

Sports

IVHS wrestlers take to districts, some head to state

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On Saturday, Feb. 22, the IVHS wrestling team traveled to Lakeview to participate in the 3A Districts.

Sixteen Cougars participated in districts and all placed. Ten IVHS wrestlers placed third or higher, qualifying them for state. As a team, the Cougars placed second. Glide's team took first place overall.

In the 106 weight class, Zack Clark took first; in the 113 weight division, Manny Pimental and Brandon Perez faced off in the final match, with Pimental winning with a fall. Eric Miller placed first in his weight division, 126;

Logan Miller took second in his division, 145. In the 170 weight division, TJ Hughey took first; John Britt swiped first place from fellow teammate, James Jarret, in the 182 weight class finals. In the 195 weight class, Julian Northrup placed third and Zak Lindell took third in his division at 132.

The Cougars will travel to the Rose Coliseum in Portland on Thursday, Feb. 27, to compete at the state level. The IVHS wrestlers will compete all day that Friday and Saturday, returning Sunday. Currently IVHS is ranked fourth in the state for wrestling.

"We had a good season. There was not enough participation but the kids we had were hard workers," said head coach Jay Miller.

Also on Saturday, Feb. 22, LBMS traveled to Eagle Point to compete in the Somsac Dis-

trict Wrestling Championships.

Competing in the sixth-grade division, Austin Sherier placed second in his weight class at 108. For the seventh-graders, Ayden Lindsey took first at 143; Rayes Dugas took third in his division, 103. Coy Staten placed fifth in his class at 83 and Jarred O'Coyen took sixth place at 113.

Representing the eighth-grade division was Christian Engles who took first in the 83 weight class; Jacque Baty placed second in his division at 78; weighing in at 113, Steven Martinson took third and Dillon St Onge placed fourth in his division, 103.

"We had an exciting year; we had a no-quit team. Everyone wrestled the whole season," said head coach Matt Miller.

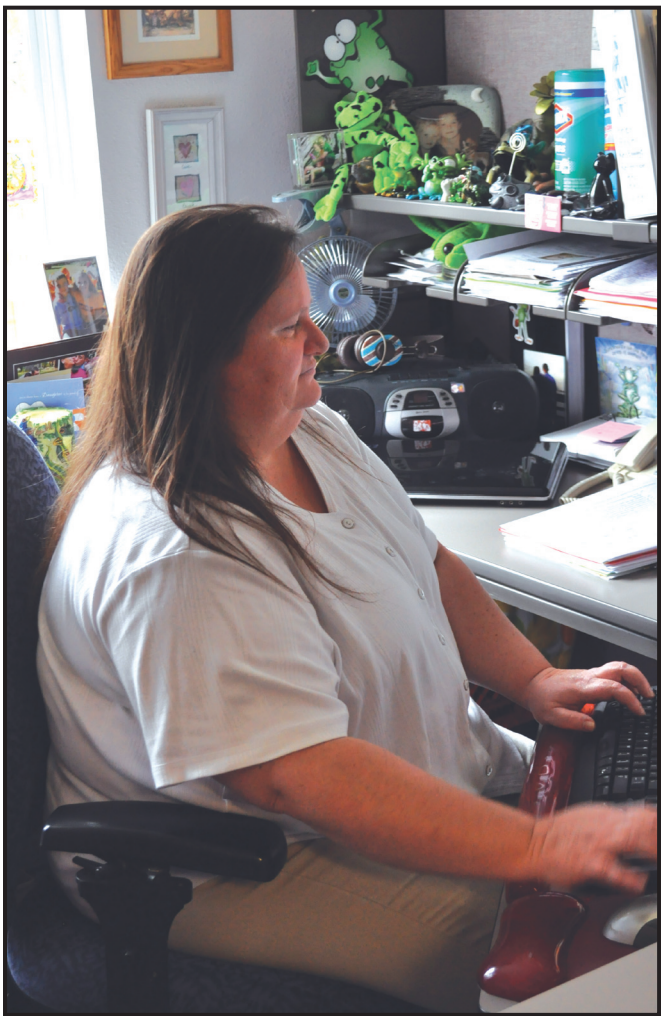
Miller went on to say that all the wrestlers

had a great season and showed great sportsmanship, but there were a few who stuck out. Ayden Lindsey had a difficult time and was down and out several times but refused to give up; he stuck with everything that was thrown at him. At districts, Lindsey was down 11-2 but he managed to pull ahead and pin his opponent to take the win. Christian Engles is an exceptional wrestler and will be one to watch for at the high school next year as a freshman. Many of the young wrestlers had a no-quit attitude, willing to go the distance to do their best.

