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## Hunter to hunted

Class 4A champion  
Moses Lake prepares  
for title defense

By CASEY MCCARTHY  
Sports Writer

MOSES LAKE — The trophy has long been tucked away in the case at Moses Lake High School, and it's a clean slate now for the reigning 4A state champs in 2020.

Just as he told his 2019 team to forget the past coming in, Chiefs head coach Donnie Lindgren said he has been stressing "forget last year" early on.

"Last year's in the past," Lindgren said. "This is a whole new year. We're going to have to do things the right way."

Early on in practice, Lindgren said he's been stressing fundamentals as he fills in the pieces lost from the 2019 title-winning lineup. The Moses Lake coach said if this group can nail down the fundamentals, he likes their odds.

"They have the confidence that they can do it again," Lindgren said. "To be honest, it's hard to win. If it were easy, everyone would be doing it."

Lindgren said he's looking for his three senior captains — Dax Lindgren, Tre Ramirez and Gabe Passey — to help lead what is a larger group of underclassmen than in the past.

The Chiefs coach said it's nice because all three lead by example.

Ramirez, the team's senior catcher, said he remembers what it was like being one of the younger players first stepping onto that varsity stage.

Ramirez said he wants to try and take some of the younger players under his wing, knowing how "scary" and "intimidating" that moment once was.

"They can work, they can mess up," Ramirez said. "And also, learn from it and make themselves better and the team better."

Coming off the state championship doesn't change his approach, Ramirez said, but does help him remember the high level he's capable of playing at.

"I want to grow off of what I finished on last year, be better than that, so I can push my teammates to be playing at that high level as well," Ramirez said.

The goals for this season, the Moses Lake catcher said, are "same as last year."

Senior pitcher and first baseman Dax Lindgren has one last run with the Chiefs before he heads off to play at Gonzaga University next season. In his final season with Moses Lake, Dax Lindgren said he expects to be competing right back where they were last year.

"We've got a good group of guys, and I think we're just as good this year," Dax Lindgren said. "I think we can be right there again."

Many of the players the

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Senior catcher Tre Ramirez

## Fundraiser started for Tony St. Onge

Longtime swim coach  
diagnosed with cancer

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MOSES LAKE — A GoFundMe page has been started by Mary Rathbone to help raise money for longtime Moses Lake swim coach Tony St. Onge.

St. Onge was recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

The fundraiser page notes the goal is to assist St. Onge and his family with their expenses as he begins his medical treatment.

St. Onge is no stranger to adversity, having been paralyzed in a car accident in 1977. Complications from his accident resulted in a spinal cord surgery in 2003. Throughout these battles, St. Onge has remained a light



St. Onge

for the community.

St. Onge's impact on the community was noted when the Moses Lake School District chose to name the pool at Moses Lake High School after him — the Tony St. Onge Pool of Dreams.

That impact can now be seen in the comments on the GoFundMe page, as donations and messages of love and support poured in shortly after the page went up. A slew of former swimmers left "thank you" and "good luck," noting how much St. Onge has impacted their lives presently.

Just seven hours after being created, the page had already raised more than \$6,600 of the \$20,000 goal. To help pledge support for the Moses Lake swim coach as he begins his battle, please visit this link on a computer or mobile device: [www.gofundme.com/f/tony-st-onge-fight-of-his-life](http://www.gofundme.com/f/tony-st-onge-fight-of-his-life).

## Youthful ventures in carp fishing

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Catching carp in the 1950s and 60s was great fun for young boys growing up in the Moses Lake area. Of course, so was hunting pheasants and other birds.

We lived in the Lakeview Terrace of Moses Lake and it wasn't too far of a drive to the area where Bud Clary is now located.

A little clarification is needed at this point. When "not too far of a drive is mentioned" this refers to a drive on my bicycle. There are still two silver marks on the barrel of this firearm where the barrel would rub against the handlebars. This barrel-ware is a badge of courage in my book.

The ground contained sagebrush and a little grass, but the birds loved it. One or two could be coaxed from the area every day. And this was without a dog.



Clay

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Manta Ray swimmers (from left to right) Makhaela Parrish, Issabelle Parrish and Kathryn Duvall competed at the Junior Olympics Swim Meet held at the University of Idaho.

## Manta Rays place 8th at Junior Olympics Swim Meet

Submitted by Manta Ray Aquatics

MOSCOW, Idaho — Manta Ray Aquatics sent 20 athletes to the University of Idaho recently to compete in the Junior Olympics Swim Meet.

Swimmers achieved best times, new qualifying times for elite meets and broke several team records. Bria Bodenman finished fourth in the girls' 11-12 500 freestyle. She, along with Kendall Vance, Kathryn Duvall and Aline Davis placed third in the girls' 11-12 200 freestyle relay.

Luca Cristoloveanu took fifth in the boys' 9-10 200 individual medley, fourth in the 100 breaststroke, seventh in the 50 free, eighth in the 200 freestyle and second in the 50 breaststroke, which also earned him an Age Group

Regional qualifying time.

Duvall placed seventh in the girls' 11-12 50 backstroke, fifth in the 100 breaststroke, sixth in the 50 freestyle, sixth in the 50 breaststroke and fourth in the 100 freestyle.

Melody Lake took fifth in the girls' 13-14 100 breaststroke, third in the 200 breaststroke, and third in the 50 breaststroke, breaking the team record in the 50.

Lennox Leeder placed seventh in the boys' 9-10 50 backstroke, 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Dylan Moore placed fourth in the boys' 11-12 200 individual medley, third in the 100 breaststroke, third in the 50 breaststroke, fourth in the 50 butterfly and third in the 100 individual medley.

Issabelle Parrish took home a seventh-place medal in the girls'

13-14 50 freestyle and placed sixth in both the 500 freestyle and 50 butterfly. Her butterfly time was a new team record as well.

Makhaela Parrish finished sixth in the girls' 15-16 200 freestyle and seventh in the 200 butterfly. She also earned her first Age Group Regional as well as Western Senior Zone cut in the 100 freestyle, cutting nearly two seconds off her time at the meet.

Marcus Quezada took home fourth place in the boys' 9-10 200 individual medley, third in the 50 backstroke, fifth in the 50 freestyle, fourth in the 100 backstroke, third in the 100 butterfly and seventh in the 100 freestyle.

Zachary Washburn placed first in the 200 freestyle, 50 freestyle,

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