

Resort boasts mountains of fun

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NORTH POWDER — The staff at Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort welcomes everyone to “march” on up to the resort for some fun during the ski season’s final weeks.

Anthony Lakes historically sees good snowfall during March, and according to resort staff, forecasters are expecting



cooler and wetter than normal temperatures.

Several events are on tap:
 • Saturday, March 19: AL race weekend. Live music by the Powder River Band.

• Sunday, March 20: Taste of Nordic and Poker Ski, 11 a.m. to 3p.m.

• Monday-Friday, March 21-25: Spring Break Camp for youth.

• March 23-25: Half-price tickets.

• Saturday, March 26: Slopestyle contest open to all; entry is free. Live music by The Channel Cats of Baker City.

• Thursday-Sunday, March 31-April 3: Last week of the operating season.

• Saturday, April 2: Live music by Tyler Brooks.

All the live music events are from 3-6 p.m. in the Starbottle Saloon.

Passes for the 2016-17 season are on sale now.

For more information, visit <http://anthonylakes.com>.

Kids now need fishing license at age 12

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SALEM — The age at which youth are required to have a license for hunting and fishing in 2016 has been lowered from 14 to 12, according

to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, while the cost of the license is lower than in previous years.

The cost of the combination hunting/fishing/shellfishing license is \$10. A tag for

catching salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and halibut is an additional \$5. The combined cost of \$15 is a considerable reduction from the \$41.75 price in 2015.

The single, discounted

youth combination license for children 12-17 now allows youth license holders to take part in all three activities. Previously, a separate license was required for each. Visit ODFW at www.odfw.com.

SPRING

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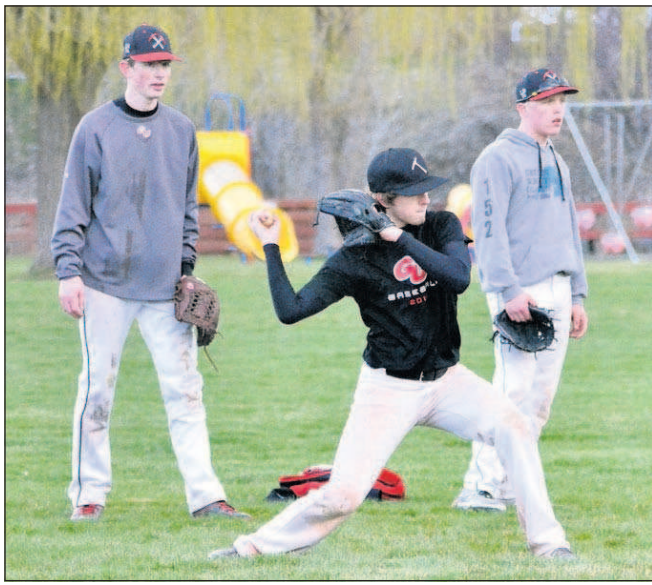
team, led by head coach Brian Delaney, face Sherman County in Morrow on Friday. They host the Les Schwab Invitational March 24-26 at Malone and McConnell fields in John Day.

Teams invited include: Oakland, Sherman/Arlington/Condon, Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa, Sheridan and Grant Union. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students (elementary through high school), and free for children 6 and under.

Grant Union softball, led by head coach DeAnna Nash, gets underway with their first game in La Grande on Friday. They host Heppner on Friday, April 1.

Golf head coach Ron Lundbom takes his team to the Echo Hills Country Club for Heppner’s tournament on Friday, and the golf team’s first home event is the GUHS Invite on Friday, April 8.

Prairie City’s track team, led by head coach Joe Weymouth, has their first event



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Grant Union Prospector Jordan Downing sends the ball to first from the outfield in practice Monday with teammates Wade Reimers, left, and Cameron Hallgarth.

scheduled for Friday when they attend the Diana Thurmond Invitational in Harper.

Long Creek’s track team, led by head coach Linda Studtmann, will also attend the Harper event.

Dayville School’s track team, led by coach Peter Bo-

gardus, will attend the April 1 Don Walker Invitational in Nyssa for their first event.

Monument School’s track team, led by head coach Darin Dailey this year, will have their first outing Thursday at the Buck Track Classic at Pendleton High School.

POOL

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He’s worked on ranches since childhood, including driving cattle 100 miles in the upper Green River in Wyoming at age 13 and branding calves last summer working on the Diamond A wagon in Seligman, Arizona.

