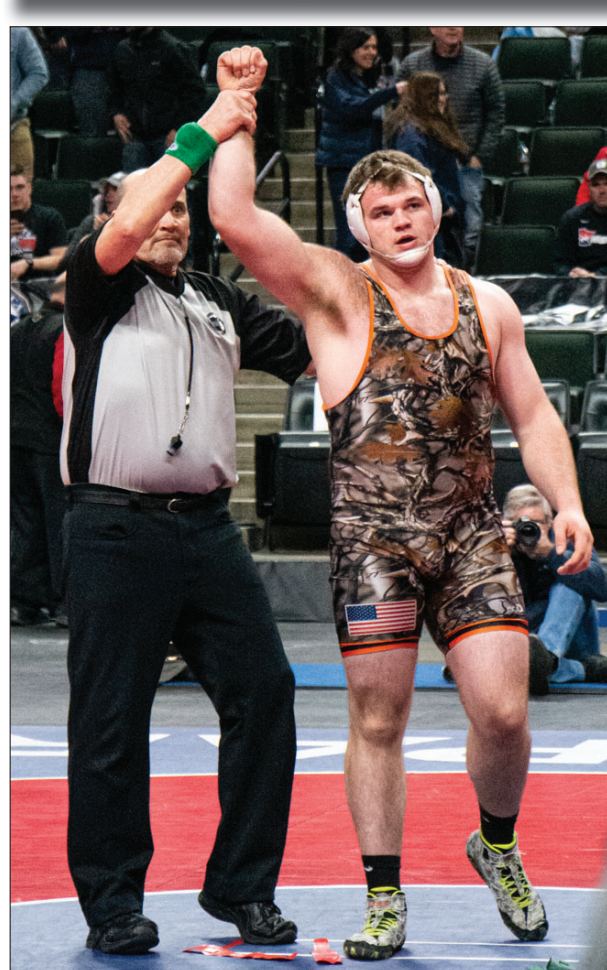




Orlando does it again... Three time State Champion



Craig Orlando was the Class A headliner in his fourth appearance in search of his third championship. Orlando carried the top seed in his defense for a third championship against a familiar opponent from Crosby-Ironton. The familiarity kept the match close through the opening period as they went to the second scoreless. His opponent chose down and down he went as Craig rolled him over for the pin. Orlando continued on his mission in the quarter final round as he instantly bear hugged his opponent who scurried to get off the mat. When they returned, he rolled him over and put him away securing his podium position. Orlando was hyped and ready to go for the semi-final round, until a medical emergency brought the crowd to silence and wrestling was put on hold. It was hard to get fired back up after the twenty-minute delay that had the medical team racing to save the life of one of the competitors. After the scary scene unfolded in front of everyone, it was back to competition, but the mood had changed throughout the arena. Craig wrestled a great match controlling every situation going scoreless in the first period, riding his opponent out in the second period and earning his escape in the third period for the 1-0 decision moving him into the State Finals.

Saturday night is Championship Saturday, the night that every wrestler dreams about competing in and it never disappoints. Orlando's match capped off the great event at the end of the evening as it was a collision

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BHVPP Raiders - Consolation Champions

by Coach Michael Arvidson
The wrestling season started in November and concluded this past weekend with three great days of competition at the Xcel Energy Center. Team competition took the stage on Thursday and the Raiders drew #2 ranked Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City in the opening round. The Falcons flexed their muscle and strength early and often in the dual as they ran off the first eight matches of the dual until Mason Schroeder slowed the bleeding with a pin at 160. ACGC sealed up the dual at 170 before Gideon Ervasti and Craig Orlando answered with pins to finalize the dual at 51-18 sending us to the consolation bracket. The consolation semifinal matched us against a familiar Park Region Conference foe in the Royals from Royalton/Up-sala. Bennet Arceneau sparked the team with a decision followed by a fall from Deagen Captain. Reese Thompson and Justin Koehn pinned their opponents and built the lead to 21-6. The Royals answered with a pin of their own and Jason Koehn picked up a major decision to make it 25-12. After another pin for the Royals, Schroeder and Hunter



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Salon goes up in flames

On February 26, at approximately 7:10 p.m., the Wadena Police Department along with the Wadena Fire Department were dispatched to the address of 228 Ash Avenue Northeast (Moore Sensational Looks Salon, located on Hwy. 10 East) in the city of Wadena for a structure fire. Upon arrival, the building was fully engulfed in flames. There was no one inside the building and no one was injured. At this time, the cause is believed to be an electrical issue. The Wadena Police Department and Wadena Fire Department were assisted on the scene by the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol, Verndale Fire Department, Staples Fire Department and Tri-County Ambulance.



Snowmobile crash fatality

On Saturday, February 29, at approximately 1:24 p.m., the Wadena County Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a snowmobile crash on the river just north of the Wahoo Valley Bar & Grill. The caller stated CPR was in progress. Law enforcement and medical personnel arrived on scene and provided medical care to the injured party. Once on scene, it was learned that the snowmobile driver, Paul Weston Peterson, age 18, of Motley, had just been at the Wahoo Valley Bar & Grill with his family and they were leaving the establishment to continue riding snowmobile. Peterson took off before the rest of the riders and was found crashed, by his father, less than a minute later. It appeared that Peterson snagged a tree with the snowmobile ski and was ejected from the machine. The tree was partially frozen in the river. He was riding a 2000 Polaris 600XSSP at the time of the crash and it was his first time riding a snowmobile. Lifesaving efforts were not successful and Peterson was pronounced dead on scene. He was wearing his helmet at the time of the crash. Alcohol was not a factor. The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Minnesota State Patrol, Staples Ambulance, Staples First Responders, North Air Care, Brenny Funeral Home and the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office.