

Jackson having great season for Knights

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Warm Springs tribal member Mike Jackson is having an outstanding season as point guard of the Wartburg College Knights.

He leads the team in steals and assists, and is the only player on the team to have started each game this year. He is also known for his strong defensive play.

"What I've liked most about his season is that he has improved throughout the season," said Kahseuss Jackson, Mike's brother.

Mike's mother Deborah Jackson Alvarez says she is looking forward next year to seeing him play. "I'm flying out next year for sure to watch him," she said. "He'll be a senior."

Wartburg College is a Division III college in Iowa, which makes it hard for his family in Warm Springs to see him play.

This year they listen to his games broadcast over the Internet. The announcer of a recent Knight's game com-

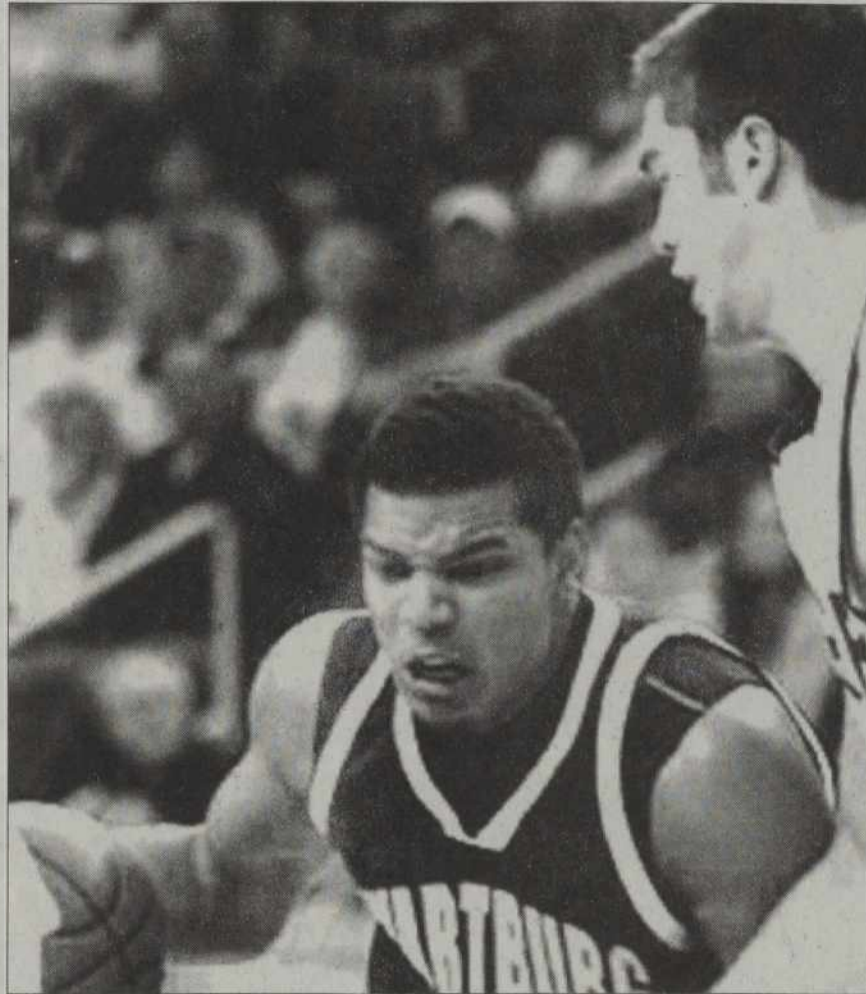


Photo courtesy of Deborah Jackson Alvarez

Jackson drives to the basket in a recent Wartburg Knights game.

mented that Jackson is a tremendous defensive player. "It was great to hear that," said Kahseuss.

Raised in Warm Springs, Mike Jackson played high school basketball for Redmond, and last year he was recruited

to play for Wartburg.

Deborah says her son is hoping to be a coach after he graduates.

"The most important thing is that he is progressing toward his degree," said Kahseuss.

Recent statistics show Jackson leading the Knights with 1.6 steals per game, and 2.6 assists. He is also averaging 3.9 rebounds per game (third on the team), and 25.6 minutes per game (third on the team).

His field goal percentage is .521 (third) on the team; and his free-throw percentage is .754 (fourth on the team). He is averaging 8.1 points per game.

During a recent game Jackson had 15 points, two assists, a blocked shot, and a steal. It was his 13th double-figure outing of the year, according to the report on the game.

The information on Jackson and the Knight's season, go to www.go-knights.net.

Hoops tourney March 16-18

The Warm Springs Cougars Youth Basketball Organization will be hosting the ninth annual All-Indian Boys and Girls sixth grade and under basketball tournament on March 16, 17 and 18 at the Warm Springs Elementary Gymnasium and the Community Center.

able by the posted deadline of March 9. All players must provide proof of Indian descent and proof of participation in school by providing a current student body card from that school. Championship jackets will be awarded at each level and category, including fourth place, the All-Tourney Team and most valuable player awards. For information contact Austin Greene at 553-3243.

The four separate divisions of the tournament will accept the first six paid teams in each category. Entry fees are set at \$125 per team with a three-game guarantee, pay-

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All-Indian high school championships in April

The Northwest All-Indian High School Basketball Championships for both boys and girls will be held on April 13, 14 and 15 at the Warm Springs Elementary School and the Warm Springs Community Center Gymnasiums.