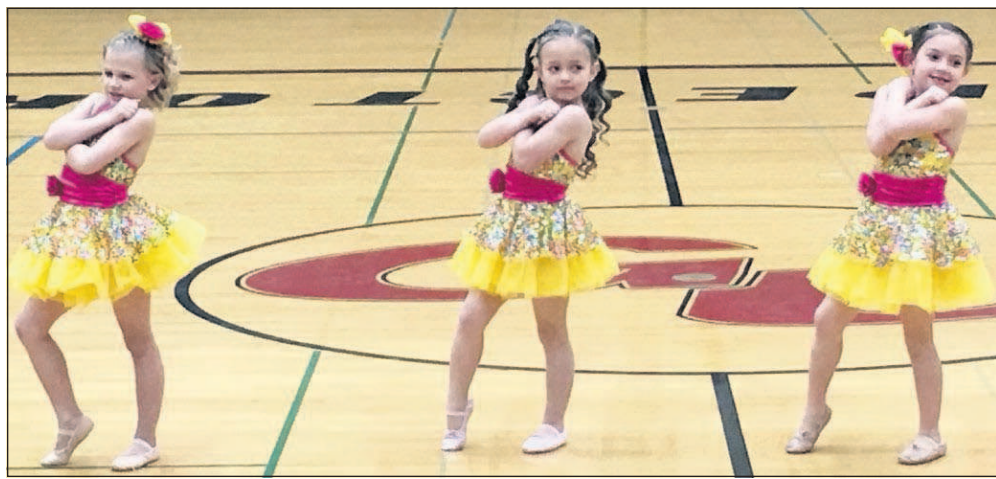
Pool said his first experience riding a bull was as a sixth-grader.

He rides for the Oregon Junior Bull Riders Association and has competed in several Challenge of Champions bull riding events in the last two years.

He said he was happy his longtime friend and traveling partner Levi Gray, 16, of Klamath County, also competed at the Prineville Challenge of Champions, winning third in the open bull riding.

Pool said he’s dedicated to rodeo.

“It’s not against the competitors; it’s all about me and that animal I’m about to ride. It’s about my ability to try and do,” he said. “The true competitor is whatever you get on, not the other riders. Some days that animal wins; some days I do better. And what the judges think of that animal and me and both are trying each other — that’s what it’s all about.”



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Level 1 dancers charm the audience at last Friday’s Spring Showcase.

DANCERS

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“Coaching dance will always be one of the most memorable things I have done in my life,” she said. “I have loved it all, even the challenging times. What I love the most is watching the kids grow and overcome challenges. They are always more confident when they leave from when they started. Many times they accomplish things they would have never dreamed possible.”

Adair leads her high school team to the OSAA Dance & Drill State Championships held at Portland’s Veterans Memorial Coliseum this week where they compete with Class 1A through 4A schools.

In previous years, teams could prequalify for the second round of state competition; however, that has changed this year.

The teams moving on to the finals will only be revealed after the first day of the contest. Only seven of 14 teams in the division will advance.

Although Grant Union will be up against teams from much larger schools, Adair said her group is competitive.

“Our team has done an outstanding job rising to the challenge, and I am very proud of them,” she said. “They work incredibly hard.”

Grant Union Gold will give a final local performance during an assembly at the school at about 8:10 a.m. on Thursday before leaving for Portland.



The Level 2 dancers take the gym stage at Grant Union during last Friday’s Spring Showcase.



GARRETT HITZ

School: Prairie City

Grade: 12

Parents: Joe and Nancy Hitz

Sport: Basketball

What I like best about my sport: “I definitely enjoy working with the other players. I think they show a lot of heart when they play the sport.”

Coach’s Comment: “This year, Garrett excelled on and off the court. He led as our captain, and he led the team in rebounds and blocked shots. He was one of the top two in scoring. I’ve seen him grow and mature into the role of a leader. He leads by example, first and foremost in the classroom, and at practice he’s the first one there and last to leave. He was the one that kept the team together — he was the motivational voice in the locker room. He was voted first team for the district tournament.”

- Coach Jonathan Gill



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‘Premium Hunt’ tags coming this fall

Deadline to apply for new \$8 tags is May 15

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SALEM — Starting this fall, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is offering new “Premium Hunt” tags for deer, elk and pronghorn for only \$8 per application. Hunters who draw the tags get a two- or three-month season hunt: Sept. 1 to Nov. 30 for deer and elk, and Aug. 1 to Sept. 30 for pronghorn. The bag limit is either sex with no antler restrictions.

Premium Hunts are additional hunting opportunities, which means hunters who draw them can still get a

regular controlled or general season tag. The deadline to apply is May 15.

Since only one tag for each hunt is likely to be available in 2016, no party application are allowed. Non-residents can apply for any tag and have the same chances as residents.

The special hunts will not use the preference point system. Every hunter will have the same chance every year. They are not once-in-a-lifetime hunts, so those who draw the tag can apply again the next year.

Premium Hunt winners will still need to purchase a tag, which will cost the same as a regular tag.

For more information, visit http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/premium_hunts/index.asp.

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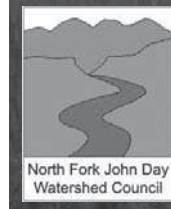
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