

Mustang wrestling crowns two district champs

Smith, Propheeter head to state; Flynn places third in districts



Cord Flynn of Ione (above) narrowly missed going to state, but still made a trip to the winner's podium, placing third in his 182-pound weight class at the Special District 4 tournament last week. —Photo by Kandy Boyd

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The Mustang wrestling team came away from the 2A/1A Special District 4 tournament last weekend with two district champi-

ons. Ryan Smith of Heppner defeated Kyran Simpson of Burns in 79 seconds to win the District 4 title for the 106-pound weight

class. This win comes on top of two other victories over Jesse Paulson of Grant Union and Dylan Staigle of Enterprise. All were by pin. Smith is the returning 1A/2A 106-pound state champion and will be seeded number one next week at the OSSA 1A/2A state championship.

"I am grateful to be part of such a great team, with great teammates and coaches," said Smith. "I feel like today's victory was just another step in building Heppner's wrestling program."

Also going to state next week is John Propheeter of

Heppner, who won the 2015 Special District 4 title in the 285-pound weight class. Propheeter is a senior at Heppner High School.

Rounding out the Mustang wrestlers making a trip to the podium was Cord Flynn of Ione, who placed third in his class at the district championship. Flynn is a sophomore at Ione High School.

Special District 4 is comprised of teams from Adrian, Elgin, Joseph, Irregon, Wallowa, Burns, Enterprise, Heppner-Ione, Pine Eagle, Crane, Grant Union, Imbler and Union-Cove.

Cardinal season ends at district tournament



Ione junior Jessie Flynn (#10) fights her way through the Knights' press and toward the basket during the district game versus the Condon-Wheeler Knights. Both Ione's girls' and boys' basketball teams made it into the Big Sky District Tournament, but their seasons ended there. The girls won last Wednesday's game against Arlington by 42-32 but suffered twin losses over the weekend to Condon-Wheeler (26-59) and Dufur (34-39). They ended the season 6-8 league and 7-17 overall. The boys lost last Tuesday's game against Dufur 36-77, giving them a season record of 4-18 overall and 3-11 league. —Photos by Sandra Putman

Ione Legion Hall seeks community aid for improvements

The Ione Legion Post #95 and Legion Auxiliary Unit #95 are asking for aid from community members to improve an Ione institution.

That institution is the Ione Legion Hall. The Legion Hall is the only Ione building, aside from perhaps the school, large enough to house many of the community's celebrations and get-togethers.

However, the Legion Auxiliary has determined that the hall needs some sound abatement to become an even better venue for local events.

With that in mind, the Auxiliary is pursuing a three-fold process. First,

they carpeted the stage to help absorb sound. The second step was to order enough sound boards to cover the walls and part of the ceiling. The third stage is to hire a contractor to install the sound boards in the hall.

The first and second stages of the project are complete, with new stage carpet installed by Tim Hedman and sound boards purchased and awaiting installation.

The cost of the improvements has been high, say Legion and Auxiliary members.

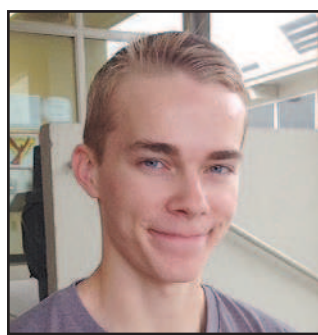
They say they have already spent approximately \$9,000, about \$3,500 of

which was contributed by anonymous donors. While they are in the process of obtaining bids from contractors to attach the boards, that stage of the process will most likely cost around \$8,000.

"Our treasury is depleted and we need your help to finish and make the Hall a more enjoyable place to have gatherings," Legion and Auxiliary members wrote in a letter of appeal.

Donations may be sent to Maureen McElligott, secretary-treasurer of the Legion Auxiliary, Box 5, Ione, OR 97843.

Peterson honored for community spirit



Ione senior Oskar Peterson has been named a Local Honoree in the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards due to his volunteer work. —Contributed photo

Lewis & Clark to appear at Ione school March 5

A community program featuring the daring explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark will be presented at the Ione Community School on Thursday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m.

The program is presented by Traveling Lantern, a Portland-based theatre troupe offering a regional tour in collaboration with Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO).

Performances of "Lewis & Clark: Two Brave Friends Begin the Perilous Journey of the Corps of Discovery" are free. The public is invited.

Attendees will experience the excitement of

nate is coming up March 3 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Riverside High School, 210 NE Boardman Ave. in Boardman.

To learn more about do-


Lewis & Clark as they scout and map the unknown beauty of our newly-expanding nation.

The 50-minute presentation will feature how the explorers met Native Americans, canoed down mighty rivers, and became the first to see the grandeur of the Northwest as they followed the sunset to the ocean and carved out the Oregon Trail.

The program is sponsored by the Ione Public Library.

For more information, contact Mary or Kristy at the Ione Public Library, 541-561-9828 or leolibraries@gmail.com.

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Become a hero; give blood during Red Cross Month

During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross reminds eligible blood donors that it doesn't take a cape or superpowers to be a hero. By donating blood, donors can become heroes for patients in need.

Red Cross Month is dedicated to the everyday heroes who support the Red Cross mission. The need for blood is constant. The Red Cross depends on

blood donor heroes in communities across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide, more than 60 of which are in the local Red Cross Pacific Northwest Blood Services Region. Donors with all blood types are needed, particularly those with types O negative, A negative and B negative.

An opportunity to do-

CONGRATULATIONS RYAN SMITH & JOHN PROPHEETER 2A/1A DISTRICT 4 - CHAMPIONS



RYAN SMITH - 106 LBS.

33 Season Wins - 77 Career Wins
Muilenberg Invitational, Champion
Enterprise Tournament, Champion
Mac-Hi Christmas Invitational, Champion
Riverside Rumble, Champion
Pine-Eagle Invitational, Champion
BEO Invitational, Champion
Oregon Classic, Undefeated

MUSTANGS



JOHN PROPHEETER - 285 LBS.

28 Season Wins - 73 Career Wins
Irrigon Invitational, Champion



Coach Lemmon, Assistant Coaches Madrigal & Waite, Jacob Moses, Jesse Boyd, Cord Flynn, John Propheeter, Ryan Smith, Jorgen Andersen, Tim Jaca & Will Lutchter.....this has been an awesome wrestling season. Thank you for letting us watch you all learn, grow & succeed! We are proud of each of you. Good luck to Ryan & John at state. We're behind you all the way!

-HHS Wrestling Parents