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Warrenton's Leonard Thompson works hard to pin an opponent.

Wrestlers show much promise

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For The Columbia Press

Warrenton High School's wrestling team had some great match-ups at the Jamboree in Knappa on Nov. 28. Leonard Thompson won both of his matches; Alex Tapia also went 2-0.

Sam Irwin, a returning wrestler who went to state, had a good match-up against Isaac Goozee, who is expected to place at state. Giovanni Martinez wrestled up a weight class to get a good match against Trent Bernstein. Although Martinez lost, he fought hard.

Armin Rodriquez also wrestled up to face Robert Pina. Rodriquez also did well, despite a 10-pound weight difference.

Triston Scott made his match-ups look easy, wrapping up the meet 2-0. Nic Pior (yeah, that's me) wrestled a state contender and a third-in-state placer, ending the meet going 2-0.

One of the highlights was Caleb Sprengeler winning the first match of his high school wrestling career. Hooray!

While the meet went exceptionally well, it came at a cost.

Thomas Atwood, who was expected to have a great season, hurt his shoulder in his second match. And two oth-

er members of Warrenton's varsity lineup were injured: Tim Pior broke a finger and Robbie Burk broke his wrist. Regardless, the meet showed that our team has potential, but also much to work on.

We've been practicing hard to prepare for our first girls wrestling tournament on Friday, Dec. 7, and our boys wrestling tournament on Dec. 8. We are expected to have many state contenders.

The coaching staff has been phenomenal these past four years. Coaches Trent Klebe, Corey Conant, Steve Stratton and Mallory Rettig push us and show us that our team has many possibilities, we just have to put the puzzle pieces together.

Donations lead to 400 new books for local students

Customers of The UPS Store in Warrenton funded the donation of 400 new children's books to Warrenton's Start Making A Reader Today (SMART) program.

The UPS Store has a coin box on its counter for the Toys for Tots Literacy Program and customers often drop their change or stuff bills into the box. It added up.

The 400 books represent the amount collected during the past 18 months. Jeanne Moha, director of Warrenton's SMART program, was thrilled with the donation, which was received in late October.

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