The fifteenth annual event is hosted by the Warm Springs Cougars Youth Basketball Organization and will be open for All-Indian high

school teams from throughout Indian Country.

Entry fees for the event are set at \$175 per girls team and \$200 per boys team by the entry deadline of April 6. After the deadline the entry fee will increase by \$25 per team.

Interested teams can contact Austin Greene, tournament director at 553-3243 for packet information.

Red Wolfe hoops tourney at center

The Red Wolf 18 and under high school boy's basketball tournament is Friday through Sunday, March 9-11 at the Warm Springs Community Center. Entry fee is \$275 (deadline of March 5.)

MVP, Mr. Hustle, all stars and sportsmanship. For information contact Foster or J'Dean Kalama at (541) 553-1392 (h) or (541) 325-3797 (cell); or (541) 408-2735.

Heart tournament in Warm Springs next month

The Third Annual All-Indian Basketball HEART Tournament is set for April 20-22 at the Warm Springs Community Center and the Warm Springs Elementary School gymnasium.

Divisions are grades 9-12 co-ed; grades 6-8 co-ed; grades

3-5 co-ed; and grades k-2 exhibition. Entry fee is \$150 by March 30; and \$175 by April 6. Traveling teams must have team representative present. E-mail to fri@comm.center to receive a team packet.

Prizes include championship high school division leather

sleeves jackets; middle school division jackets; elementary school division jackets. Second, third and fourth place hooded sweatshirts, all stars and MVP prizes. Contact Vivian Smith for information (541) 553-2147. E-mail to vcarter-smith@msn.com.

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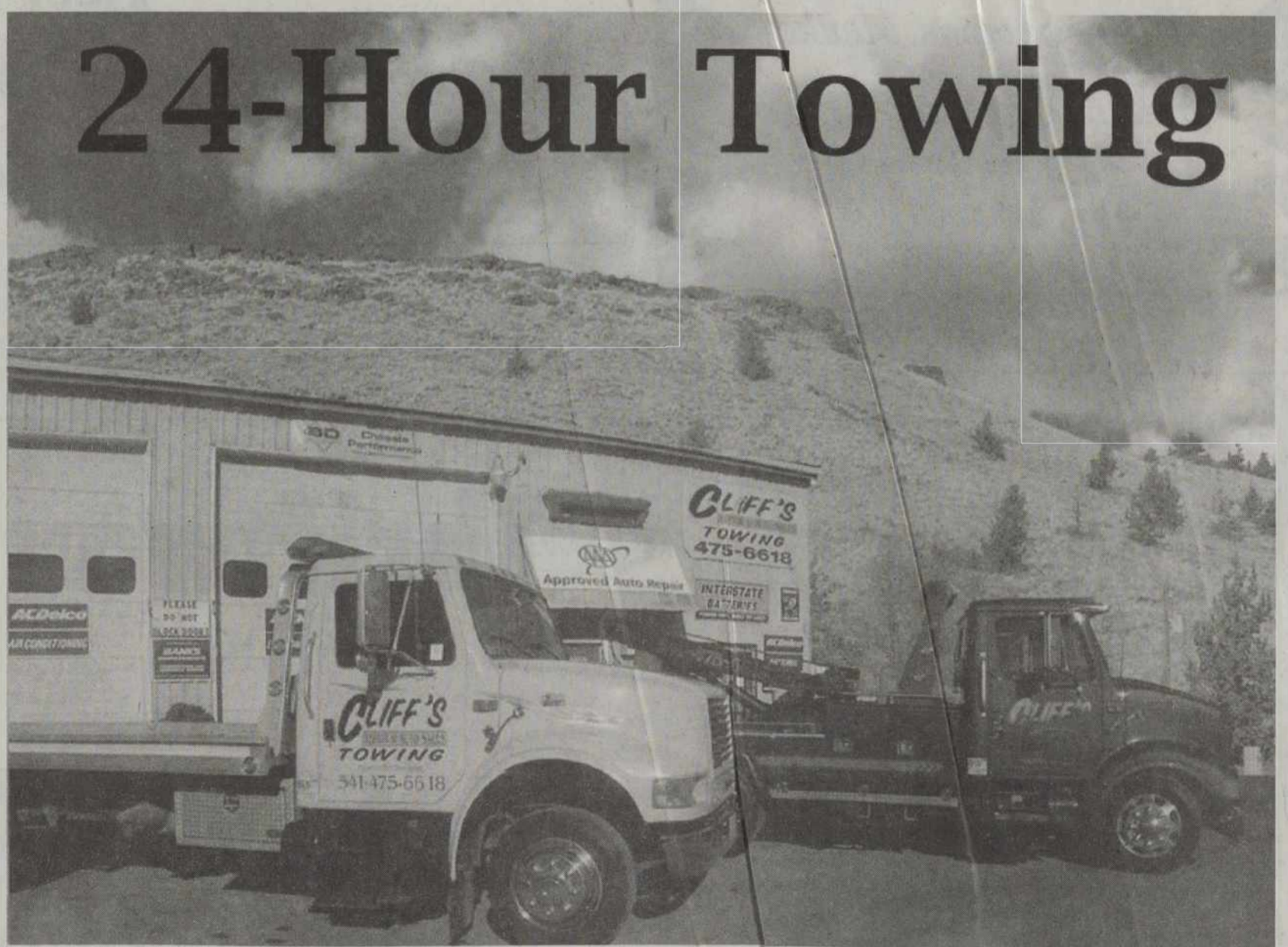
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