The LBMS Vikings will be traveling to regionals at Crater Lake High on Saturday, March 1. Each wrestler must place first through third in order to qualify for state.

The lady behind the camera

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Kelli Augustadt in front of the camera at her day job with the Dept. of Family Services in Cave Junction.

Kelli Augustadt may or may not be a familiar name in Cave Junction. She works for the Illinois Valley Family Coalition and has two children; a son that has already graduated from IVHS and a daughter, Keyanna Augustadt, who is a senior this year.

Augustadt's family moved to the Valley when she 13 and she is an alumnus of IVHS. What many may not know is Kelly has a passion that has put her in the paper many times this year.

Sports stories are not complete unless there are photos to accompany them to show the action that took place. With each photo printed in any newspaper there is a photo credit to the person that took that particular shot.

At the beginning of the 2013-14 sports season, with camera in hand, Augustadt took pictures of her daughter and fellow teammates playing volleyball; then moved on to taking shots of her nephew, Zach Welch, playing football. When word got to I.V. News that Augustadt takes hundreds of photos at games, whether home or away, she was asked if she would like to submit any photos she took for the paper. Since then, her photos can be seen most weeks in the sports section of the I.V. News.

"I'm thankful that (publisher Dan Mancuso) even puts my pictures in the paper. I look every single week," said Augustadt.

Augustadt's love for photography started at a young age but grew stronger as she got older. While in high school Augustadt took a photography class thinking that it would be an easy 'A' and soon found out that Mr. Brown's class was hard work. Augustadt prefers action shots over the still shots she learned to take while in photography class.

After high school, Augustadt took random pictures wherever she went. When her kids were old enough to participate in sports, she began putting her talent towards capturing those moments that are sometimes missed while watching the game. Augustadt has been able to capture those moments where a player is concentrating on taking a foul shot at a basketball game or the perfect spike in the air during volleyball match or even the long stretch a softball pitcher takes just before releasing the ball.

Augustadt still takes those random shots when she is out and about but her main focus is on the action shots and the players participating in sports. She has done a few photo shoots for close friends and family but is not really interested in becoming a professional photographer. She is not comfortable with the idea of having photos possibly turning out bad and her name being

attached to them. Augustadt has in the past done a few events for IVHS and back in high school entered photos in the Josephine County Fair but has more fun just standing on the sidelines snapping shots for fun.

When asked what her favorite sport to photograph was, Augustadt replied she likes basketball. According to Augustadt there is always some sort of action going on, hardly a still moment. Softball is another favorite, although there is less action, and she sometimes has to wait for that perfect shot.

Through the many years of taking sports photos, Augustadt has become better at getting certain shots. She has also become known at IVHS for taking pictures through the sports seasons. So much so that some of Augustadt's photos can be found in the yearbook that is published each year. Augustadt also burns disks of every sport season she takes pictures of for each of the players and the athletic department of IVHS.

With Augustadt's daughter and nephew seniors this year the big question was will she continue to take photos of next year's sports?

"I still know some of the kids playing. The juniors are still friends with the seniors. As long as I know kids that are playing, I am going to continue to take pictures," said Augustadt. "It's fun so why not do it?"

Winding Trails: by Al Hobart

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Preston Peak

Preston Peak, number three of the Siskiyou's largest mountains, for a number of reasons means more to me than any other mountain I know. It stands just beyond the headwaters of the Illinois River's east fork, a majestic sentinel peering into our Valley over the heads of other robust members of its immediate family — Copper Peak, El Capitan, Polar Bear and Lookout mountains. Only its very top peak can be seen from here, its immensity and stateliness unsuspected by anyone in the Valley who never has had an unobstructed view of it.

From the higher elevations of our other mountains and high ridges, Preston stands out in all its lofty twin-peaked grandeur, the unmistakable overlord of our rugged mountainous area. Approached from our side it appears large and friendly; viewed from the Happy Camp-Klamath River an-

gle it appears really gigantic and forbidding, like a strayed member of the mighty Andes. Perpetual snow lies in some depressions and deep defiles high on its rocky sides, plainly seen from certain angles on any clear day throughout the year.

