

Warrior girls move on to Final 8 play-offs



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Fernanda Alvarez looks toward the basket just before shooting.

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Saturday night's Warrior girls showdown filled Warrenton's gym with a wild raucous crowd.

And they watched the Warrenton Warriors lambast the visiting Amity Warriors 60-52. It evened the score after a disappointing December loss to the same team.

The difference?

Last time Fernanda Alvarez was on the bench nursing a sprained ankle.

Saturday night? She had a team-leading 30 points. "We didn't have an answer for Warrenton's inside game," said Amity's coach, Reg McShane. "We couldn't control Fernanda. Their girls outplayed us. They had a great game."

The win moved the Warrenton girls into the Final 8 state play-offs, which began Thursday, Feb. 28, in Coos Bay.

In addition to Alvarez, Kenzie Ramsey had 14 points with four 3's, Avyree Miethe had 6, and Claire Bussert had 4.

Two-year bridge project to begin

A two-year project to repair Youngs Bay Bridge begins this month.

The work consists of raising the lift-span tower bracing, replacing rocker bearings, repairing damaged concrete and replacing compression joint seals.

The Highway 101 bridge connecting Warrenton and Astoria was built in 1963.

Heavy traffic, exposure to the elements and rapid temperature changes have caused deterioration, according to the Oregon Department of Transportation.

The work includes periodic single-lane closures at

night (9 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.) and a complete two-week nighttime closure toward the end of the project in 2021.

Oregon State Bridge Construction of Scio won a \$9 million contract to make the repairs.

This month, the contractor begins building a containment structure that will be attached to the sides of the bridge, and will have a barge in the water with support boats bringing crew and materials to and from the site.

Most of the construction will take place below the bridge from the barge.

Power company offers smart meter workshops

Pacific Power will have two customer workshops next week to share information about the upgrade to smart meters.

Smart meter installations are taking place in the region through May and are part of a statewide rollout of 590,000 new meters.

"This upgrade will provide customers with greater insights into their energy usage while helping us deliver faster, more responsive service," said Alisa Dunlap, Pacific Power's regional business manager for Clatsop County. "We will provide additional information about these benefits at our upcoming community events."

The workshops will begin with a presentation followed by an opportunity for customers to talk one-on-one with Pacific Power staff, gather information, and see demonstrations. Information on energy efficiency and renewable energy options also will be available.

Warrenton residents are

welcome at either meeting.

- **Seaside:** 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at Seaside Brewing Co., 851 Broadway.
- **Astoria:** 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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