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CLIO WOMAN PLEADS TO EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE INVOLVING YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB

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A Clio woman convicted of stealing cash from a Mt. Morris youth wrestling program faces jail, probation or both at her Oct. 30 sentencing.

Katherine S. Orr, 37, told a judge that she used approximately \$12,000 from the Mt. Morris Mountaineers Wrestling Club for her own use.

Genesee Circuit Judge Joseph J. Farah accepted her guilty plea to attempted embezzlement, a 2 1/2-year felony.

Orr originally was charged with embezzlement over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, a 5-year felony, but pleaded to the lesser charge.

Lapeer attorney Philip A. Fulks, who represents Orr, told Farah that his client will pay \$12,000 in restitution. Earlier, he said she would pay it at her sentencing.

An official with the wrestling club said earlier that Orr was the treasurer but left the unpaid position.

Officials for the club said the nonprofit organization has about 30 wrestlers, ages 5-14.

It has been operating for more than 15 years and competes in events sponsored by the Mid-Michigan Wrestling Association.

Orr was elected treasurer in September 2006, and officials said the thefts began in December and continued through March.

Officials said the club has changed its policy on handling cash, now requiring two signatures on checks and using an updated accounting procedure that provides better information.
