

Friends Helping Friends prepares for St. Pat's walk/run



A large crowd of walkers and runners gathered for a photo right before the run/walk started last year.

The Friends Helping Friends group is in high gear. Come rain, snow, flooding water or shining sun, a Remembrance walk/run fundraiser and social hour are once again going to start off Heppner's St. Patrick's Day Celebration. With just a month to go, the committee is in full swing.

Over the past twelve years, a group of women, now nine strong, have worked hard to provide a fun morning that starts off with a social hour at Heppner's Methodist Church basement. Doors will open March 14 at 8 a.m. with

homemade eats and treats for everyone. At 9:30, the runners begin their run and walkers start a trip down memory lane, viewing over 500 personal shamrocks made in memory of loved ones. Additional shamrocks can be viewed in the church basement and at 2 Old Hags Pizza on Court Street as well.

Donations can be made to the 2020 "Pot of Gold" by mailing to Friends Helping Friends, Kathi Dickenson, PO Box 566, Heppner, OR 97836. Nearly \$70,000 has been distributed over

the years to local health care and to assist other community needs. All money collected stays local.

The St. Patrick's Day fundraiser began in 2009, in memory of Donna Schonbachler, the local Pioneer Memorial Hospital Home Health and Hospice RN who lost her life to cancer. Just recently, the committee used money that was contributed to the Pot of Gold in 2019, with a donation to Pioneer Memorial Home Health for needed wheelchairs.

The 2020 Remem-

brance event is sponsored by Pioneer Memorial Physical Therapy, Bucknum's, Community Counseling Solutions, James and Kathy Casey, Phil and Kathy Carlson and TREO Ranches. Their sponsorship helps Friends Helping Friends with expenses and the promotion of a fun filled event.

"We look forward to meeting and greeting each year, as we roll out the welcome mat for those coming into town to share hugs, love, laughter and teary eyes, as we honor and remember those who are

loved so dearly. It warms our heart to see three to four generations taking part, with many grandmas, grandpas, children and grandchildren enjoying their time together."

The committee is always looking for extra help in putting up and taking down shamrocks. Contact Susan Hisler 541-676-5878, or any other committee member, if you'd like to volunteer with this St. Patrick's activity.

Janelle Ellis has mapped out a nice, easy-paced 5K run through the

streets of Heppner. Everyone is encouraged to pre-register for the event. The cost is only \$5 to walk or run. Children walking or riding bicycles are free with parents. Dogs are welcome on a leash.

Flyers were not sent out this year, the committee is asking everyone to spread the word to friends and family members. Information and updates are available on social media. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Grab a friend, bring your team, family and neighbors for a good time.

Heppner Mustangs battle at Pine Eagle Invitational

The Heppner wrestling team traveled to Halfway, OR on Saturday to compete in the Pine Eagle Invitational. The team was down three wrestlers due to Suzy Cason competing at the Women's Regional qualifier in Hood River and sickness. Roen Waite, Edward Ellsworth, Jace Coe and Conor Brosnan competed for the Mustangs.

Roen went 0 and 2 with his first match against Riley Lundy from New Plymouth (Idaho). Riley is a very dynamic wrestler and he defeated Roen by major decision. Waite's second bout was against a wrestler from Crane that Roen had beat earlier in the season but, unfortunately, Jack Roath evened up the score with a pin.

Ellsworth wrestled at 152 and went 2 and 2 for the tournament. Edward won his first match with a tech fall over Jacob Mills from Baker/Powder Valley.

He would lose his second match to Mykail Foster of Imbler by fall in the third round. The third match would put Edward back in the win column with a victory by major decision over Kiernan Caldwell from New Plymouth. His final match would be a loss by decision to Ty Hammond of Union who is currently the number seven ranked wrestler at 152 in 2A.

Coe had another stellar tournament going 2 and 1 with a second-place finish. He beat David Creech from Union by major decision and Malaki Lopez of New Plymouth by decision. Jace would wrestle in the finals against Hunter Beus from New Plymouth. Hunter came into the match with a 36 and 5 record and he demonstrated why with a major decision over Jace.

Conor wrestled at 170 and went 2 and 2. He gained redemption for his sin-

gle loss last week at the BEO Invitational by beating Clayton Hammond of Elgin by decision. His next match was against Josiah Campbell of New Plymouth. Josiah came into the match with a 37 and 11 record and he notched his belt with one more victory by pinning Conor late in the second round. In Brosnan's next match, he lost to Imani Schaefer, a senior from Crane that is currently ranked number nine in the state at 170. He lost this match at the end, 5 to 3. His final match was for fifth/sixth place and he faced off against Ronny Morello from Joseph/Wallowa that is currently ranked number seven. He won this match with an 8-2 decision.

The team travels to Union this Friday to compete in districts. The action is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and continue on Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.



Jace Coe wrestling David Creech. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.



Roen Waite wrestling Riley Lundy. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.



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