

Volleyball team loses hard-fought contest

BY BRUCE DUSTIN
For The Columbia Press

The Warrenton volleyball team lost to Yamhill-Carlton last week.

In the first of five sets, the Warriors trailed the Tigers, never once evening the score.

While the Warriors took the second and third sets, they trailed at the outset in both of them.

It was well into the last quarter of set two that Warrenton evened the score, 20-20, and then won, 25-20.

The third set was almost entirely dominated by Warrenton by a decisive 25-16 margin.

Momentarily, they carried that enthusiasm over into the fourth set. A 1-0 lead was the only time, though, that they were ahead. They lost momentum and lost the fourth, 16-25.

The fifth wasn't a walk away win for the Tigers. It was a back-and-forth struggle. But Yamhill-Carlton finally dominated 11-15, taking the match three sets out of five.

"I could feel it before the match," said junior Aaliyah



Bruce Dustin

A teammate goes down as they work the ball against the Tigers.

Watson. "Our energy level wasn't very high and it kind of put us in a funk, a funk we just couldn't get out of."

Warrenton has played better and beaten Yamhill-Carlton in the past, she said.

"Our mental strength just wasn't there Thursday, our willfulness to compete. I

think losing will make us a better team. We need to learn what we want, and we need to maintain a mentality that we're going to win," she said.

The Warriors' away game against Gaston was cancelled on Tuesday. Next up was Banks on Thursday.

Writer wins for best local column in state contest

The Columbia Press

Congratulations to The Columbia Press columnist Emma Edwards, who won first place for best local column in the 2020 Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Better Newspaper Contest.

Edwards competed against columnists working at other similarly sized newspapers in the state.

Her selection of Senior Moments columns covered the topics of money, navigating medical benefits, the importance of compassion, and the benefits of walking.



Cindy Yingst won second place for best feature photo for her photo of the school district delivering lunch to

children during COVID-19. The contest was judged by members of the Arizona Newspaper Association.

Couple's RVs pose problems during renovation of house

BY CINDY YINGST
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A couple who bought an eyesore building on Main Avenue, hoping to fix it up and use it for their business, has run afoul of the city.

Work fixing up the property pretty much stopped, city officials said, after the couple moved three recreation vehicles and a storage bin behind the 70-year-old two-bedroom, one-bathroom house at 719 S. Main Ave.

The property, near Warrenton United Methodist Church, is listed on the Oregon Secretary of State's Office as the location for JMC Concrete LLC, owned by Jeffrey and Teri Menna.

"The CMU (commercial mixed-use) zone doesn't allow someone to park an RV and live in it while building a commercial building," said Will Caplinger, the city's interim planning director. "You can't do this just on a verbal OK."

Warrenton's former planning director, who left after just six months with the city, may have told the Mennas that they could temporarily

live in an RV on the property while they worked on the permanent structure. He was wrong, according to Warrenton's building codes.

Regardless, three RVs is out of the question, Caplinger said.

And, recently, the city has been cracking down on RVs that are parked outside of designated campgrounds, especially those being used as living quarters.

The city's building official, Van Wilfinger, sent a letter in mid-June, telling the couple they'd need to move the RVs and remove its connection into the city's sewer system, which was done illegally and without a permit.

The city received no response and, a month later, sent a "cease and desist" letter giving them a deadline. A few weeks later, the structure and RVs were posted with letters alerting the couple that the city planned to take legal action to remove the RVs.

On Sept. 9, following a public hearing on the cease-and-desist order, planning commissioners voted 4-2 to levy fines of \$1,000 per day per

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