



Courtesy Warrenton High School

An excited WHS volleyball team jumps with joy after winning the final set against Willamina, making them league champions.

Team closes season with win

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The Warrior volleyball team clinched the league championship in its win against Willamina two weeks ago, with back-to-back league championships over the past two years.

The last time that happened was 1977-79.

The team kept up its winning streak last week, beating the Rainier Columbians in all three sets and finishing its regular league season 8-0.

But it was a tense final win.

The Warriors were 2-0 over the visiting Columbians at the end of the second set. It had been a walk in the park for the



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Avyree Mieth bumps the ball in last week's regular season finale against Rainier.

first set, 25-15, but somewhat of a squeaker in the second, 25-21.

How would the third set go? Would Warrenton maintain a sense of enthusiasm, or would the team relinquish its lead and let Rainier back in?

The teams jockeyed back and forth in the beginning of the third set, with good volleys.

Leah Schiewe aced it, 6-7. She aced it again, 7-7.

Rainier wasn't walking away, though, and came back 8-8, 8-9. Avyree Mieth spiked a point, 9-9. Nora Ayo aced a serve, 13-10. Stevey Berry made a serving point, 15-12, 16-12. She aced it, 17-12.

After time-outs on both sides, Avyree served. There was a long volley, 22-22. Avyree aced the next serve, 23-22. Avyree served again to Rainier, the ball bounced off Rainier's ceiling, caromed down and out of bounds, 24-22.

Avyree aced the next and final serve. At 25-22, the math was over.

"We could have done better," Coach Staci Mieth said after the game. "But, in the end, we won."

Warrenton hosts a league playoff Tuesday, Oct. 29.



Warriors post win vs. Neah-Kah-Nie

Devin Jackson makes his way toward the end zone for a touchdown, one of three rushing touchdowns he had in the game against the Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates last Friday. The Warriors had a blowout win. A half-time score of 28-0 segued into a 41-6 final score. Jake Morrow had two touchdowns and Ethan Green one. Warrenton will be at Gaston on Friday, Oct. 25.

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Ballots sent to those in Gearhart, rural Warrenton

Ballots for the Nov. 5 special election went out in the mail this week.

There are two local issues:

- Warrenton Rural Fire Protection District: Measure 4-201, a five-year local option tax for general operations.

The district, which serves unincorporated areas of Warrenton, seeks to raise \$56,000 per year for five years beginning with the 2021-22 fiscal year. It would replace the current local option tax, which expires June 30, 2021.

The district contracts with the city for fire protection and emergency medical services.

Residents in the unincorporated areas would pay an estimated 0.51 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, or about \$102 per year on a home assessed at \$200,000.

- Gearhart Rural Fire Protection District: Measure 4-202, a five-year local option tax for general operations and maintenance.

The district serves the unincorporated areas of Gearhart and contracts with the city for fire and emergency medical services.

The district seeks to raise \$135,794 during fiscal year

2020-21. If approved, property owners would pay an estimated 0.33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$66 per year on a home assessed at \$200,000.

In addition, the filing pe-

riod for three seats in the May 19 primary election are now open: the replacement for Sheriff Tom Bergin and the spots for Clatsop County commissioners in districts 2 and 4.

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 2,
10 am—2 pm

- Baked Goods
- Crafts
- White Elephant Table & more!

Community Lunch
11 am—1 pm

Musical Instruments

- ◇ Keyboards
- ◇ Electronic Pianos
- ◇ Organs
- ◇ Band and Orchestra Instruments

Warrenton United Methodist Church
679. SW Main, Warrenton