



Montana High School Association

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA MEDIA
FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RE: MHSA / MONTANA FORD STORES SPOTLIGHT TEAM OF THE WEEK

***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *****

The Montana High School Association is pleased to announce that the next recipient of MHSA / Montana Ford Stores Spotlight Team of the Week is the 2010-2011 Hardin High School Wrestling Team. The MHSA/Montana Ford Stores "Spotlight Team of the Week" Program recognizes teams from member high schools who exemplify the values of participating in high school activities. This award recognizes teams that go above and beyond what is expected of them during practices and games, modeling behaviors in other areas including community service, championing local and national causes/initiatives, and/or exhibiting courageous or visionary acts.

The Hardin team's community service projects included:

- Creating "Takedown Cancer" T-shirts and then selling those shirts throughout the community with the proceeds of over \$1,300 being donated to the local hospital's new cancer treatment center and MRI room
- Mentoring younger students of Hardin in the Bulldog Buddies Program
- Coaching youth wrestling programs
- Numerous other examples

High school sports and activities have the greatest number of participants of any types of outside school activities in the nation. Lessons learned by participating in high school activities go beyond developing sport/activity specific skills to include team work, dedication, service to others etc. The Hardin High School wrestling team, through their shining example of community service and philanthropy, is a very deserving recipient of this week's "spotlight" team.

"Our community is one of the reasons we've been able to succeed so we're always trying to give back," said Montana Ford dealer Gordon Henricksen. "Montana Ford Stores' new partnership with Montana High School Association really gives us additional ways to support our terrific students."

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Information regarding the Montana Ford Stores "Spotlight Team of the Week" Program can be found on the MHSA website (www.mhsa.org) including the form to use to nominate a team(s).

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