



The "Deadwood" team of Ed Long, Jim Long, Jeri Jordan, DJ Tricker, and Dave Haven won The Arc fundraising bowling tournament with 1688 pins. The April 20 event was held at Desert Lanes in Hermiston.

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Team "Hole in 1!" with Mike Jeppson, Jeff Newton, Don Otto, Mike Botti and Mike Mayhead placed second in The Arc fundraising bowling tournament.

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"Jilli's Silly Bowlers," which included Mark Smalley, Jilli Smalley, Lyall Arey, Anita Vernon and Cal Harris.

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## Fundraiser rolls strikes for The Arc

BY HERMISTON HERALD

Strikes, spares and maybe even a few gutter balls helped provide needed funds to The Arc Umatilla County.

During an April 20 fundraiser, 60 bowlers gathered at Desert Lanes — bringing in more than \$2,300 to The Arc.

With 12 five-person teams vying for top honors, the "Deadwood" team, which was sponsored by Desert Lanes, had the top pin count with 1688. Members of the winning team were Ed Long, Jim Long, Jeri Jordan,

DJ Tricker and Dave Haven. Coming in second with a total of 1602 pins was the "Hole in 1!" team. Sponsored by Randy Sperr, owner of Randy's Pro Shop at Echo Hills Golf Course, team members included Mike Jeppson, Jeff Newton, Don Otto, Mike Botti and Mike Mayhead. Rounding out the top three finishers was "Jilli's Silly Bowlers," which included Jilli Smalley, Mark Smalley, Lyall Arey, Anita Vernon and Cal Harris.

The title sponsor for the fifth year was Umatilla Electric Cooperative. Prizes for the top teams were provided by Kieztke Angus, Obie's Express

and also baked goods made by Kristi Smalley, The Arc board member. In addition, a number of individuals and local businesses provided both team and lane sponsorships.

A nonprofit organization, The Arc Umatilla County advocates for the rights of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They focus on providing support, improving services, inspiring communities and influencing public policy. For more information about The Arc activities, call 541-567-7615 or visit [www.facebook.com/arcfumatillacounty](http://www.facebook.com/arcfumatillacounty).

## RODEO

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he does tend to play favorites when it comes to his events.

"My personal favorite is calf roping," Pederson said. "I started steer wrestling in high school and did it my first year in college. I didn't compete in it last year because of a knee injury, but I got back in it because I wanted to go after the all-around title."

While his size is not an issue in roping, it can be in steer wrestling, where most guys are a bit shorter and heavier.

He works with Hepner native Tony Currin, the 1987 PRCA Rookie of the Year, and four-time Columbia River Circuit champion, to hone his skills in the big man's event.

"He's not built like a typical bulldogger, but once he gets locked in, things happen," Eng said of Pederson.

Pederson will get help from Currin at nationals, and friend Hayden Fullerton of Dayton is letting him borrow a horse (Cash) for the event.

Currin owns the hazing horse that Calgary Smith will ride when working with Pederson. For tie-down, Pederson will ride his horse Valentine.

"Matt Liscom owns the heading horse I will use for team roping," Pederson said. "I will take four horses nationals. Everyone has helped me a lot."

### Doing the Wright thing

After graduating from Stanfield High in 2015,

Wright spent time in the Marines. He never got on a bucking horse until he was 20 years old, but rodeo runs through his veins.

His grandfather, Jackie Wright, competed alongside the likes of Casey Tibbs, and is in the St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame. His dad, Scott Wright, also rode broncs, last competing at the Pendleton Round-Up when he was 40.

"They were pretty good," Payton Wright said. "My dad is my biggest coach, and I get some help from RC Landingham. I kinda grew up roping a bit, but I like bucking horses more than roping."

Wright got back into rodeo in February 2018 when he got out of the service.

"It's a different life than the military scene," he said. "There, your whole day was planned out for you. I love it."

Wright said Eng sought him out, and after exploring other options, decided BMCC was the right place for him.

"I wanted to come back home, and Pendleton is the closest place to Stanfield."

Wright earned 1,060 points for the bareback title this season.

Eng said Wright's military background shows in the rodeo arena.

"He is solid, that kid," Eng said. "He knows how to take orders, he tries hard and there is no quit."

Wright, who will continue to ride on his PRCA permit this spring and summer, will compete in Eagle, Idaho, Sisters and Union with Pederson before heading to Casper.

