearhart Golf Links and the Highlands Golf Club are teaming up to host a “Two Course Tourney,” Sept. 24.

Registration is now open and can be made online at: bit.ly/scocgolf.

The tournament is a four-person scramble, limited to nine teams. Entry fee is \$125 per player, \$500 per team (additional cost with cart). Awards will be given and a raffle held as part of the event.

Check-in time for the tournament is 8:30 to 10 a.m. Sept. 24 at the Highlands Golf Club in Gearhart. Tee times are 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Tee times at nearby Gearhart Golf Links are from

12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. A closing ceremony will take place at 4 p.m.

Different sponsorship levels for the tournament are also offered.

A title sponsor (\$2,500) includes golf for four in the tournament and company banner displayed at the tournament, among other benefits.

Other levels of sponsorship include the ace sponsor (\$1,500), eagle sponsor (\$750, four available) and the birdie sponsor (\$400).

Sponsorships also include a tee sponsor (\$150), long drive sponsor (\$200, four available), a KP sponsor (\$200, two available), lunch sponsor (\$600, one available) and beverage sponsor (\$300, two available).

Veterans: Airfields sprung up across the state

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casualties of an enemy attack in the United States. Japan launched 9,000 balloon bombs late in the war, designed to float across the Pacific Ocean with the hope, again, of igniting forest fires.

One bomb went off in January 1945 in a rural area near Medford to no effect. But on May 5, 1945, a church group on a picnic at Leonard Creek, 13 miles northeast of Bly, found one. It blew up, killing Elsie Mitchell, 26, and five children aged 11 to 14.

A memorial was erected in 1950, with Gov. Douglas McKay saying those killed were casualties of World War II “just as surely as if they had been in uniform.”

Military moves into Oregon

Camps were built to train American servicemen — Camp Abbott on the Deschutes River south of Bend and Camp Adair north of Corvallis trained thousands of soldiers. The Umatilla Army Depot near Hermiston stored massive amounts of munitions in underground silos and bunkers.

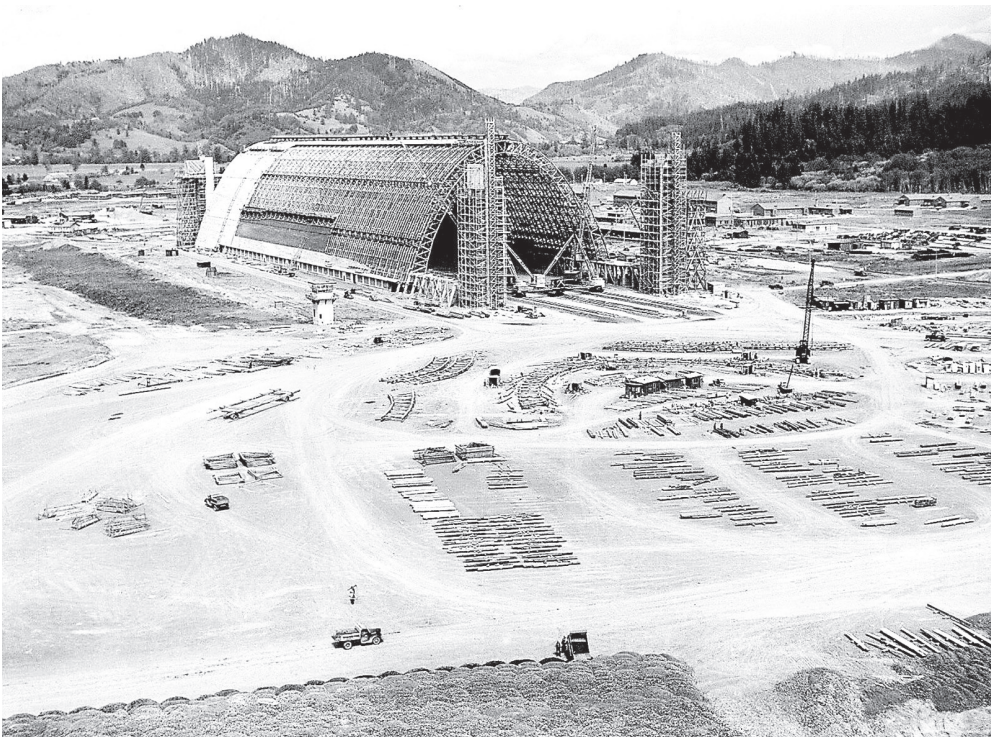
Astoria became home to the Tongue Point Naval Air Station. Military airfields also sprung up in Newport, North Bend, Floras Lake and Portland.

