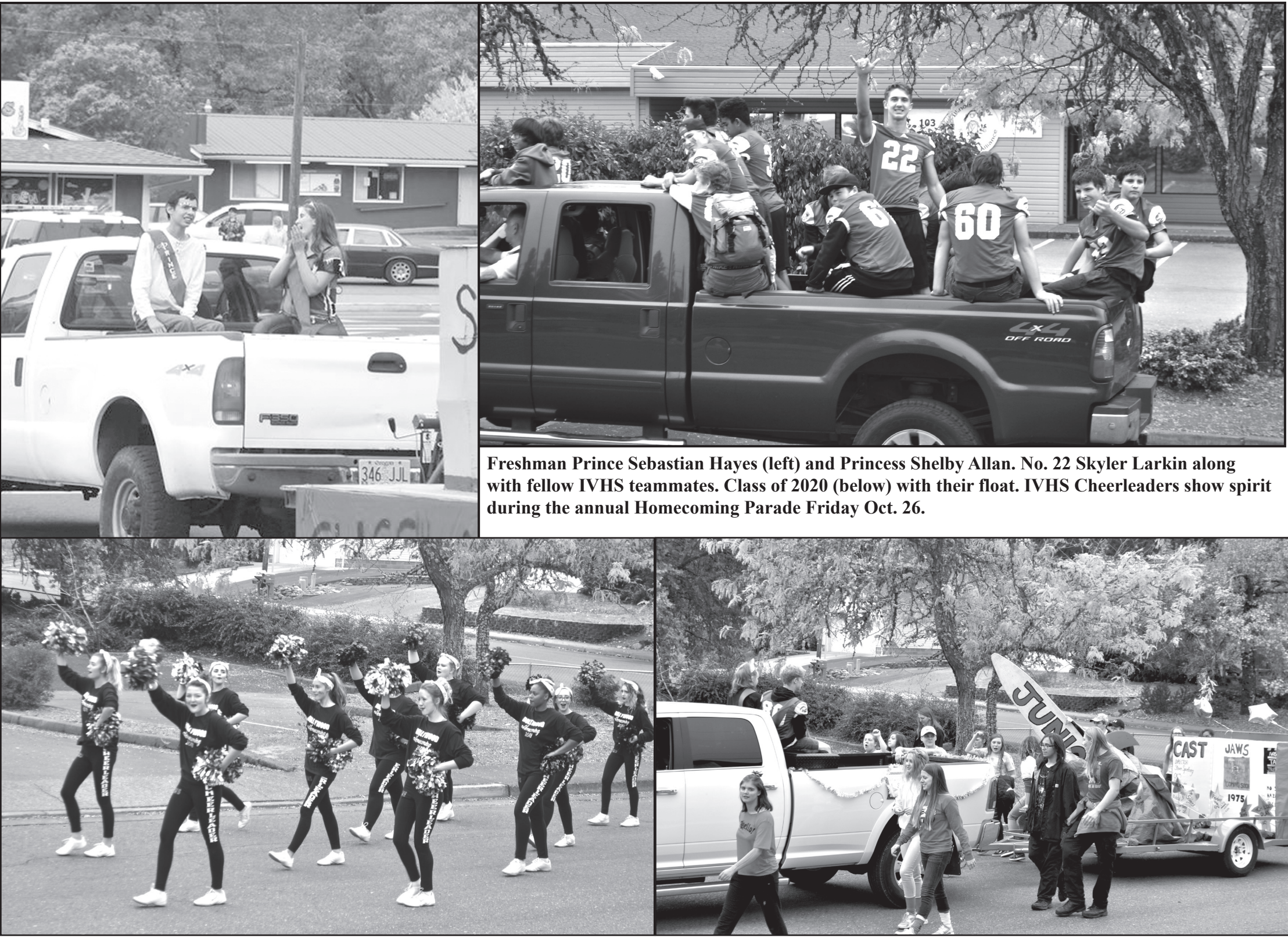




Freshman Prince Sebastian Hayes (left) and Princess Shelby Allan. No. 22 Skyler Larkin along with fellow IVHS teammates. Class of 2020 (below) with their float. IVHS Cheerleaders show spirit during the annual Homecoming Parade Friday Oct. 26.

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Diary of Alonzo P. Turner: by Greg Walter

Part 7 of 7
Turner Ranch, November 27, 1854

Many a long night have I spent sleepless finally give up in hopes of receiving some tidings by the next steamer. But they come and go like the birds of the air dim to my anxieties. What hurts my feelings worse are the jests of a partner saying he had made it a rule to cohabit

with everything and anything since he had been here a term of 5 years, and his wife was well aware of it and still she clung to him. And here I am throwing myself off and my wife had also ordained to notice my absence. Be this as it may, I shall live faithful to my integrity and virtually, letting come what will, hoping providence will bring all things right. I have become attached to the facilities for

making a living so much ahead of any country I ever saw. I see a hundred dollars now where I did not see one dollar in that country I can manage to get a share of it. Turners Ranch is known for hundreds of miles. Every man says why don't you get your wife here? We would like to see some women in as beautiful a place.

We lost about 4000\$ [?] worth of hey last winter by our barn crushing down in a heavy fall of snow & rain. The roof was not well tied and the consequence was severe. We lost the most of our potatoes. The Indians dug some and the

rainy season set in so soon we were not able to dig them all on account of the overflowing. This year we have got ditches cut to prevent any overflowing. I am selling hay at 100\$ pr ton. I have about 2 tons to sell yet. It is selling fast. By March it will all be gone. There is sail [sale] for it the year round but we were not able to get enough to supply the market this year. Another year we intend to fence 2 or 3 hundred acres of meadow which will afford a great plenty with what grain we can raise. We are selling oats at 15c per pound. I being situated at the foot of the

mountain, I find sale for all I can produce. Butter is selling at one dollar per lb.— that is fresh butter. We have 4 fresh milk cows this winter we are making butter some little when we do not find sale for all our milk. It is selling at one dollar per gallon. We average about 3 gallons per days sale. We would sell more if it was not for making butter for the house. We have to keep fresh butter on hand to keep up the meals at a dollar. Those that do not keep fresh butter and milk on hand have to sell meals at per meal. The people will come buy a meal at our house to get fresh butter and milk at a dollar. After this is all said and done, of what account is it without you to share with it! none! none! none!

In the ninth letter, Turner wrote this from

Jacksonville in another attempt to have Clarissa come out to the Oregon Country with him. This was just a few months before he suffered the loss of the ranch at the hands of a roving band of native Americans who would murder the clerk and burn the property in the June of 1855. After this incident, Turner would stay on in the area and suffer his wife passing away in December of 1855. By May 1, 1856, he had mustered in as a private under Colonel John Kelsey commanding the Second Regiment of Oregon Mounted Volunteers under Brigadier General John Lamerick. It is also noted that he was mustered out by June 20, 1856. It was during this time that Turner would be injured in the leg by an arrow while engaged in pursuing native Americans.

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