The approach to Preston from the Valley by car is up Bear Camp Ridge from old Waldo, past Camp Chicago and Sanger Lake and on into Young's Valley. Just to the southeast, is beautiful, precipitous (from this side) El Capitan with towering Preston farther south and Copper Peak in between, the three standing in a stately and dignified row against the skyline.

In studying the wild plant life of our area, I have visited Preston repeatedly over the last half dozen years, been over its top three or four times, and spent many hours clambering about on its rough, rock-strewn slopes. Its high peak reaches beyond the ordinary regions of plant life of our area, known to botanists as life

zones, up into a zone where strange and uncommon alpine plants may be found.

One of my choicest wildplant discoveries on Preston was the Shasta Arnica, a very glandular, leafy member of the sunflower family, previously unknown in the Siskiyou; it had been found only on Mr. Shasta and Mr. Mazama in the Cascades. The only place I have ever seen the pretty little shrub, Kalmia, is on the north slope of Preston. Here, too, is a grove of conifers that are extremely rare this far south — Alaska, or yellow cedar. In the tiny glades among the huge boulders that yearly tumble down from the peak is an occasional small colony of the beautiful little Pink Mountain Heather, and usually at a still higher elevation is the dainty White Mountain Heather, resembling club moss somewhat, with showy little white bell-shaped flowers.

Preston's most spectacular flower is the Mountain Pasque-flower, the largest of our native anemones, with

a single white, yellow-centered blossom two inches across, and a ring of fern-like foliage midway on the thick hairy stem. At maturity the flower is replaced by a striking globular head formed by the long feathery appendages attached to the numerous ripening seeds forming a large velvety white ball. At this stage they are known as old-men-of-the-mountain. They grow on the steep north-west slope of Preston from about the 5,500' level to near its 7,300' peak.

One morning I arrived on this lower elevation — on the northwest slope just as the first rays of the sun came slanting down from the peak. Looking up the rocky slope, I saw one of my most awe-inspiring pictures, one that actually had me spellbound for a long minute — then sent me to frantically unfurling my camera. For a hundred feet or more up a broad furrow in the mountainside, their spectacular feathery heads appearing pearly-bright against early sun's rays, streaming a stately column of

these little old men of the mountain, marching solemnly up and away into the sun.

There is only one easy way to reach the higher slopes of Preston. That is by way of the Clear Creek trail that takes off from the lower end of Young's Valley, then up the branching Rattlesnake Meadow trail — you can trace it through the brush that overgrows it in places. Rattlesnake Meadow is well up on the slope of Preston, and from there the ascent is moderate to within a few hundred feet (in elevation) of the peak. To descend the northeast face from between the twin peaks, where the most spectacular wildplants are to be found, a comforting companion to have along is a 100 foot nylon rope.

The many pleasant rendezvous I've had with Preston Peak, and the rich botanical secrets the splendid old super mound has seen fit to reveal to me — all of these combine to make Preston, by far and away, my favorite mountain.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District is now accepting applications to fill two (2) vacancies on the annual Budget Committee. We are inviting all interested persons to apply by stopping by the Administration Building, located at 681 Caves Hwy., Cave Junction and pick up an application. Applications may be returned by mail or dropped off at the above address. If you have any questions, please call 592-2225. All applications must be received at the Administration Building by 4:00 on Thursday, March 13, 2014
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Arts Red Garter The Cultivators Roots Rock Reggae Featuring Wilderness Feb. 28 & March 1 9 p.m.	B'Wishes Friday, Feb. 28 @ 5:30 p.m. Taylor's Country Store	Wild River HANDCRAFTED FOOD & ALE Guppy Sat., March 1 @ 6 p.m. Every Friday Jay Barley Every Wed Open Mic. Night Wed's From 6-8 p.m.	Saturday night Pool Tourney @ Sportsmans Tavern	Kate's Redwood Bar and Grill Tuesday to Sunday Noon to Close Happy Hour 3-5 Stop in and see Kate and Mamie Today!	Dale Hopper February 28 8 p.m. @ Mc Grew's Course
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