

## SPORTS

# Moha first, Warrenton boys cross-country third

The Astorian

Zander Moha was the individual winner, while the Warrenton boys took third in the team standings Oct. 29 in the District 1 3A cross-country meet at Sherwood Middle School.

The result: everyone will compete at state for the Warrior boys, who are looking to improve on last year's fourth place showing.

Moha covered the 5,000-meter course in 16 minutes, 25.0 seconds, finishing ahead of Westside Christian's David Dugan (16:34).

Oregon Episcopal won the team title, with three runners in the top seven for 37 team points. Westside Christian (45) was second, with Warrenton (82) third out of eight scoring teams.

After Moha, Warrenton's next five runners included Phoenix Martin (ninth, 18:48), Erik Cooley (20th, 19:33), William Carruthers (21st, 19:42), Josh Baker (40th, 21:39), and Mason Devos (60th, 23:33).

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### FRIDAY

**Football** — **4A Playoff:** Astoria vs. Cascade (at Scio High School), 6 p.m.; **3A Playoff:** Philomath vs. Warrenton (at CMH Field), 7 p.m.; **2A Playoff:** Jefferson at Knappa, 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY

**Football** — **1B (Washington)** **Playoff:** Crescent at Naselle, 3 p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### 4A STATE PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND SCORES

Gladstone 5, Newport 0  
Marist Catholic 3, Sisters 1  
La Grande 1, Corbett 0  
Woodburn 2, North Valley 1 (PKs, 4-3)  
**North Marion 6, Astoria 0**  
Philomath 3, Henley 2  
Valley Catholic 4, Mazama 0  
Hidden Valley 5, Estacada 0

### Loggers second behind St. Stephen's

Knappa's nemesis in cross-country — St. Stephen's — got the best of the Loggers on Oct. 30 in the District 1 2A/1A cross-country meet, held at Sherwood Middle School.

With 42 points, St. Stephen's won the team title over Knappa (48) and Vernonia (64), while senior Colin

Friend of St. Stephen's was the surprise individual winner (16 minutes, 11.6 seconds) ahead of Knappa's Isaiah Rodriguez, who took second in 16:19. Both times would have been good enough for first and second among the 3A runners.

Runners from St. Stephen's finished third and fourth, while Knappa's next four runners placed seventh (freshman Joshua Peterson), ninth (junior Clay Keyser), 17th (sophomore Moses Peitsch) and 19th (junior Finn Corcoran).

Jewell senior Nicholas Nikander was sixth overall in 18:17 to qualify for state individually, while the entire Knappa boys team will be a contender for a trophy in the state meet later this week.

In the girls combined District 1 3A/2A/1A meet, Vernonia won the team title with 49 points.

Warrenton freshman Payten Buckelew placed 11th in 22:11, followed by teammate Abigail Miller (15th, 22:36). Alivia Swearingen of Jewell was 39th in 24:35. Warrenton, Knappa and Jewell did not score as teams.

## North Marion tops Astoria, 6-0

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The task was a tall one Tuesday night for the Astoria girls soccer team.

Facing a team that had outscored its last three opponents 16-0, and had lost just once since Sept. 23, the Lady Fishermen made the trip to Aurora to face the No. 3-ranked North Marion Huskies in a first round state play-off game — a first for Astoria.

And the Huskies showed why they're ranked third in the 4A rankings, as they scored three goals in each half for a 6-0 win over the Fishermen.

Astoria finishes the season at 7-6-3 overall. The Lady Fish were fresh off a 3-1 play-in victory over Molalla and ranked 14th among the final 16.

Freshman goalkeeper Audrey Cereghino stopped the first pair of shots on goal by North Marion, but the Huskies scored 7 minutes, 40 seconds into the first half when a free kick from 30 yards out was deflected into the net for a 1-nil lead.

North Marion added successful shots off crossing passes in the 15th and 18th minutes for a 3-0 halftime advantage.