The most impressive military project was the two hangars built at Tillamook Naval Air Station. Among the largest wood-frame buildings in the world, they housed blimps patrolling the coast to look for enemy ships and submarines.

Nearly 200,000 people moved to Oregon during the war to work in defense industries. Henry Kaiser’s shipyard straddled both sides of the Columbia River, where 100,000 workers — most new to the state — built “Liberty Ship” transports and smaller escort aircraft carriers. Drawn by defense industry jobs, Oregon’s Black population in Portland grew from about 2,500 in 1940 to 25,000 in 1944. The Portland Housing Authority put out a statement that “while we do not discriminate, we do segregate.” Most Black people had to live in the new Vanport development built by Kaiser. The city was destroyed in a 1948 flood.

More than 3,500 captured German military personnel were sent to six camps in Jackson, Benton, Marion and Polk counties, with two in Malheur County. They were paid 80 cents per day to work, mostly in agriculture. Conscientious objectors to the war were paid nothing while working at Civilian Public Service Camp #56 near Waldport. While laboring on government construction projects during the day, they would write in the evening, leading to two books of stories and poetry.

Worries of a possible Japanese invasion of the mainland United States led



The Tillamook Naval Air Station as seen from the air during construction in 1943.



Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

Dick Higgins, the last known Pearl Harbor survivor living in Bend, smiles during a Pearl Harbor anniversary ceremony in Bend in December 2019.

to President Franklin Roosevelt issuing Executive Order 9066 on Feb. 12, 1942 ordering the “relocation” of Japanese immigrants and Japanese-Americans away from the West Coast. In Oregon, the Army declared all areas west of U.S. Highway 97 as Military Area I and ordered the relocation of those covered by the president’s order. Most were sent to an internment camp in Minidoka, Idaho. Only a small community in the Oregon portion of Treasure Valley in the far southeast of the state did not have to move.

Over 120,000 Japanese-Americans from Oregon, Washington and California endured relocation.

“Those removed lost homes, crops, farm animals,

property, bank accounts, and personal possessions,” says a history by the Oregon State Archives.

Home again

Oregon welcomed one of the first Navy ships returning from Japan, the cruiser USS Amsterdam.

“We boarded our ship and headed for Okinawa to pick up wounded and dead Marines and moved them to Astoria, Oregon, which threw a festive welcome,” recalled Anthony Galli, a Navy veteran from Pennington, New Jersey, in a recent essay for CentralJersey.com.

Dick Higgins of Bend doesn’t remember much about how he was celebrating the Victory over Japan while training sailors in Florida. It had been a long

war for him — he had been there from the minute it began for the United States: Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941 when bombs started raining down around him on Ford Island at Pearl Harbor.

Higgins recalled he looked up in the sky and saw unfamiliar planes with “meatballs” painted on their wings — the red circle of the Japanese planes.

A radioman on a Navy PBY flying boat, he would go on to fight his way across the Dutch East Indies and other spots.

“Sand bars and bug flats,” Higgins, 99, recalled of some days’ destinations.

Eventually sent stateside to use his combat experience to train the thousands of sailors being rushed to the fight on both sides of the war, Higgins would eventually serve just under 30 years in the Navy.

Though he has plenty of memories of World War II, Higgins says he isn’t quite done. He’s regularly gone back to Pearl Harbor to mark the sacrifice of the soldiers, sailors and Marines he knew. He’s even met with Japanese veterans of the attack, who came in a spirit of reconciliation between the people of the two nations.

Next year will be the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack.

“I’ll be 100, but I’m going back,” Higgins said.

