

SPORTS

Warrenton's Thoma heads for state

The Astorian

The Warrenton girls wrestling team competed in the Northwest Regionals on Friday and Saturday.

For the first time, the girls' qualifying events for state were split into four regions instead of two, with the top three qualifying for state in each region.

"The end result is a 12-girl bracket that better represents the whole state and makes for a more competitive state tournament," said Warrenton coach Corey Conant, who added, "178 girls competed in our region alone, and girls wrestling continues to grow at a furious pace."

Warrenton is sending its second qualifier ever to girls state, after Grace Thoma finished third in the 100-pound weight class in the regional meet.

Thoma pushed the No. 1 seed in the quarterfinals (Hillsboro's Nina DeLeon, the eventual champion) before a 20-13 decision for DeLeon, and then won a close 11-9 decision over Kaillie Lemus Perez of Century in the consolation semifinals.

In the third-place match, Thoma scored a 6-4 decision over Century's Ashley Hernandez Moreno, who had defeated Thoma by 10 points earlier in the season.

Thoma will compete in the girls' state meet, Feb. 24 at Culver High School.

Warrenton's Alyssa Thoma (115) and Kaidynce Daniels (130) also won regional matches for the Lady Warriors.



Corey Conant

Warrenton's Grace Thoma, left, finished third at regionals to qualify for the girls state wrestling meet.

Astoria, Seaside swimmers tune up for districts

The Astorian

The postseason swim meets continue this week for Oregon high school leagues and districts.

Astoria will be the host team for the District 1/4A championships, Friday and Saturday at the Astoria Aquatic Center. Start times are 1 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday.

As always, the locals will be right in the running for team titles, with Astoria and Seaside both expected to qualify a number of swimmers for the state meet, Feb. 18 and Feb. 19 in Beaverton.

In last week's Cowapa League championship meet, also at Astoria, the Fishermen placed second in both the girls and boys team scoring, while Valley Catholic earned the girls championship and Seaside took first on the boys side.

With many of their top swimmers returning, the Seaside boys are seeking another top three team finish at state, after a third place-showing in the 2021 state meet, the culminating event in the shortened winter sports season.

The Gulls are the defending district champions on the boys' side, and Seaside showed its strength in last week's Cowapa League championships.

Seaside opened with victories in the first event, as the Gulls (boys and girls) won the 200-yard medley relay. Astoria took second in both.

Individual winners for the Seaside boys included junior Masyn McCulloch in the 50-yard freestyle, in a time of 24.36 seconds out of 18 entries (swimmers from Scappoose and Rainier also competed as non-scoring teams).

Elsewhere, Seaside junior Logan Dennis won the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.93), senior Leif Rehnert took first in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05.83, ahead of two teammates in a 1-2-3 sweep) and senior Sam Heroux won the 100-yard breaststroke (1:14.92).

The foursome of McCulloch, Heroux, Sean Olea and Dennis won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:44.27.

For the Lady Gulls, Taryn Shay, Sofia Shipley, Gabriela Tapia and Emma Arden combined to win the medley relay (2:24.07), and the same four won the 200 freestyle relay (2:05.47). Tapia also won the 200-yard individual medley (3:04.17).

Astoria winners included Emelia Cameron (100 freestyle, 1:01.56; and the backstroke, 1:16.59), and Stephen Ero (100 freestyle, 57.03).

Valley Catholic won a league-high 10 individual events, in the Valiants' last meet as a member of the Cowapa League.

"It was a good meet across the board," said Seaside coach Shane Spell. "Both guys and girls did a nice job of coming through on the fine tuning we've been working on the past few weeks."

Spell said he was "proud of our newer swimmers who stepped up and took on new events, so that we could make sure we were fully represented in as many events as possible. We've got depth on the guy's side, and need to use it."

Cowapa League Championships (team scoring):

Girls — Valley Catholic 240, Astoria 223, Seaside 193, Tillamook 44.

Boys — Seaside 353, Astoria 271, Valley Catholic 199, Tillamook 67.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

Girls Basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 6 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 6 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 6 p.m.; Jewell at C.S. Lewis, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7:45 p.m.; Tillamook at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier, 7:45 p.m.; Knappa at Gaston, 7:45 p.m.; Jewell at CS Lewis, 7 p.m.

