



Rusty Butler and another competitor at the mixed martial arts tournament

Butler Qualifies for Championships

Congratulations to Rusty Butler, who took first place in his bracket and was awarded second place overall in his weight division in the 2007 Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Submission Wrestling League Tournament held March 3 at Century High School in Hillsboro, Ore. More than 230 competitors partici-

pated in the seven-hour event that featured 20 mixed martial arts teams. With his awards, Rusty qualifies for the championships to be held in June.



Tylan Moore

Congratulations, Tylan Moore!

with love from Mom, Billy Dee, Honey, and Dan

On April 5, the Elks Club of Cottage Grove presented Tylan with a \$50 savings bond for an essay he wrote in February for drug awareness month. He placed first in the South Lane School District.

Your family is very proud of you. Keep up the hard work.



Suzanne DePoe-Thompson

Enjoying Success as a Referee

by Suzanne DePoe-Thompson

To be the first woman to ever work a boy's championship game at any state tournament in Washington state history was a great feeling of accomplishment for me. Who said it can't be done?

I also got the honor to referee the T-Mobile National High School Federation tournament held in Seattle this last winter. The game was on national television. I was honored to referee Winter Haven High School from Winter Haven, Fla., and Collins High School from Suwanee, Ga.

It was a great season and I look forward to many more.



Mark Edward Thomas

In loving memory of Mark Edward Thomas

It feels good to look back on the seasons of Mark's paths of life, for I cherish each one I spent with that man. He taught me many qualities and gifts in my life.

He taught me to shine such a bright colorful rainbow of personalities that touch each person even today. Mark could always touch people's hearts and spirits through his smiles and music. No one could compare to this man.

He had lots of children to love him all the time. His music should be put in the hall of fame. His songs could touch anyone's heart.

His spirit will soar in our hearts and his songs will touch our minds forever. One Love, The Butler Family 2007

I was hunting by the lake and then I saw it – a beautiful grey wolf, prowling the wilderness.

I could feel the wind and the ground beneath my feet. Its grey fur was thick and the sharp teeth were white as snow and those tremendous big yellow eyes were so beautiful.

In the background was the river and the trees. I could smell the fresh air. It howled like the wind.

Then it looked at me and I smiled. Then the beautiful wolf walked away with pride.

By Savannah Worman
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Si-Town Espresso Now Open in Siletz

Teresa Ueland is the owner/operator of Si-Town Espresso in Siletz! It's located at 105 N Gaither (on the corner of Buford and Gaither, next to Maranatha Laundromat).

Si-Town Espresso is open for business Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu includes espresso drinks, Italian cream sodas, fresh-baked muffins, breakfast sandwiches, ice cream, and much more. New items are being added all the time!

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