

SPORTS

CROSS-COUNTRY

Astoria runners ready for districts

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As the postseason meets approach, several local cross-country teams are in the running — literally — for a district team title, and perhaps a lot more.

Astoria and Seaside ran in the West Coast Classic, held Oct. 15 at Alderbrook Golf Course in Tillamook.

The Fishermen boys took third in the team race behind Siuslaw and Newport, with Seaside ninth. The Gulls and Lady Fishermen were fifth and sixth out of seven scoring teams in the girls' race.

Seaside sophomore James Roehr took seventh in the varsity race in 17 minutes, 20.6 seconds, while junior John Clement was Astoria's top runner, taking 11th in 17:37.

"We ran competitively and looked like a team across the board," said Astoria coach Andrew Fick. "Any day you finish with 16 PRs and season bests gives you a lot to feel good about. The hard work everyone has been putting in is paying off with big improvements and strong finishes. The team is coming together with a lot of positivity. Having runners who work that hard and who can find the joy in the challenge

of it is pretty special."

In the girls race, Astoria junior Ella Zilli "had a huge day (ninth, 20:55), knocking over a minute off of her season best," Fick said.

"Our men's crew showed up ready to race," he said. "We knew that we were up against some really strong teams. Siuslaw is ranked first in 4A, Newport and Tillamook are consistently strong, and Westside Christian is No. 2 in 3A. Looking at the numbers coming in, we knew that every point was going to matter, and every runner on our crew moved up a spot or two and helped us finish in the top three as a team."

Clement "had another solid improvement for the season with about a 20-second season best. He looked a lot more focused and determined in his race and I think will continue to sharpen up over the next couple of weeks as we get ready to peak for districts."

Junior Tommy Laman ran a 25-second PR (18:11), and junior John Colquhoun had a 10-second PR (18:40).

"Racing as a team, everyone pushing themselves and each other to new limits, is what's going to make us competitive at districts," Fick said.

Knappa runners finishing strong

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The Knappa boys' cross-country team is among the contenders for the 2A state title this year. And if everything goes according to plan, every team in the state could be chasing the Loggers next season.

Knappa is currently ranked third in the state. Every athlete will return in 2022, and the Loggers will be joined by a few strong runners from the middle school level.

Logger junior Isaiah Rodriguez continues to set personal best times and is separating himself from the rest of the 2A pack at the top.

Competing in the Lewis & Clark College Invitational on Oct. 16, the Knappa boys finished seventh out of 23 scoring teams, mostly big schools.

Barlow won with 111 points, ahead of Clackamas and Mark Morris. Warrenton finished 15th.

Rodriguez was third out of 175 runners, covering the 5,000 meters at McIver State Park in Estacada in a personal record 15 minutes, 56 seconds, behind runners from La Center and Santiam Christian.

His time of 15:56 is the best in the state at the 2A level, 10 seconds better than senior Caleb Brown of Pine Eagle.

Warrenton's Zander Moha was seventh in 16:29. Nicholas Nikander of Jewell was 23rd in 17:19.

Two days earlier in the Vernonia Invitational, Rodriguez was the individual winner (15:57), while Knappa (72 points) took



Tim Peitsch

Knappa junior Isaiah Rodriguez, left, had another big week in preparation for the upcoming state meet.

second in the team standings behind Heppner (69).

Nikander was sixth (17:23), and Knappa freshman Joshua Peterson was 13th in 18:33. Adding points for the Loggers were junior Clay Keyser (18th), freshman Soren Brown (21st) and sophomore Moses Peitsch (23rd).

In the 3,000-meter boys middle school race, eighth grader Finn Peitsch of Knappa's Hilda Lahti school finished first out of 54 runners, covering the course in a personal best 11:07.

Peitsch was 14th out of 223 runners in the 3,000 meter middle school/youth race in the Lewis & Clark College Invitational.

Hilda Lahti's Mylie Lempea was eighth in the girls' race at Vernonia, in a PR 12:38.

VOLLEYBALL

Loss to Nestucca ends Knappa's season

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In a loser-out Northwest League volleyball playoff at Knappa, Nestucca defeated the Loggers in five sets, 25-22, 25-23, 16-25, 24-26, 15-4.

The Loggers spent most of the night rallying and coming from behind, against a team they had defeated twice during the regular season.

After losing the first two sets, Knappa led most of Game 3. A kill to the back line by Hannah Dietrichs and an ace serve from Taryn Barendse had the Loggers ahead 19-13, and Knappa finished with a 6-3 run.

A late Knappa rally helped the Loggers win Game 4.

With the Bobcats leading 24-23 lead, the Loggers rallied with three straight points to win the set and tie the match.

The Loggers held an early 2-0 lead in Game 5, but the Bobcats snapped a 3-3 tie with a decisive 10-0 run.

"All good things must come to an end, and while the end was not what we wanted or expected, it also was definitely not a boring

ending to a great season," said Knappa coach Jeff Kaul, whose team was playing short-handed.

