

SPORTS



Candy Pior

Warrenton's Sam Irwin has his eyes on another individual state title for Warrenton wrestling.

# Warrenton wrestlers gear up for postseason

The Astorian

The Warrenton wrestling team will be among the favorites this week when the Warriors travel to Clatskanie for the District 2 meet Saturday.

"We are looking to improve on our third place from last year," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant. "Our district is as hard as ever with six teams, including ourselves (ranked seventh) out of the top 11 in state."

The shortened season has compacted both training and the meets.

"Everything has gone so fast," Conant said. "We are wrestling while we are still getting in shape and down to weight, so the first part of the season had an exhibition or tune up feel to it. We had to wear masks while wrestling at our first few events, but the guidance

changed and we were able to switch back." Tournaments have not been allowed by the Oregon School Activities Association, so all meets have been duals.

"We have essentially wrestled every team within 60 miles of us," Conant said. "We are rounding into form. We have a large team and no small wrestlers. The lower three weights are empty, but we have two or more solid wrestlers at every other weight."

Warrenton is led by seniors Nic Pior (145 pounds, two-time state qualifier and district champion) and Sam Irwin (195 pounds, two-time state qualifier, defending district and state champion).

The Warriors also have returning state qualifiers Josh Neihuser (182), Alex Tapia (170) and Aricin Rodriguez (132, defending district champion).

Seniors Duane Falls (182) and Julien Whitsett (126) "will also be pursuing trips to the 3A state," Conant said, with the state meet scheduled for June 26 at Redmond High school.

"The season has been compressed and is anything but normal, but we are grateful for the chance to wrestle and excited to make our mark," Conant said.

Meanwhile, seniors Marlie Annat (155) and Divine Godwin (125) anchor the Warrenton girls team. The north regional meet is scheduled for Friday at Tillamook High School.

A recent girls meet at Hood River was held outside, but was eventually rained out.

"The sun breaks between showers heated the mats significantly, so it was an experiment with mixed results," Conant said.

## Nestucca holds off Knappa girls basketball rally

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Knappa caught a lucky break on the scoreboard but still ended up three points short Tuesday night at Nestucca, where the Bobcats posted a 38-35 win over the Loggers in a Northwest League girls basketball game.

Knappa's first basket of the game was a two-point jump shot by Taryn Barendse that ended up as a 3-pointer on the scoreboard. The score was never reversed, and that gave the Loggers one final shot at tying the game in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

But an open look at a 3-pointer was off the mark as time expired and Nestucca escaped with the win.

The game was tied 9-9 early in the second quarter before Nestucca freshman Chloe Love drained three 3-pointers in a 14-3 run to close the first half.

Knappa staged a second half rally and closed to within 36-35 with 40 seconds left, following two free throws from Emily Larsen.

After a nonleague contest Wednesday against Rainier, Knappa finishes the regular season Friday at Neah-Kah-Nie.

Rainier defeated Warrenton 45-15 in a Coastal Range League girls game Tuesday.

### OBITUARIES

#### Johnathon Lee Nordquist

Astoria

Nov. 2, 1960 — June 1, 2021

Johnathon Lee Nordquist died on June 1, 2021, in Astoria.

He was born on Nov 2, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the third of six children. The family moved to Chicago in 1968.

John married in 1997; they raised six children, and their sixth grandson is due shortly.

John was a brilliant, inventive, artistic, creative, charming adventurer and colorful person, with the biggest heart. He had a pleasing personality, was an engaging conversationalist, and easily made friends everywhere he went.

Among his many accomplishments, he could understand and write Russian and Sanskrit. John followed Hare Krishna beliefs, loved children, was a tremendous cook and craved new challenges.

In 2012, he took his fourth trip cross-country to visit his mother and eldest brother in Astoria, who moved there 12 years earlier. He immediately fell in love with the Astoria and Seaside area during his first visit. But this time, he chose to stay, although he took several trips back to the Midwest to see his then-grown children.

John held a vast variety of jobs over the years, from caterer to cabbie, from residential advisor to administrator, from printer to property manager. The most unique may have been his position as a deprogrammer for the Cult Awareness Network.

However, out of all of his undertakings, one might consider the oddest, was his becoming a spokesman for the homeless by becoming a street person himself.

There will be an informal memorial service for John on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Shively Park in Astoria. Please bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket. The family requests safe distancing, vaccines or masks, please.



Johnathon Nordquist

### BOYS BASKETBALL

## Knappa dominant in 77-46 win at Nestucca

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The Knappa Loggers scored another easy Northwest League boys basketball win Tuesday night in a 77-46 decision at Nestucca.