Swimming — District 1, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Swimming — District 1, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 10 a.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

WARRENTON 31, TAFT 22

TAF (22): Lily Hatten 7, Gates 6, Mangold 4, Mode 3, Weaver 2.
 WAR (31): Avyree Mielche 19, Annat 8, O'Brien 2, Smith 2.
 Taft 3 9 7 3-22
 Warrenton 14 5 4 8-31

NESTUCCA 49, KNAPPA 16

KNA (16): Emily Larsen 3, Miller 2, Piña 2, Brown 2, Jones 2,

Regier 2, Pass 2, Jackson 1, Dietrichs.

NES (49): Rachel Strober 12, Harrison 7, Knight 7, Webber 6, K.Hurliman 5, K.Thurston 5, L.Hurliman 3, #3 2, B.Thurston 2.

Knappa 2 1 7 6-16
Nestucca 10 12 17 10-49

BOYS BASKETBALL

WARRENTON 55, TAFT 34

TAF (34): Eston Whisler 7, Gavin Koceja 7, McCormick 6, Lane 3, Lupercio-Rubio 2, Nightingale 2, Stahl 2, Bayer 2, Hill 2, Unruh 1.
 WAR (55): Dawson Little 17, Earls 10, Whitsett 9, Bodden-Bodden 8, n0 5, Daniels 4, Moha 2.

Taft 8 2 12 12-34
Warrenton 14 15 14 12-55

KNAPPA 71, NESTUCCA 19

KNA (71): Logan Morrill 23, McMahan 15, D.Miller 9, Ogier 8, C.Morrill 6, Brandon Gale 5, Tanner Jackson 3, M.Miller 2.
 NES (19): Diego Ponce 8, Swirtz 5, Hurliman 3, Straesse 3.

Knappa 21 17 23 10-71
Nestucca 5 3 10 1-19

OBITUARIES

Carol Ann Thacker

Astoria

April 5, 1943 — Nov. 25, 2021

With heavy hearts, we share that on Nov. 25, 2021, Carol Ann Thacker left our world.

Carol was a beautiful, sharp-witted woman who had a wonderful laugh. Much of her life was devoted to her work as a beautician, helping many achieve that perfect haircut or color.

She eventually opened her own collectables store in Seaside called Lavender and Lace, working there until her semi-retirement.



Carol Thacker

Carol enjoyed her remaining days in Astoria, which is exactly where she wanted to be. She always loved the coastal areas.

Carol is survived by her cousin, Sandra Shirey, and a large extended family who will miss her greatly.

Carol will be deeply missed. A celebration in her memory will be held in late spring. Email CarolThackerMemorial@gmail.com for information.

David Peter Wahlstrom

Altoona, Washington

July 30, 1943 — Feb. 1, 2022

I would like to say a few words about this man ... a son, a brother, a husband, father, grandfather. He filled many roles, and I truly mean it when I say, he filled every role, as full as he was capable.

He loved those labels, and never minded for a moment the work, physically and emotionally, it took to do so. He did all of the usual things, being there for special times, always guiding in the right direction, sharing the load so it wasn't so heavy. But you know what he did the very best? He loved ... with everything in him.

Let me tell you about this man. Born and raised on Maple Hill, in Minnesota, he grew up freely, loving and sharing the outdoors every day of his younger years, fishing and hunting, learning and caring for nature and all that it offered. This love was bred into his heart and soul, and it never left over his many years.

He married young, and created a family, a daughter first, and then a son. He worked hard, providing and caring deeply. He built this family a home when he was just 18 years old, working alone through most of the build, his dad now and then showing him the way when he was stumped by a particular project.

Times changed as he added a few years to his young life, and his adventurous spirit moved him to the West Coast. He was truly taken with the opportunities this new place offered, and he decided to make it his home.

Once again his quick mind, work ethic and his attitude about life helped him to succeed. It is hard to tell just how far that success would take him, even though he remained humble and truly likable. His many friends would testify to that.

He faced many trials after an accident, when he was just 26, left him coping in a wheelchair for the rest of his life, but it didn't

stop him. One of his loves, the Columbia River, always left him curious and anxious to know her better. After being hurt and confined, he took on commercial gillnet fishing, to the surprise and doubts of any success from other fisherman. Not only did he succeed once again, but he conquered and won their respect for his tenacity and knowledge of the river and fishing.