Dietrichs — Knappa's only senior — led the Loggers attack with 15 kills and 17 digs, while Barendse was 18-of-19 serving with four aces and eight kills.

Freshman Lily Simpson added seven blocks and sophomore Molina Herrera had 13 assists.

Sophomore Ariana Miller finished with 11 kills and four blocks.

"It's always tough to lose that last game — any game really — but as coach I try to look at the positive things even after a hard loss," Kaul said. "There are couple things that stood out to me in this game, and one big one was in this five-game match we only missed five serves."

And, "without an actual setter, we had 36 kills. Most important, these ladies never gave up right until the end. These ladies are competitors at heart and played their very best for all of the fans that came to watch tonight."

Ranked 18th, Knappa finishes 11-9 overall.

Willamina tops Warrenton

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For the first time in the existence of the Coastal Range League, there's a new regular season volleyball champion.

Willamina rallied from a 9-5 deficit in Game 5, and outlasted Warrenton to a dramatic finish, helping the Bulldogs win the league title, 25-19, 19-25, 25-18, 17-25, 16-14, on Senior Night at Willamina.

Warrenton had won the previous three league titles, and still has a chance to earn the league's No. 1 seed to the state playoffs. The Warriors host a league playoff Saturday, with the winner advancing to play Willamina Tuesday for the league's tournament champion.

After dropping the first set in Thursday's match, the Warriors built a 9-2 lead and cruised to the Game 2 win.

Willamina won Game 3, but the Warriors jumped out to a 4-0 lead and overcame five missed serves to win Game 4.

Warrenton trailed 4-0 in the fifth set, but senior

Avyree Miethe single-handedly brought the Warriors back with a kill off the block, then served the Warriors into a 6-4 lead.

A pair of kills by Jamie Annatt still had Warrenton in front by scores of 9-5 and 11-9, but the Bulldogs regained the momentum and finished the match on a 7-3 run.

Earlier in the week, Warrenton swept visiting Clatskanie on Tuesday, 25-17, 25-19, 25-19.

"We had a solid game ... not our best, but we never got down and kept firing away," said Warrenton coach Stacie Miethe. "Avyree had a very good Senior Night," going 100% from the service line, with 12 kills.

Hailey Bentley "also had a good night, even though she got a little banged up in warmups and hurt her knee, she was still 9-for-10 with an ace and led the net defense with three block kills."

Paige Tingstrom (three aces, three kills) and Emma Smith (three kills) also had their best offensive nights.

Seaside soccer teams sweep Banks

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The Seaside soccer teams both helped themselves in the Cowapa League standings, with a sweep over Banks.

In a doubleheader at Hillsboro Stadium on Monday, the Gulls defeated Banks/Vernonia in the girls soccer match, 2-0, and the Seaside boys topped the Braves 1-0.

Seaside's Emma Arden scored off a crossing pass

with 13:34 left in the first half, and with 18:20 left in the second half, Hailey Strimple-Fields scored from the right side of the penalty area with a low shot to the far post, with an assist from Arden.

Grace Meyer had the lone goal for the Seaside girls in a 1-1 tie Wednesday at Tillamook, while the boys lost to 2-0 to Tillamook.

The Seaside girls improve

to 5-3-1 (6-6-1 overall), behind first-place Valley Catholic (9-0, 11-1-1).

The Astoria girls sit at 3-2-3 in league play, with Monday's game at Rainier/Clatskanie canceled and a 5-0 loss to Valley Catholic on Wednesday.

In Cowapa League boys soccer, Valley Catholic sits atop the standings at 8-0, ahead of Tillamook and Seaside.

On Wednesday, the Astoria boys soccer team lost 7-0 against Valley Catholic.

In a nonleague game Monday at Oregon Episcopal, the Aardvarks scored five first half goals on their way to an 8-0 win over Astoria.

Freshman Tobias Karl scored two goals in the first half, and Alex Chen scored twice in the second half for Oregon Episcopal, ranked No. 5 in 3A boys soccer.

OBITUARIES

Raymond Tillman Solberg Sr. Warrenton March 11, 1933 — Oct. 17, 2021

Raymond Tillman Solberg Sr. passed away Oct. 17, 2021, in Warrenton. He was 88.

He is survived by his children, Teresa Chaney, of Priest River, Idaho, Barbara Solberg-Connelly, of Warrenton, Raymond Solberg Jr., of Yankton, South Dakota, Clayton Solberg, of Warrenton, Norma Solberg-Collins, of Astoria, and Briani Solberg-Bell, of Hillsboro.

He has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, along with many nieces,

nephews and cousins. He is also survived by his sister, Sonja Langlo, and her husband, Jim (Animal).

He was born to Mildred Virginia Stanley and Tillman Columbus Solberg in Woodson on March 11, 1933. He was raised in the Clatskanie area, and along with school had many responsibilities at home.



