

Mustangs show well in weight classes in home tournament

Flynn awarded Outstanding Wrestler



Mustang Ethan Holmgren goes head-to-head with an opponent at the BEO Invitational last Saturday. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

The Heppner/Ione wrestling team had a rare home appearance on Saturday, wrestling in the Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational in Heppner.

Of the 16 teams scheduled to compete, 11 braved the weather and made it to the ninth annual tournament, bringing a total of 111

wrestlers into the brackets. Two Mustangs earned their way to the finals match under the light on Saturday evening and two other Mustangs placed in the top four of their weight class.

Trevor Antonucci fought back after falling behind early in the semi-finals to win by pin over

a Riverside opponent. He was defeated in the championship bout by a Baker wrestler and settled for a silver medal.

Cord Flynn easily won his way to the championship bout and found little resistance there as he won by an 18-3 technical fall.

Flynn not only won the gold medal but was also awarded the tournament Outstanding Wrestler trophy by vote of the coaches.

Leo Waite went 2-1 for the tournament and finished with a bronze medal and third place. His two wins were by fall over Baker and Enterprise opponents.

Zach Bredfield finished fourth at 145 pounds; he made it to the semi-finals before suffering his first loss.



Cord Flynn won the championship for his weight class at the BEO tournament and was also voted Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament by the coaches. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

Ione, Heppner FFA students earn highest accolades

Four members of the Heppner FFA Chapter and three members of the Ione FFA Chapter will earn their State FFA degrees at the state convention in March. This is the highest award members can receive in the state organization. Ethan Akers, Logan Grieb, Jake Lindsay and Alex Lindsay from Heppner, and Morgan Orem, Ivy Sandford and Emily Taylor from Ione FFA have worked hard for this highest honor.

The state degree recipients earn a charm that can be worn on the official jacket or on a gold chain.

The requirements for the Oregon FFA State Degree are stringent, and include:

- Have received the Chapter FFA Degree;
- Have been an active FFA member for at least two years;
- Have completed the equivalent of at least 360 hours of systematic school instruction in agricultural education at or above the ninth-grade level, which includes a supervised agricultural experience;
- Have earned and pro-

ductively invested at least \$1,500 or worked at least 900 hours in excess of scheduled class time, or a combination thereof, in a supervised agricultural experience.

-Demonstrated leadership ability by performing 10 procedures of parliamentary law, giving a six-minute speech on a topic relating to agriculture or the FFA and serving as an officer, committee chairperson, or participating member of a chapter committee;

-Have a satisfactory scholastic record as certified by the local agricultural education instructor or the principal or superintendent;

-Have participated in the planning and completion of the chapter's program of activities;

-Have participated in a total of 30 activities with at least five FFA activities above the chapter level;

-Have participated in a minimum of five school and/or community activities; and

-Completed at least 25 hours of community service in a minimum of two different activities.

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson has released the following report:

-David Brian Taylor, 50, was convicted of Failure to Appear I, a Class A Misdemeanor. Execution of 180 days jail time was suspended and the defendant sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to include 20 hours of community service. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$350.

-Ty Cody Davies, 24, was convicted of Burglary I, a Class A Felony. In addition to 18 months prison time, with credit for time served and to run concurrent with the following count, and three years' post-prison supervision, the defendant is required to submit a written letter of apology to the victim through the Morrow County DA's office, have no contact with any of the victims, obtain a mental health

evaluation, participate in substance abuse evaluation. Additionally, Davies was convicted of Burglary II, a Class C Felony. The defendant was sentenced to 18 months prison time, with credit for time served and to run concurrent with the previous count, and one year post-prison supervision. Other requirements are the same as above. Additional counts dismissed were Burglary II, Unlawful Entry

into a Motor Vehicle (x14), Theft II (x6), Theft III (x2) and Criminal Trespass II. Fines, fees and assessments totaled \$400.

Ione FFA inducts Greenhands



Eight new members were inducted into the Ione FFA Chapter with their Greenhand degrees. The Greenhand degree is for first-year students who have satisfactory plans for a Supervised Agricultural Experience Program (SAEP) and demonstrate knowledge of the creed, code of ethics, motto, salute emblem, official dress, and important dates in FFA history. They were awarded the Greenhand degree pin, made out of bronze for its strength and durability. Pictured L-R: Grace Ogden, Haylie Peterson, Cecilia McElligott, Aubriana Rodriguez, Colt Parker, Gary Walls Jr. and Blake Carter. -Photo by Erin Heideman

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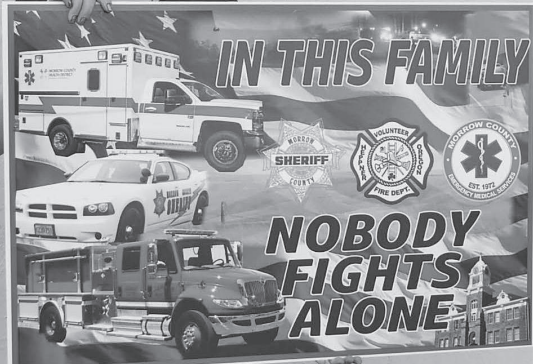


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