## Butte Challenge Fun Run set for Saturday

BY HERMISTON HERALD

Golf

The 20th annual Butte Challenge Fun Run will be Saturday at Butte Park in Hermiston.

Runners of all ages can choose from a 5K run or walk, or a 10K run. The entire course is pavement.

Registration is \$20, or \$25 the day of the race. You can register at [www.buttechallenge.com](http://www.buttechallenge.com). Each runner will be entered into a drawing for gift cards and other items. Must be present to win.

Check-in is at 7:30 a.m., with races beginning at 8:30 a.m.

There will be medals for the top runners in each age group, and for the top overall runners.

The event is a fundraiser for the Hermiston High School cross country team.

Gabe Cach of Hanford shot a 66, helping the Falcons to the team title in the final Mid-Columbia Conference match Monday at Zintel Canyon Golf Course in Kennewick.

Hanford finished with a team score of 287, followed by Kamiakin (289), Richland (309), Kennewick (316), Southridge (330), Hermiston (340), Walla Walla (349), Chiawana (354) and Pasco (375).

For Hermiston, Garrett McClannahan, Blue Blackhurst and Kaleb Crafton led the way with matching 84s, while Cody Thacker had an 88 and Ryne Andreason a 92.

McClannahan and Blackhurst qualified for the District 8 tournament Monday and Tuesday at Sun Wil-lows Golf Course in Pasco.

## Girl Scouts take over SAGE Saturday

Join Boardman Girl Scouts Troop #23001 as they host an indoor campout.

As part of the free activities during SAGE Saturday, the event is Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Children and their parents are invited to decorate a wood chip necklace, listen to stories and sing songs around the "campfire." Also, participants are encouraged to tour

the exhibits. Free admission is offered to everyone on SAGE Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The SAGE — Sustainable Agriculture and Energy — Center is an interactive visitor's center. It provides information about technology within the Port of Morrow and beyond. Regular hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit [www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com).

### TRACK

## Hermiston's Sanchez wins 1,600 at MCC meet

HERMISTON HERALD

Hermiston's Cydney Sanchez ran a personal best 5 minutes, 40.43 seconds in the 1,600 meters Thursday to win the event at a three-team Mid-Columbia Conference meet at Kennewick High School.

A freshman, Sanchez trimmed nearly 4 seconds off her previous best time of 5:44.18.

Sophomore Paige Palzinski won the shot put with a PR throw of 39 feet, and Jazlyn Romero won the javelin with a toss of 136-3, and was fourth in the discus (109-0).

In the pole vault, Jennifer

Fuentes won with a height of 8 feet. She also was second in the 300 hurdles (50.39), and fourth in the 100 hurdles (18.35).

The Hermiston boys did not win any events, but they have athletes with top marks for the season.

In the 400, Freddy Mendoza ran a personal best 52.94 in placing second to Kennewick's Johan Correa (50.57). Hermiston's Simon Headings was third with a PR time of 53.08.

Jackson Shaver clocked a personal best of 10:27.37 to place second in the 3,200, while Chase Bradshaw had a personal best throw of 138-2 to place third in the discus.

Bradshaw also was third in the shot put (41-11).

### Dean Nice Invite

The Hermiston girls finished third Friday at the Dean Nice Invite in Gresham, led by Jazlyn Romero, who placed second in the javelin and the discus.

Romero had a PR toss of 114-0 in the discus, and threw 125-10 in the javelin.

Kendall Dowdy threw a PR of 36-7 1/4 to place third in the shot put, while Paige Palzinski was third in the triple jump with a lead of 32-10 3/4 — a personal best. Palzinski also was eighth in the long jump (14-10 3/4). Jennifer Fuentes cleared

8-6 to place fourth in the pole vault, while Sheridan Deike was fifth in the discus (105-8).

The Bulldogs' 4x100 relay team of Elsa Torres, MaKaylee Young, Kameron Aldred and Jayden Ray placed third with a time of 51.42. Young also was third in the 100 (13.15).

For the boys, Garrett Walchli was fourth in the 200 (23.29), while Freddy Mendoza was fifth in the 800 in a personal best time of 1:59.78 — the first time he has run under 2 minutes.

Chase Bradshaw finished third in the discus (135-1) and sixth in the shot put (42-1 1/2).

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