

Hofenbredl, Reyes win state wrestling titles

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PORTLAND — Grand Ronde Tribal members won two state wrestling titles on Saturday, Feb. 28, at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Dallas High School senior Matt Hofenbredl avenged his loss last year to Christian Marquez of Hood River Valley by beating him for the 132-pound title during the Class 5A finals.

Hofenbredl captured his third state title, having won in 2012 and 2013. He became only the second Dallas High wrestler to win three state titles.

In 2014, Hofenbredl finished second to Marquez in the 126-pound competition, losing the match in overtime. This year, he beat Marquez with a dominant 7-1 decision.

Hofenbredl scored a second-round escape and takedown to take a 3-0 lead to start the third period. In the final round, he shot in on the legs of Marquez in the first 10 seconds to secure a takedown before he secured the victory with a takedown in the final seconds.

Hofenbredl finished his senior year wrestling for Dallas High with a 37-2 record.

In addition, junior Michael Reyes of Willamina High School won the Class 3A wrestling title at 126 pounds by defeating senior Elijah Conlon of Riverside High School for the second year in a row.



Photo courtesy Lukas Eggen/Polk County Itemizer-Observer

Tribal member Matt Hofenbredl, a senior at Dallas High School, won his third state wrestling title on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Class 5A state wrestling championships held in Portland. He became only the second Dallas High wrestler to win three state titles.

Reyes won last year’s state title at 120 pounds when he pinned Conlon. This year, he won a 14-2 major decision.

To begin the second period, Reyes started down and quickly reversed Conlon. He added two near fall points en route to the overwhelm-

ing win. “I knew he was getting tired. He was wrestling sloppy,” Reyes said. “I thought I had energy throughout the match. I think that broke him.” Reyes finished the year with a 34-5 record. Sadly, just as Hofenbredl was being announced as the

winner, his mother sprinted in from the stands and on to the mat toward him. After a short conversation, the two then ran up toward Section 67 where a medical emergency was occurring.

Hofenbredl never made it to the awards podium to accept his championship as the entire Dallas High contingent quickly gathered their things and ran outside to its bus.

Hofenbredl’s 70-year-old grandfather, Larry of Grand Ronde, had collapsed and medical personnel were unable to revive him. He suffered a fatal heart attack.

“Grandpa Hofenbredl was a loyal supporter and contributor to the Dallas wrestling program from the roots to the tips,” said Dallas High wrestling coach Tony Olliff. “A lot of coaches got to coach and wrestlers got to travel because of his contributions. We would have preferred Matt’s third state title to be a 100-percent happy event for us, but we have no way of knowing if it might have been a 100-percent happy event for Grandpa Hofenbredl.”

Matt Hofenbredl later tweeted, “I can’t thank everyone enough who has been here for me and helped me.” ■

Includes information from The Oregonian, Yamhill County News-Register, Polk County Itemizer-Observer and Salem Statesman-Journal.

Committees plan meet-and-greet

The Tribe’s Social Services and Health committees will be holding a meet and greet with providers and the Sexual Assault Response Resource Circle from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, in the Elders Activity Center, 48940 Blacktail Drive.

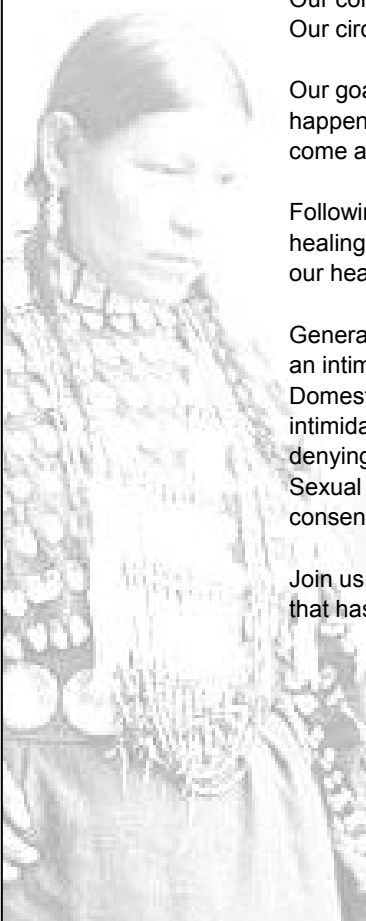
There will be a light lunch provided and door prizes. For more information, contact Jamie Adams at the Health and Wellness Center at 503-879-5086. ■

St. Michael’s offers brunch

St. Michael’s Catholic Church offers an open house brunch every Sunday following Mass.

The brunch is free to the community. Brunch begins at about 11:30 a.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Mass attendance is not required for brunch attendance. For more information, contact Janelle Justen at 503-550-0923. ■

Strengthening Wounded Survivors



Our community healing, building on our strength. Our circle invites the community to join in healing current or past trauma.

Our goals of the nine-week course involve processing and forgiving violence that has personally happened to us. Past hurts to current unhealthy or abusive relationships ... we encourage all people to come and join together in healing.

Following White Bison, Mending Broken Hearts curriculum, we hope to use traditional methods of healing for Native communities. We know our community carries strong values and beliefs that aid in our healing from the multigenerational trauma we have experienced up until current-day hurts.

Generally, domestic violence is a pattern of behavior, including physical violence or sexual violence, by an intimate current or former partner. It is seen in male/female and same sex partner relationships. Domestic violence takes many forms and includes a range of actions intended to control: isolation, intimidation, using children, emotional abuse, economic abuse, coercion and threats, minimizing, denying and blaming, cultural abuse, ritual abuse, sexism and sexual abuse. Sexual violence takes many forms as well but all acts are intended to control the survivor without their consent or their ability to give consent.

Join us and take a nine-week journey as we discuss completing relationships and completing trauma that has not been resolved.

Location: Grand Ronde Housing Authority, 28450 Tye Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347
Dates: April 13th thru June 15th (each Monday evening)
Times: 5:30-7 p.m.
Ages: 18+ (male or female trauma survivors)

For questions or comments, contact Anne Falla, office 503-879-1660 or 24 hours 971-832-0730



Happy 12th Birthday **Moses** and congratulations on an outstanding wrestling season, your hard work and dedication will always pay off! Love Mom, Dad & Mason.