

SPORTS

# Warrenton volleyball on a roll, defeats Royals

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Warrenton volleyball continues to climb the Oregon School Activities Association's rankings, while the rest of the Coastal Range League continues to have trouble scheduling matches.

The Warriors picked up a nonleague win Thursday night over Portland Christian, 15-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-13.

Avyree Miethe pounded out 19 kills with three ace serves, while Jamie Annat added nine kills with 20 digs. Emma Smith delivered seven ace serves and also had four blocks.

Now ranked eighth in the state, Warrenton improves to 9-3 overall.

Elsewhere in the Coastal Range League, Willamina played just its third match of the season Thursday, defeating Taft; Clatskanie at Rainier was canceled. The Tigers have also canceled scheduled matches with War-

renton and Taft, and do not play again until Oct. 7.

Following Warrenton's win over Rainier Wednesday, Warrior coach Staci Miethe said, "We were working a new rotation so we had a few hiccups to get through, but once we got our rhythm we played well. Had some amazing defensive plays from everyone."

Annat "recently moved to outside, opposite Avyree, and had a really good night. Together they are very effective (with 36 combined kills). We are still working on consistent serve receive but when we get there it will make a big difference in the 'point avalanches' we allow at times."

## Tillamook defeats Astoria

In 4A volleyball action, ninth-ranked Tillamook swept Astoria at the Brick House, 25-19, 25-14, 25-22.

The Fishermen take part in the North Marion tournament Saturday.

# Gaston tops Knappa in volleyball showdown

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The Gaston Greyhounds showed why they are in first place in Northwest League volleyball Thursday night, with a three-game sweep at Knappa, 25-17, 25-14, 25-18.

Gaston senior middle blocker Mackenzie Berger was a force at the net, using her 6-foot-3 frame to put away several kill attempts, and her height to make it tough on the Knappa hitters.

The Loggers scored the first point in all three sets, but the Greyhounds rallied to build sizable leads in at least the first two sets.

Berger's kill off a block and a tap over the net by teammate Lexi Fern helped Gaston to a 19-11 lead in Game 1, and a big serving run by Berger led to a 15-4 lead in Game 2.

Knappa's best effort came in the third set, when the Loggers jumped out to a 4-0 advantage.

Gaston fought back to tie the set several times, but Knappa maintained leads thanks to kill from Hannah Dietrichs.

An attack by Dietrichs had Knappa ahead 17-16, but that would be the Loggers' last lead of the night, as a big serving run from Maya Rosenberg resulted in eight straight points for the Greyhounds.

Ranked second at the 2A level, Gaston improved to 7-0 in league. Knappa dropped to 5-4 overall, with a match Saturday at Neah-Kah-Nie.

Knappa coach Jeff Kaul said the team

## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

**Volleyball** — Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 2:30 p.m.  
**Boys Soccer** — Astoria at Banks, 10 a.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, noon  
**Girls Soccer** — Astoria at Banks, noon; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 10 a.m.

### TUESDAY

**Volleyball** — Valley Catholic at Astoria, 6:45 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 6:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Taft, 5:45 p.m.; Knappa at Columbia Christian, 6:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 6 p.m.  
**Boys Soccer** — Tillamook at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer** — Astoria at Tillamook, 7:15 p.m.; Seaside at Rainier/Clatskanie, 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

**Volleyball** — Jewell at St. Paul, 6 p.m.

"knew going in this was going to be a tough game, going up against this undefeated team led by 6-3 senior MacKenzie Berger, but they were ready to go and looking forward to the challenge.

"When going up against a big hitter like (Berger), all you can really do is try to put a couple of hands in their face at the net and try to guess the best you can, where they are going to hit and then get down and wait.

"When that player can also aim their hits pretty well, it makes it really hard to defend, but I thought we did fairly good minimizing her hits tonight."

Knappa freshman Lily Simpson was able to record eight blocks for the Loggers, while teammate Carlie Casper had 12 digs. Dietrichs finished with a season-high 11 kills.

## OBITUARIES

### Joan D. Dowty

Astoria

March 10, 1937 — Sept. 18, 2021

Joan D. Dowty, 84, of Astoria, passed away on Sept. 18, 2021, in her home.

She was born March 10, 1937, in Moweaqua, Illinois, the daughter of Dr. John T. and Freda D. France. She married Ronald Dowty on Nov. 1, 1968, in Bloomington, Illinois. After their marriage they moved to Kansas, eventually settling down in Paola, Kansas.

Survivors include Paula Ferrenburg (Tom); John Dowty (Patty); James Dowty (Sarah); Melvin Dowty; Debra Meisinger (Lynn); sisters, Kathy Owens and Amy France; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ron, both parents, one sister, one grandson and her German shepherd, "Sofee."

She was an avid swimmer who taught many how to swim. She was president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Paola; member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary in Paola; and was part of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Warsaw, Missouri. She enjoyed bowling, knitting, crocheting, gardening and eating at the Logger with her friends.

In lieu of flowers please donate to your local hospice care facility. Services in LaCygne, Kansas, will be determined later.



Joan Dowty



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The Spanish flu pandemic resulted in the deaths of 675,000 Americans.

