



MIGHTY MAT MEN - Competitors from I.V. Wrestling Club, including Jesse Swift (above), Outstanding Wrestler of 2003-04, were honored during an awards ceremony. (Photos provided by Ward Winter)

Mat efforts recognized by I.V. Wrestling Club

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Young wrestlers from Illinois Valley have put forth a tremendous effort this year.

In recognition, the I.V. Wrestling Club held an awards presentation dinner on Monday, Feb. 23 at the IVHS cafeteria.

Matt Miller, club president and youth team coach, brought the meeting to order. Former President Jerry Sommers made the award presentations in recognition of the wrestlers' efforts this past season.

Among achievements:

*Jesse Swift took second place, and Jonz Olander took third at the Oregon Classic meet Jan. 10 in Redmond, Ore.

*At the Oregon State Kids Championships Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 in Clackamas, first-place awards went to Jarred Miller and Jacob Miller.

Second places went to Jesse Swift, T.J. Parker, and Jacob Ellis; and third places to Lance Tausaga, Larry Ragsdale, Garrett Fisher, Sam Winter and Jonz Olander.

*Anthony Miller and Jarred Miller both took home first-place awards from the Northwest Collegiate Kids Championship Feb. 7 and 8 in Gresham.

Second places went to Jacob Ellis, T.J. Parker, Jesse Swift, Jacob Miller and Garrett Fisher. Charlie Stafford, Sam Winter, and Chris Culver took thirds.

*Adam Miller and Zach Pagnotta each placed second at the Oregon State High School 3-A Tournament.

*Jesse Swift was presented a trophy as the Outstanding Wrestler of 2003-04 for the youth wrestling group.

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"All of our wrestlers deserve kudos for the fine job they've done all season representing the valley all over the state," said club supporter Ward Winter. "The wrestling club appreciates our supporters and sponsors, without whom we would not be able to give these youngsters the chance to compete."

\$15 billion would aid transportation

A bipartisan amendment enacting \$15 billion in bonds to build roads and bridges through public-private partnerships won passage in the U.S. Senate.

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and Jim Talent (R-Mo.) secured additional funding for America's transportation infrastructure needs with the inclusion of a federal bonding package in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFE-TEA) of 2004.

The senators also won passage of a bipartisan amendment creating the Build America Corp., laying the foundation for their larger Build America Bonds program to serve future infrastructure needs.

"I'll keep working alongside Sen. Talent to do more transportation bonding through the Build America Corp. this year and to increase the federal government's commitment to this fresh approach that

can breathe new life into our economy," Wyden said.

"I am grateful to my partner in this effort, Sen. Wyden, who believes as I do that we must do more for the nation's transportation infrastructure and resist passing this debt to future generations," said Talent.

The tax-exempt bonds are commonly used by states and localities to finance a wide variety of public infrastructure needs. The measure allows \$15 billion to be used in this way for roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure.

Wyden and Talent will continue advocating on behalf of their \$56 billion Build America Bonds legislation as the highway bill moves through Congress. The establishment of the Build America Corp. has laid the foundation for future bonding under that initiative.

Wyden announced that

the Senate highway bill will give Oregon a \$530 million increase in transportation funding during the next six years.

"Oregon urgently needs improved roads, bridges, highways, and mass transit, and the kind of family-wage jobs that transportation dollars create," said Wyden.

The U.S. House of Representatives must now pass highway legislation to be reconciled with the Senate bill before these measures become law.

IVHS School Menu - Sponsored by



THURSDAY, MARCH 4

*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or ham & cheese sandwich; chef, Mandarin chicken or garden salad; Hawaiian, cheese or pepperoni pizza; beef soft tacos (pasta, meat & marinara sauce, breadstick)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or Italian sandwich; chef, Mandarin chicken or chicken Caesar salad; vegetarian, supreme, sausage or pepperoni pizza; nachos supreme (corndog, hotdog, or Polish dog, potato wedges or tater tots)

MONDAY, MARCH 8

*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or ham & cheese sub; chef, Mandarin chicken or fiesta salad; vegetarian, sausage or pepperoni pizza; beef & bean burrito (chicken nuggets with biscuit & dipping sauce)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or roast beef sub; chef, Mandarin chicken or garden salad; cheese, supreme or pepperoni pizza; Chicken fajita (Rib-b-que, potato wedges)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

*Chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, hamburger, turkey & cheese or veggie sub; chef, Mandarin, chicken or Antipasto salad; sausage, supreme or pepperoni pizza, Taco salad (Rice bowls, chicken or beef, veggies & almonds)

Housing & Development Council seeks members

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Josephine County Housing and Community Development Council.

The council administers the federally funded, Section 8 Tenant-Based Assistance programs for Josephine County.

Its purpose is to provide low-income residents with opportunities to obtain affordable housing and achieve self-sufficiency.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, March 15.

Applications are available in Room 154, Josephine County Courthouse, Grants Pass, or phone (541) 474-5221.

I.V. Volunteer Firefighters to the Rescue

Monday, Feb. 23

*11:41 a.m., medical aid 175 Norman Drive.

*12:19 p.m., medical aid 215 Honeybee Lane.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

*4:33 a.m., medical aid 28288 Redwood Hwy.

*8:52 a.m., vehicle accident milepost 16 Redwood Hwy.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

*9:52 a.m., medical aid 24542 Redwood Hwy.

*10:25 p.m., medical aid 642 S. Junction Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 26

*2:07 p.m., medical aid 740 Robinson Road.

*1:49 p.m., welfare check 23819 Redwood

Hwy.

*6:25 p.m., vehicle accident 1001 Caves Hwy.

*7:09 p.m., vehicle fire 548 S. Redwood Hwy.

*9:05 p.m., automated fire alarm 635 E. River St.

Saturday, Feb. 28

*3:08 p.m., medical aid 5525 Deer Creek Road.

*11:09 a.m., flue fire 8821 Deer Creek Road.

*1:29 p.m., public aid 23217 Redwood Hwy.

*6:25 p.m., public aid 2700 Lakeshore Drive.

Sunday, Feb. 29

*12:02 p.m., structure fire 300 Fir Drive.

*10:18 p.m., medical aid 6087 Rockydale Road.

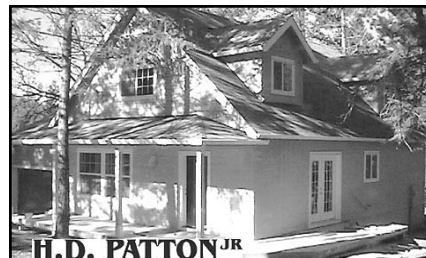
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