

The Importance of Community Involvement

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I grew up in Sanford, Michigan. If I was to hold my hand up in the shape of a mitten, like all Michiganders do when they are showing you where they live, Sanford is about right in the middle. Anybody who has ever been to Sanford knows that our community is not very large by any stretch of the imagina-

tion, and like many small communities it is the three major sports that get all of our much cherished publicity, football, baseball, and basketball. With publicity, as any wrestling fan knows, comes prestige and funding. It is through funding that athletic programs are able to expand and improve; new jerseys, the ability to send athletes to

camp, and purchasing new equipment are key factors in improving a program. I write today to give an example of a coach's drive to improve his program, it is in this example that I hope to inspire coaches all over the country, struggling or succeeding, to strive for improvement in their wrestling programs.