# Coronavirus has killed as many Americans as Spanish flu pandemic

By CARLA K. JOHNSON  
Associated Press

COVID-19 has now killed as many Americans as the 1918-19 Spanish flu pandemic did — approximately 675,000.

The U.S. population a century ago was just one-third of what it is today, meaning the flu cut a much bigger, more lethal swath through the country. But the COVID-19 crisis is by any measure a colossal tragedy in its own right, especially given the incredible advances in scientific knowledge since then and the failure to take maximum advantage of the vaccines available this time.

"Big pockets of American society — and, worse, their leaders — have thrown this away," medical historian Dr. Howard Markel of the University of Michigan said of the opportunity to vaccinate everyone eligible by now.

Like the Spanish flu, the coronavirus may never entirely disappear from our midst. Instead, scientists hope it becomes a mild seasonal bug as human immunity strengthens through vaccination and repeated infection. That could take time.

"We hope it will be like getting a cold, but there's no guarantee," said Emory University biologist Rustom Antia, who suggests an optimistic scenario in which this could happen over a few years.

For now, the pandemic still has the United

States and other parts of the world firmly in its jaws.

While the delta-fueled surge in infections may have peaked, U.S. deaths are running at over 1,900 a day on average, the highest level since early March. The country's overall death toll topped 685,000 Friday, according to the count kept by Johns Hopkins University, though the real number is believed to be higher.

Winter may bring a new surge, with the University of Washington's influential model projecting an additional 100,000 or so Americans will die of COVID-19 by Jan. 1, which would bring the overall U.S. toll to 776,000.

The 1918 to 1919 influenza pandemic killed 50 million victims globally at a time when the world had one-quarter the population it does now. Global deaths from COVID-19 now stand at more than 4.7 million.

The Spanish flu's U.S. death toll is a rough guess, given the incomplete records of the era and the poor scientific understanding of what caused the illness. The 675,000 figure comes from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

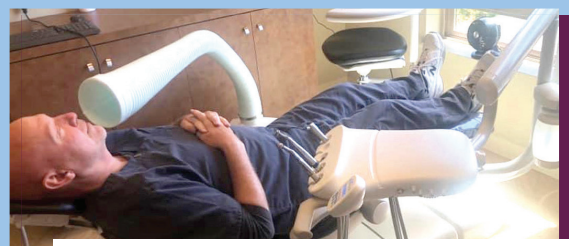
The ebbing of COVID-19 could happen if the virus progressively weakens as it mutates and more and more humans' immune systems learn to attack it. Vaccination and surviving infection are the main ways the immune system improves. Breast-fed infants also gain some immunity from their mothers.

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Diane G.

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
64 51	62 55	60 50	61 47	63 49	65 51	65 48
Clouds and sun; cooler	A little p.m. rain	Rain in the afternoon	A couple of showers	Chance of a shower	A shower	Showers possible

## ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 67/44  
 Normal high/low ..... 67/49  
 Record high ..... 82 in 1974  
 Record low ..... 36 in 2005

**Precipitation**

Thursday ..... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 2.55"  
 Normal month to date ..... 1.82"  
 Year to date ..... 40.53"  
 Normal year to date ..... 40.94"

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## UNDER THE SKY

**Tonight's Sky:** Low in the southwest after sunset, Venus at magnitude -4.15.

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today ..... 7:06 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 7:07 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 9:23 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 11:59 a.m.



## TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	4:46 a.m.	6.3	10:24 a.m.	1.9
	4:15 p.m.	7.4	11:13 p.m.	0.3
<b>Cape Disappointment</b>	4:16 a.m.	6.3	9:41 a.m.	2.2
	3:59 p.m.	7.2	10:25 p.m.	0.3
<b>Hammond</b>	4:32 a.m.	6.5	9:59 a.m.	2.0
	4:08 p.m.	7.6	10:45 p.m.	0.1
<b>Warrenton</b>	4:41 a.m.	6.7	10:08 a.m.	2.0
	4:10 p.m.	7.8	10:57 p.m.	0.4
<b>Knappa</b>	5:23 a.m.	6.6	11:25 a.m.	1.6
	4:52 p.m.	7.7	none	
<b>Depoe Bay</b>	3:33 a.m.	6.8	9:07 a.m.	2.7
	3:10 p.m.	7.8	9:56 p.m.	0.8

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	78/59/s	79/59/s
Boston	72/64/c	76/57/s
Chicago	70/51/pc	76/61/pc
Dallas	90/65/s	89/65/pc
Denver	86/56/pc	87/53/s
Honolulu	87/76/pc	88/76/r
Houston	86/61/s	86/68/s
Los Angeles	79/61/pc	75/59/s
Miami	88/76/t	89/74/t
New York City	75/62/s	72/59/s
Phoenix	93/74/t	85/72/t
San Francisco	71/56/pc	68/55/pc
Wash., DC	76/59/pc	75/57/s

## REGIONAL FORECAST

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

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Seattle	74/52		Wenatchee	82/58	
Tacoma	76/47		Moses Lake	82/52	
Yakima	85/52		Pullman	80/55	
Kennewick	87/58		Walla Walla	84/61	
Lewiston	86/57		Enterprise	82/51	
Pendleton	85/56		La Grande	84/47	
Hermiston	87/56		John Day	86/50	
Burns	85/38		Ontario	84/47	
Caldwell	83/46				