"Our girls still worked hard with the help of Audrey, who came out in the end with multiple amazing saves," said Astoria coach Tim Fastabend. "Although it was a tough loss, this is the first time in a long time that the Lady Fish soccer team has made it to the play-offs. As a team and a community, we want to say thank you for all the support we had this season."

The Huskies advance to the quarterfinals, where they will host Philomath. Elsewhere in first round action, Cowapa League champion Valley Catholic defeated Mazama, 4-0.

## Astoria girls basketball hosts youth camp

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The Astoria Lady Fishermen are hosting a youth girls basketball camp on Saturday, Nov. 12 and Nov. 20.

Cost is \$35 per child and includes a T-shirt for the camp, which is a senior project for Astoria players Mollie Matthews and Ava Palmberg.

The camp is for players in first through eighth grade. Held in the Astoria High

School main gym (1001 West Marine Drive), times for the Saturday and Nov. 20 camps are 9 to 10:30 a.m. for grades one through four, and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for grades fifth through eighth.

On Nov. 12, times are 4 to 5:30 p.m. for grades one through four, and 6 to 8 p.m. for fifth through eighth graders.

Participants are asked to show up 20 minutes early on Saturday to fill out a reg-

istration form. Masks are required.



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Linda Dickson, left, collects clippings and old photographs to put into a scrapbook collage at the Wolf Creek Grange in North Powder.

## Eastern Oregon grange celebrates centennial

By DICK MASON  
The Observer

**NORTH POWDER** — The story of the Wolf Creek Grange is one of community service, dances, fairs and a fire that ultimately may have benefited it.

The Grange celebrated its 100th year of operation on Oct. 24.

The grange is one of the most vibrant in northeastern Oregon. Its hall is a gathering place for a number of community events and activities and it has a stable membership of 20 to 25 men and women. The Wolf Creek Grange is an anomaly during a time when many granges have declining memberships and are closing.

The continuing strength of the grange reflects the dedication of its members to the grange and the community. "It is an amazing group," said grange master Carol Bouchard.

She said its members bring the community together in a manner that binds it in everlasting fashion.

"They help make this a village, not just a group of houses," Bouchard said. The Wolf Creek Grange hall is perhaps the most popular meeting place in North Powder. It is the site of exercise classes, weddings and

city council meetings; the weekly distribution of fresh food and other items provided by the Fresh Food Alliance operated by Northeast Oregon Food Bank; and a Lunch Bunch program where lunches are served by the grange each Friday to the community. The rent paid by the groups involved in many of these events helps keep the Wolf Creek Grange on solid ground financially.

People are likely drawn to the spacious hall's warm and inviting atmosphere because it is so well kept and well decorated. Another plus is that it is centrally located and easy to reach. The site is a far cry from its original location near Wolf Creek, 8 miles northwest of North Powder, where it was destroyed by a fire in the early 1940s, Bouchard said.

The Wolf Creek Grange purchased its present hall in 1957, a building that previously housed a number of businesses, including a meat market and a mercantile store. If the grange had remained in the Wolf Creek Reservoir area instead of moving into North Powder, it might not be as popular a meeting place as it is today.

"People like to go to places that are convenient to get to," Bouchard said.

The Wolf Creek Grange was the 596th chartered in Oregon but today it is one of only about 200 in the state.

Few of the state's remaining granges likely are involved in more community services projects than the Wolf Creek Grange. They include a free medical equipment loan service program through which donated items, such as wheelchairs and walkers, are lent free of charge to anyone; college scholarships given annually to local youths; and a community dinner served each year the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Wynn Nielsen, a member of the Wolf Creek Grange, said the community work done by the grange is a reflection of the many people who live there.

"North Powder is just a special place," he said.

People who visit the grange can learn about its history, and the dances and fairs it once put on, by looking at scrapbooks and old photos and reading copies of North Powder's old newspaper, The North Powder News, which was published at least into the 1930s. People reading copies of the 1930s editions of the old newspaper will learn that North Powder then had a gas station, Hutchinson Service Station, an auto repair shop, Newman and Keeney Garage, and a pharmacy, Ferguson's Drug Store, which sold candy for 60 cents a pound.

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