Raymond Solberg Sr.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1953, and was transferred to the Army Reserve until 1961, when he was honorably discharged.

He married Shirley Frances Watkins on June 2, 1956. They were married 21 years.

She preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jayson Culp, of Warrenton, and Dashiell Solberg-Bell,

of Hillsboro.

Ray was loved by many. He would say there's always room for one more, and he would often find more than his six children in the house. He worked hard and played hard. He was an avid outdoorsman, and taught his children to love fishing, hunting and clam digging. He was also a commercial fisherman.

The family will have a private gathering in August.

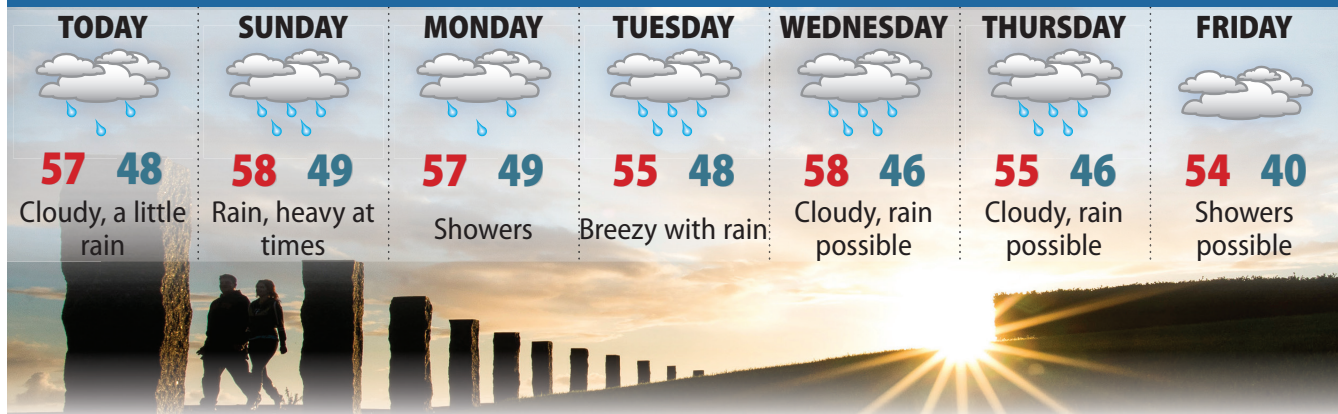
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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low 65/51
 Normal high/low 59/44
 Record high 75 in 1998
 Record low 33 in 1957

Precipitation

Thursday 0.32"
 Month to date 2.60"
 Normal month to date 4.06"
 Year to date 45.58"
 Normal year to date 45.85"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Orion stands to its SE, with Sirius, the sky's brightest star, low in the SSE.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:44 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 6:15 p.m.
 Moonrise today 7:52 p.m.
 Moonset today 10:53 a.m.

Last New First Full
 Oct 28 Nov 4 Nov 11 Nov 19

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
3:49 a.m.	6.8	9:21 a.m.	2.4
3:02 p.m.	8.0	10:08 p.m.	-0.2

Cape Disappointment

3:22 a.m.	6.7	8:35 a.m.	-0.7
2:44 p.m.	7.8	9:15 p.m.	-0.2

Hammond

3:37 a.m.	7.0	8:54 a.m.	2.5
2:54 p.m.	8.1	9:37 p.m.	-0.4

Warrenton

3:44 a.m.	7.2	9:05 a.m.	2.5
2:57 p.m.	8.4	9:52 p.m.	-0.1

Knappa

4:26 a.m.	7.1	10:22 a.m.	2.1
3:39 p.m.	8.3	11:09 p.m.	-0.2

Depoe Bay

2:38 a.m.	7.2	8:00 a.m.	3.1
1:55 p.m.	8.4	8:46 p.m.	0.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	74/54/s	80/60/pc
Boston	60/46/c	60/50/s
Chicago	55/42/pc	53/50/r
Dallas	87/73/pc	88/68/pc
Denver	69/40/c	64/41/pc
Honolulu	86/75/pc	86/74/sh
Houston	84/73/t	87/72/t
Los Angeles	70/54/pc	70/57/pc
Miami	84/77/t	85/75/t
New York City	60/48/c	60/50/pc
Phoenix	86/62/c	83/64/s
San Francisco	64/59/sh	64/56/r
Wash., DC	67/52/pc	70/59/pc

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	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	52/38/r	50/39/sh	North Bend	59/53/r	60/50/r
Brookings	56/52/r	58/50/r	Roseburg	59/52/r	57/49/r
Ilwaco	56/50/r	57/50/r	Seaside	56/48/r	57/48/r
Newberg	57/50/r	58/50/r	Springfield	57/51/r	59/48/r
Newport	56/50/r	56/47/r	Vancouver	58/52/r	58/52/r