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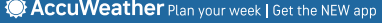
TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
						
72 57	69 53	76 55	73 53	71 54	79 57	79 58
Pleasant with sunshine	Partly sunny and nice	Sunny and pleasant	Clouds and sun	Sunny to partly cloudy	Sunny and very warm	Sunny and very warm

ALMANAC
Astoria through Sunday
Temperatures
High/low 68/49
Normal high/low 69/52
Record high 91 in 1918
Record low 42 in 1920
Precipitation
Sunday 0.01"
Month to date 0.47"
Normal month to date 1.10"
Year to date 38.93"
Normal year to date 38.29"

UNDER THE SKY
Tonight's Sky: Sunrise now after 6:30 a.m. PDT.
Source: Jim Todd, OMSI
SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 6:36 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:53 p.m.
Moonrise today 8:13 p.m.
Moonset today 5:45 a.m.
Full Last New First
Sep 1 Sep 10 Sep 17 Sep 23

TODAY'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High (ft.) Time Low (ft.)
12:57 a.m. 7.8 7:53 a.m. -0.9
2:04 p.m. 7.1 7:55 p.m. 1.4
Cape Disappointment
12:37 a.m. 7.9 7:07 a.m. -0.7
1:48 p.m. 6.8 7:07 p.m. 1.7
Hammond
12:48 a.m. 8.1 7:22 a.m. -0.9
1:58 p.m. 7.2 7:29 p.m. 1.5
Warrenton
12:52 a.m. 8.2 7:37 a.m. -0.8
1:59 p.m. 7.5 7:39 p.m. 1.5
Knappa
1:34 a.m. 8.1 8:54 a.m. -0.7
2:41 p.m. 7.4 8:56 p.m. 1.2
Depoe Bay
1:01 p.m. 7.3 6:34 a.m. -0.7
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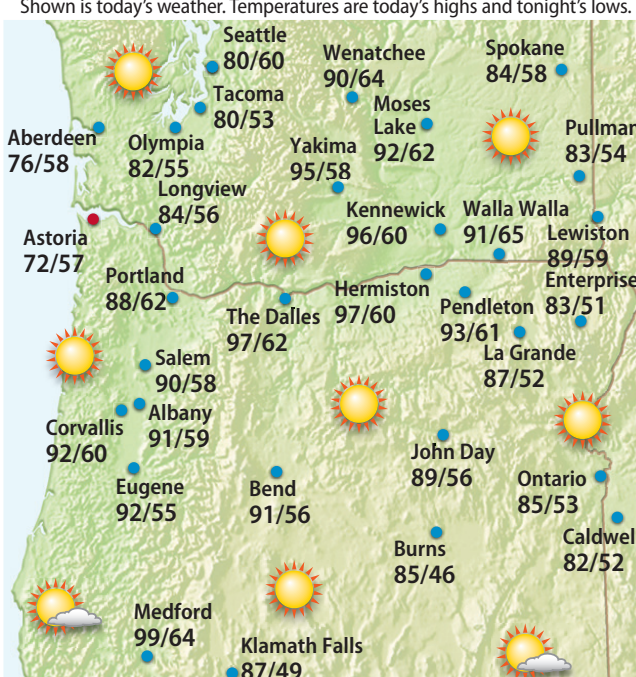
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City Today Hi/Lo/W Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta 89/75/pc 92/74/s
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Chicago 76/64/r 85/63/pc
Dallas 88/74/t 87/75/t
Denver 79/55/pc 90/54/s
Honolulu 90/77/pc 90/76/sh
Houston 98/79/s 97/78/pc
Los Angeles 80/63/pc 82/65/s
Miami 92/80/t 92/81/pc
New York City 75/67/r 78/71/c
Phoenix 100/77/t 103/83/t
San Francisco 76/57/pc 72/58/pc
Wash., DC 79/72/r 86/74/t
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.



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REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	84/45/s	90/45/s
Brookings	72/51/pc	63/53/pc
Ilwaco	69/58/s	67/53/pc
Newberg	90/58/s	88/56/s
Newport	67/51/s	67/49/pc
City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Wed. Hi/Lo/W
North Bend	72/55/s	70/53/pc
Roseburg	96/61/s	97/61/s
Seaside	72/57/s	70/52/pc
Springfield	93/55/s	93/54/s
Vancouver	88/59/s	85/57/s