Once again he decided to build another home, when he discovered Altoona, Washington. He designed and built a lovely home from the trees growing on the land, and lived there for the rest of his life. He was able to enjoy the ever-changing Columbia, making many new friends, and never for a moment giving up, forcing himself always in a new direction.

Simply said, in just a few words, this man conquered his world of difficulty without a whimper. He was cherished by his family, and loved them back with everything in him.

I could write a book about his accomplishments, his incredible gift to life and all that he stood for; his quiet, simple life that he offered to others, and they were the better for it.

David Peter Wahlstrom ... such a man.

David is survived by his wife of 60 years, Gail; daughter, Paige Hickey (Carlos Hickey), and son, Galen Wahlstrom, both of Portland; granddaughter, Tara Briggs (Travis Briggs); grandsons, Justin L'Amie and Alex Hickey (Alyssa Bozickovich); granddaughters, Amber Wahlstrom and Jocelyn Wahlstrom; great-grandson, J.C. Briggs, and his sister, Barbara Erickson (Gene Erickson), of Grand Marais, Minnesota; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding David in death were his parents, Raymond Wahlstrom and Evelyn and Carl Hedstrom, and sister, Karen Seim.

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SEVEN-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
52 39	57 39	60 40	56 42	49 38	51 37	52 41
Areas of morning fog	Plenty of sun	Mostly sunny	An afternoon shower	Showers around; cooler	Chance of a shower	Cloudy

ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday

Temperatures

High/low 45/34
 Normal high/low 51/37
 Record high 66 in 1987
 Record low 21 in 1994

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
 Month to date 0.49"
 Normal month to date 2.18"
 Year to date 13.97"
 Normal year to date 12.77"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Venus will reach its greatest brightness at magnitude -4.6 in its 2022 morning apparition.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:26 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:34 p.m.
 Moonrise today 12:01 p.m.
 Moonset today 3:23 a.m.

Full Last New First
 Feb 16 Feb 23 Mar 2 Mar 10

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:44 a.m.	7.6	1:35 a.m.	4.0
9:54 p.m.	5.8	3:30 p.m.	1.3

Cape Disappointment

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:30 a.m.	7.5	12:56 a.m.	4.4
10:13 p.m.	5.6	2:52 p.m.	1.5

Hammond

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:37 a.m.	7.7	1:15 a.m.	4.2
10:05 p.m.	5.8	3:06 p.m.	1.3

Warrenton

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
7:39 a.m.	8.0	1:19 a.m.	4.1
9:49 p.m.	6.2	3:14 p.m.	1.4

Knappa

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
8:21 a.m.	7.9	2:36 a.m.	3.4
10:31 p.m.	6.1	4:31 p.m.	1.1

Depoe Bay

Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
6:45 a.m.	7.8	12:18 a.m.	4.6
9:26 p.m.	5.9	2:23 p.m.	1.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	63/42/s	66/43/s
Boston	48/33/pc	45/38/s
Chicago	31/27/pc	41/14/sn
Dallas	71/43/s	76/43/s
Denver	55/33/pc	43/20/c
Honolulu	80/65/pc	81/67/s
Houston	70/44/s	71/49/s
Los Angeles	89/55/s	87/56/s
Miami	76/64/pc	78/68/pc
New York City	53/35/c	50/43/s
Phoenix	80/53/s	79/53/s
San Francisco	73/50/s	69/50/s
Wash., DC	56/35/pc	57/46/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	51/40		Wenatchee	40/31	
Tacoma	51/37		Moses Lake	43/29	
Olympia	51/38		Yakima	53/29	
Longview	49/38		Kennewick	59/33	
Astoria	52/39		Walla Walla	56/34	
Portland	56/39		Lewiston	56/36	
Salem	57/38		Enterprise	47/23	
Corvallis	55/36		Hermiston	64/34	
Eugene	54/38		Pendleton	63/34	
Bend	73/28		La Grande	49/27	
Medford	68/34		John Day	60/27	
Klamath Falls	62/22		Burns	58/25	
			Ontario	42/29	
			Caldwell	46/30	

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	41/20/s	40/19/pc	North Bend	59/42/s	61/42/s
Brookings	67/48/s	64/45/s	Roseburg	61/42/s	62/39/pc
Ilwaco	48/41/pc	56/40/s	Seaside	50/39/pc	59/41/s
Newberg	55/38/s	58/40/s	Springfield	54/38/s	57/34/s
Newport	53/41/s	60/42/s	Vancouver	54/39/s	58/39/s