

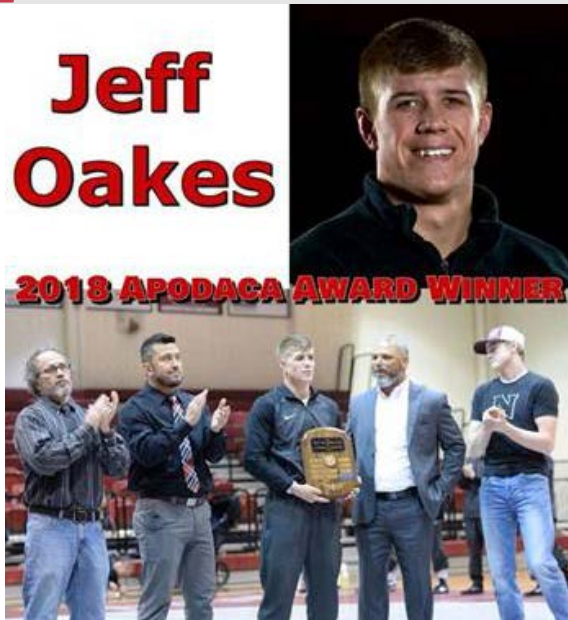


Heart of a Champion

On January 26th, the Trapper Wrestling team celebrated the 20th Annual Apodaca Dual Showdown. This annual event is a celebration in honor of the life of Christopher "Brooks" Apodaca, a beloved student athlete whose life ended in a tragic car accident in the spring of 1998.

As part of the of the celebration, a member of the Northwest College wrestling team is presented with the Apodaca Award which is a symbol of excellence in academics, wrestling, social and civic awareness and leadership - all of which were qualities that Brooks Apodaca portrayed.

In the words of head coach Jim Zeigler, "This year's honoree has a great work ethic on and off the mat and is a model representative of the program. Although he does not share the quiet nature of Brooks Apodaca, he definitely has the **heart of a champion** like Brooks! He is always willing to volunteer his services for team, friends and community. His discipline, determination and toughness is an inspiration to the athletes and the coaches."



2018 Apodaca Award winner – Jeffrey Oakes, Battle Mountain, NV

Oakes is currently ranked second in the nation in his weight class - and the scholar-athlete is set to graduate from NWC in May with a degree and certificate in welding.

He will be the first person in his family to graduate from college.



Christopher Brooks

Apodaca
1976 - 1998



Christopher Brooks Apodaca, son of Ray and Carla Apodaca, was a native of Riverton, Wyoming. For three years he was a student athlete at Northwest College. As a wrestler, Brooks was team captain of the 1997-98 Northwest team that finished fifth in the nation. He was a two-year varsity wrestler and a national qualifier. He is best remembered in wrestling for his leadership qualities, and his competitive spirit. His quiet leadership style was communicated by example. His character and work ethic, on and off the mat, were a motivation to all who knew him.

Watch for these upcoming events in Trapper Nation !!

Men's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb 10	Little Big Horn College	Powell, WY – Cabre Gym	4:00 pm
Feb 17	Casper College	Powell, WY – Cabre Gym	4:00 pm

Women's Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Feb 10	Little Big Horn College	Powell, WY – Cabre Gym	2:00 pm
Feb 17	Casper College	Powell, WY – Cabre Gym	2:00 pm

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