The Loggers jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead, then held first half leads of 22-5, 30-10 and eventually 46-16 following a Brandon Gale 3-pointer.

Logan Morrill (18 points) was scoring at will inside, helping the Loggers improve to 5-0 in league, 8-2 overall.

Knappa's five league wins have come by an average of 24 points per game, as the Loggers easily locked up the top seed in

**PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY**  
**Boys Basketball** — Astoria at Seaside, 6:30 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball** — Astoria at Seaside, 5 p.m.; Warrenton at Yamhill-Carlton, 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
**Boys Basketball** — Warrenton at Clatskanie, 7 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.  
**Girls Basketball** — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:30 p.m.

the west half of the league.

Morrill led four Loggers in double figures, followed by Gale (17), Shane McMahan (15) and Tanner Jackson (11).

Knappa "probably played the best half of basketball we have had all year in the first half," said Logger coach Paul Isom. "We really came out with a lot of energy and led to a lot of run

outs. Tanner particularly came out strong (nine points in the first quarter)."

#### Warrenton defeats Rainier, 44-37

Warrenton came one step closer to locking up a Coastal Range League boys basketball

title Tuesday night at home with a 44-37 win over Rainier.

The Warriors (5-1 in league) are only a half-game behind Willamina (6-1), and were scheduled to host Willamina on Wednesday, a team the Warriors defeated earlier in the season on the road. Warrenton finishes the regular season Friday at Clatskanie.

Rainier led 18-16 early in the third quarter of Tuesday's game before the Warriors reeled off a 17-2 run to put the game away.

Hordie Bodden Bodden had eight of the 17 points during Warrenton's big run. Dawson Little and Ethan Green each had 3-pointers in the fourth quarter.

### SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
68 53 Sunny and pleasant	64 51 Breezy in the p.m.	65 55 Sunny to partly cloudy	65 53 Areas of low clouds	77 55 Clouds and sun	65 53 Not as warm	66 53 Rather cloudy

### ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

**Temperatures**

High/low	65/51
Normal high/low	64/50
Record high	81 in 1961
Record low	41 in 1959

**Precipitation**

Tuesday	Trace
Month to date	1.91"
Normal month to date	1.49"
Year to date	37.27"
Normal year to date	34.85"

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### UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Emerging from the east near midnight is the great square of Pegasus the Flying Horse.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight	9:10 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:39 p.m.
Moonsset today	1:33 a.m.

	First	Full	Last	New
	June 17	June 24	July 1	July 9

### TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:15 a.m.	6.7	12:48 a.m.	2.9	
7:50 p.m.	7.0	1:08 p.m.	0.2	
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>				
5:55 a.m.	6.4	12:10 a.m.	3.4	
7:35 p.m.	6.9	12:28 p.m.	0.3	
<b>Hammond</b>				
6:06 a.m.	6.9	12:26 a.m.	3.3	
7:44 p.m.	7.3	12:46 p.m.	0.3	
<b>Warrenton</b>				
6:10 a.m.	7.1	12:32 a.m.	3.0	
7:45 p.m.	7.4	12:52 p.m.	0.3	
<b>Knappa</b>				
6:52 a.m.	7.0	1:49 a.m.	2.5	
8:27 p.m.	7.3	2:09 p.m.	0.2	
<b>Depoe Bay</b>				
5:05 a.m.	6.3	11:55 a.m.	0.0	
6:51 p.m.	6.9	none		

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	88/68/s	91/71/s
Boston	78/61/s	80/66/s
Chicago	91/70/pc	93/67/t
Dallas	99/77/s	95/73/s
Denver	97/63/pc	88/63/c
Honolulu	86/75/sh	87/73/s
Houston	97/74/s	94/76/pc
Los Angeles	93/69/s	90/70/s
Miami	87/81/t	89/82/c
New York City	79/63/s	83/68/s
Phoenix	117/92/pc	117/91/pc
San Francisco	81/58/s	79/57/s
Wash., DC	79/61/s	85/71/s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	76/53		Wenatchee	86/59	
Tacoma	76/49		Moses Lake	91/58	
Aberdeen	70/53		Yakima	88/57	
Olympia	77/51		Kennewick	92/57	
Longview	79/51		Walla Walla	87/59	
Astoria	68/53		Hermiston	91/54	
Portland	83/56		Pendleton	87/55	
Salem	85/53		La Grande	85/51	
Albany	84/51		John Day	87/52	
Corvallis	83/51		Burns	90/50	
Eugene	84/51		Ontario	94/61	
Bend	83/55		Caldwell	92/58	
Medford	91/58				
Klamath Falls	91/51				