Brandon and Matt Weber of Forsyth had returned home from the "trip of a lifetime" this past August when they realized their tour of Germany with the rest of Team Montana during a cultural-exchange trip may have been the last time they would be on the same wrestling team.

After winning championships together, traveling and growing up on the AAU circuit as teammates and then visiting Germany to wrestle the Germans while at the same time becoming friends with them and taking in castles and car museums, the Weber brothers long, adventurous, bumpy and fun wrestling road together had come to an end.

Brandon had graduated from Forsyth last year with three individual state titles and four finals appearances and finished his prep career an amazing 200-9, setting the Montana record for most victories. In the fall, he went to school at Miles Community College and studied Ag Production/Animal Science. One day he wants to run a ranch.

Matt is looking to join Montana’s list of 23 four-time state wrestling champions this year. He won the 138-pound division at Forsyth’s Matador Invitational Saturday, racking up three pins along the way and a major decision victory in the title tilt.

On Friday, the duo signed national letters of intent to join the Montana State Northern wrestling team next year. The Lights are ranked third in the most recent NAIA national team poll.

“T’m pretty jacked. It will be a great experience,” Brandon said, adding Northern has a good agricultural program. "It’s pretty awesome my brother gets to come with me, too.”

After taking a year off from the mats, Brandon figured he was done wrestling.

“I didn’t think I’d do it again,” he said. "After being away from it and watching my brothers wrestle and going to Germany, I still have a love for it and want to do it.”

Matt for now is putting off his dreams of becoming a Navy SEAL, like his father and current Forsyth wrestling coach Scott Weber was. He, too, is thrilled to be joining the Lights and having the opportunity to be teammates with his brother again. The two were teammates on Forsyth’s state B-C title teams in 2013 and 2012.
“It’s very exciting getting to wrestle with him again. It’s what I’ve always wanted to do,” Matt said. “We took a trip to Germany this summer and that was the last time we thought we’d wrestle together. But, now they offered him a scholarship after me and I get a chance to wrestle with him and that’s pretty cool.”

One of the things that attracted Matt to the Lights was the closeness of the Northern team, which he called a “family.”

“My mom (Maria Weber) really wanted me to go to college. And at the start, I didn’t want to go to college this summer,” Matt said. “But by the time wrestling started, I was thinking different. In college, I’ll study criminal law and justice and if I get in the Navy and get out, that degree will help me in whatever field I get into. I still want to try and go be a Navy SEAL. My dad tells me stories and I think it is something I can do and know I can do and it will take me to different countries. In Germany, I had a blast. The Navy will take you around the world and that’s what I want to do.”

Northern seventh-year coach Tyson Thivierge was happy himself and assistant coach Dustyn Azure drove to Forsyth and were present when the brothers signed their letters on “Senior Day” at the Matador in front of family, teammates and friends.

“We are really excited about it. To me, this is a big deal for Northern,” said Thivierge, a four-time NAIA All-American for the Lights with a national title in 2002 at 184 pounds, adding Brandon will wrestle at 149 and Matt 141 for MSUN. “There are not many times you get a four-time finalist and three-time state champ and his brother is going for his fourth title. There are not too many times you sign them both.”

Brandon said his Dogies teammates are a big factor in his success and was glad they could be a part of the celebration.

“It felt pretty good. I thought it was pretty cool my teammates were there and we got to take a picture with them behind us,” Brandon said. “They played a part in it, too, and pushed me in practice. It was cool they got in the picture, too.”

While Matt knows he’ll have to step up his game when he gets to Havre and competes for Northern he has another journey left to finish.

“I’m approaching it like it’s my senior year and I want everyone to know that I want to be the best and just dominate the mat and not have any close matches and show that I will be going for my fourth title,” Matt said. “This is just a goal that needs to happen. Chasing a dream is what it is and I hope I can achieve that at the Metra. Forsyth has never had a four-timer before. I want to get my school up to speed. My brother (junior) Luke is a two-timer and I hope he makes his third run, and fourth run as well. It is a competition in our house, who gets the most state titles.”

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