

WHS wrestlers compete in Pac Rim tourney

By Nic Pior

For The Columbia Press

Last weekend's Pac Rim Wrestling Tournament was very competitive.

The annual tournament, attended by 17 schools from the Pacific Northwest, was hosted by the Seaside wrestling team.

Warrenton wrestled hard, but in some matches our wrestlers made critical mistakes, and it cost them.

Warrenton had a total of three placers in the tournament.

Freshman Austin Atwood, wrestling at 120 pounds, placed fifth. Freshman Parker Greenawald, 132 pounds, placed sixth. Senior Giovanni Martinez pinned a wrestler who placed fourth at state last year. Gio pinned him in the third round this year to place third at 152 pounds.

Austin and Parker, being only freshmen, showed that it doesn't matter what grade you're in to be successful on the mat.

Gio has been working hard both on and off the mat, and it showed.

He has placed in the top three at every tournament in which he has participated.

We had other wrestlers in the JV tournament who mopped the floor (or the mat, I guess I should say) with their opponents.

Paddy McCargish pinned all three of his opponents to gain his first three wins of the season.

Armin Rodriguez beat all three of his opponents with ease. Nic Pior (yeah, that's me) was out with a thumb injury for three tournaments and then came back in this JV tournament to beat all three of his opponents. Wahoo!

Overall, our wrestlers had some astonishing wins. But as



Above: Giovanni Martinez is named winner after pinning Brandon Duke of Ilwaco in 3 minutes, 15 second, in the medaling round.

Left: Austin Atwood pins Hayden Henley of Scappoose in 3 minutes, 17 seconds.

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a team, we hope to do better. Warrenton placed 11th overall, which goes to show that we still have things to work on, but we shouldn't hold our heads down. We still looked pretty good.

Now, we're getting ready for the Oregon Classic this weekend in Redmond. The classic

is something we haven't been to in a few years, but is one of the biggest tournaments we will go to this year.

Every match affects our district's ranking, so we're going to be ready and wrestle hard.

Nic Pior is a sophomore member of Warrenton High School's wrestling team.

Tickets on sale for chamber banquet

"Wild West" is the theme of this year's Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and banquet.

Tickets are \$40 and are now on sale for the event, set for 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria.

Tickets include dinner and one raffle ticket. There also will be a blind drawing for wine.

After dinner, the 2018 George Award and 2018 Richard Ford Award, along with a few other honors, will be given.

A reservation is required. Tickets can be purchased online or in person at the chamber, 111 W. Marine Dr., Astoria.

WHS girls place fourth in Forest Grove

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The Warrenton girls wrestling team was very successful at Forest Grove last weekend.

There were a total of 18 teams and our girls placed fourth.

Sahanna Rodriguez won her third match by a pin in the third round, where she was down 3-10 to place first at 100 pounds.

Alexandra Lopez also placed

at 100 pounds, taking a third.

Madison Kadera placed third at 115 pounds. Brianna Quaschnick placed second at 152 pounds, and Jade Freniere placed third at 220 pounds.

The girls team has great numbers this year and every wrestler contributed points in the tournament.

Their goal is to no longer place below first in a tournament; they want the trophy!

Clearly, they still have things to work on.

Basketball teams get a win and a loss

By Bruce Dustin

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Coming off a 46-25 loss last weekend to Taft, the Warrenton boys basketball team bested Clatskanie at home Tuesday, 52-41.

Dalton Knight led the Warrior attack with 19 points, while Devin Jackson and Ayden Stephens followed with 10 points each.

Warrenton's girls basketball team rode a tremendous high after last weekend's thrashing of Taft 61-19, but came crashing back to earth with a 55-45 loss to Clatskanie on Tuesday.

Kenzie Ramsey had 15 points in the game, followed by Claire Bussert with 12.

Both boys and girls play away at Willamina today, Jan. 18.

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