



SCRAPPY GRAPPLERS - Some 311 young wrestlers from throughout Southwestern Oregon competed in the annual I.V. Youth Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Dec. 4 in Ken Mann Memorial Gym at Illinois Valley High School. I.V. Youth Wrestling, which sponsors the competition, raises its own funds through various activities. The concession stand for the day-long event was sponsored by Shop Smart Food Warehouse. First-, second-, and third-place medals were awarded to victorious wrestlers.



Selmac Burn Day set Dec. 11 by FAC

"Come have some fun at Lake Selmac," said Cave Junction-based Forestry Action Committee (FAC), which is sponsoring a Community Volunteer Burn Day. The event is to help Josephine County Parks & Recreation Dept. dispose of several hundred burn piles left over from fuels reduction work last year. The event will take place Saturday, Dec. 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is geared toward people and

families who enjoy burning accumulated piles in their own yards, said FAC. Illinois Valley Fire District will bring a fire truck. At the location parking lot there will be nearby picnic tables, electric connections, playground and restrooms. The group will provide coffee, hot chocolate and cider. Participants will need to bring their own marshmallows, said FAC. There will be a raffle at 3 p.m. I.V. Building Supply has donated a shower sprayer and a flashlight; FAC has donated a cord of madrone. All raffle proceeds, said

FAC, will go toward the Tree Planting Project seedling fund. To reach the site, turn east onto Lakeshore Drive a half-mile south of Selma and go approximately 4 miles. Just past the Lake Selmac Resort, turn right (south) onto McMullen Creek Road. Go 300 feet to the first right turn into the park, Hickenbottom Road, and then travel approximately 700 feet to the parking area. Someone will be present to direct participants. "Come join the fun at this first-time event," said FAC.

IVHS defeats Panthers in wrestling

Illinois Valley Cougars tamed the Brookings-Harbor Bruins in nonleague wrestling matches in Brookings Wednesday, Dec. 1. I.V. won the season opener 54-24. At 125 pounds, I.V.'s Jacob Miller handily pinned B-H's Cody Miller in 35 seconds. And for the Cougars, Sam Green (135 pounds) pinned Tanner Gommman in 55 seconds. I.V.'s Anthony Miller (171 pounds) took 2:38 to pin Joel Mipps. Also, Cougar Paulo Rocha (152) won by 10-4 decision vs. Quincy Coons. I.V.'s Lefi Tausaga (189) was victorious against Brian Olsen in an 11-6 decision.

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ROLLOVER - Illinois Valley Fire District (IVFD) firefighters and American Medical Response (AMR) medics responded to a single-vehicle crash at approximately 9:28 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6. The crash on Holland Loop at Fort Briggs apparently occurred due to wet pavement and excess speed, said IVFD Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik. There were three people in the pickup truck, and none of them were transported by AMR, said Gavlik. (Photo by Dale and Elaine Sandberg/IVFD photographers)

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Iraq fallen honored

U.S. flags statewide, including those at the county building and city hall in Cave Junction, flew at half-staff Tuesday, Dec. 7 and Wednesday, Dec. 8 in honor of two fallen soldiers from Oregon. They were identified as U.S. Army Spec. Jeremy Christensen, hometown not available, although he is from Oregon; and Sgt. David Mitts, of Hammond. He was a member of 3rd Battalion 21st Infantry.

At the direction of Gov. Kulongoski, flags are flown at half-staff on the day that a service is held for a member of the military from Oregon in the Iraq War. Christensen, a member of the 1st Armored Division, served in the Oregon National Guard, then went onto active duty after "9/11." His M-1 tank struck a roadside explosive device, according to a report.

Hospice tour set Thursday

Lovejoy Hospice will offer a tour of its facility from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 9. The tour will include a brief video, an "inspirational Lovejoy Hospice story," and presentation of basic hospice facts. Phone (888) 758-8569 to sign up, or contact pam@lovejoyhospice.org.

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