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It's slime time at Journeys School

Leaders get messy after big Old Bill's turnout.

By Jason Suder

With Old Bill's Fun Run out of the way, the only thing left for Journeys School to do before going back to class is clean up the slime.

Three faculty members were doused in homemade, Nickelodeon-style green slime Tuesday because 90 parents, students and siblings wore Journeys School T-shirts to Old Bill's Fun Run.

On Friday, staffers were sitting around trying to think of exciting ways to entice support for Old Bill's when the idea struck Shelby Combs, global studies teacher.

"I just started joking about sliming and before we knew it —" Combs said, gesturing to the goo. "That's basically how it happened."

The faculty spent the majority of the morning trying recipes, ultimately creating the slime from cornstarch, gelatin, flour, water, eggs and food coloring.

"We're teaching them that you gotta laugh at yourself sometimes," Combs said with help from her cooking partner and Associate Director of Admissions Warren Samuels, "and, you gotta work collaboratively to make big goals happen."

The crowd of students and their parents waited in giddy anticipation through a late-summer sprinkle before Head of School Nate McClennen, Assistant Head of School for Pre-K/Elementary Betsy Trowbridge and Assistant Head of School for Middle/High School David Porter arrived for their punishment. One student was particularly excited about the event.

"Betsy was my math teacher," 11-year-old Michael Crothers said. "She gave me a lot of homework, and I wanted payback. This is payback!"

Finally, McClennan raised two fingers in the air, the school sign for silence, and Trowbridge stepped forward. Her mouth popped open as the green sludge rushed out of the container, hiding her face in the style of the 1990s show "You Can't Do That On Television." When the moment passed, she emerged as the creature from the black lagoon to chase after her kids. Then came Porter with a look, half frightened, half anguished, and, finally, McClennan, the most excited about the



Journeys School Head of School Nate McClennen is one of three staff members covered in slime because students turned out strong for Old Bill's Fun Run.

green shower.

"It was fantastic!" he laughed. "I hope they do this every day!"

Although it was the first sliming in the school's 14-year history, a new tradition may have been born.

WEATHER PICTURE



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| Date | Wed. Sept. 10 | Thurs. Sept. 11 | Fri. Sept. 12 | Sat. Sept. 13 | Sun. Sept. 14 | Mon. Sept. 15 | Tues. Sept. 16 |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sunrise | 6:56 a.m. | 6:58 a.m. | 6:59 a.m. | 7:00 a.m. | 7:01 a.m. | 7:02 a.m. | 7:03 a.m. |
| Sunset | 7:44 p.m. | 7:42 p.m. | 7:40 p.m. | 7:39 p.m. | 7:37 p.m. | 7:35 p.m. | 7:33 p.m. |

Snake flow @ Flagg Ranch:
386 cfs, 13% avg.

Snake flow @ Alpine:
4,140 cfs, -8% avg.
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/wy/nwis/rt>

Jackson Lake 81% capacity
<http://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/burtea.html>



Last Quarter
September 15



New Moon
September 24



First Quarter
October 1



Full Moon
October 8

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| September 3 | 72 | 37 | |
| September 4 | 67 | 28 | |
| September 5 | 74 | 29 | |
| September 6 | 76 | 34 | .01 |
| September 7 | 72 | 35 | .02 |
| September 8 | 77 | 34 | .07 |
| September 9 | 71 | 40 | |

Courtesy National Weather Service

THIS WEEK

Dude ranch nostalgia

White Grass Ranch may have shut down in 1985, but it's up and running in a different fashion as the Western Center for Historic Preservation. Celebrating the past and present of the dude ranch, former employees and guests headed back to their old stomping grounds for a reunion this weekend. Recalling fond memories of the property homesteaded in 1913, reunion attendees discovered White Grass Ranch's new place in history.

See Valley cover.

Under the hat

Cowboy hats are de rigueur for ranch hands, cowgirls and other Western types. See a selection of photos that show the variety and how they reflect the wearer.

See Valley, page 10B.

Hoffman takes LOTOJA

Utah's Cameron Hoffman won the 32nd Logan-to-Jackson bicycle race Saturday, crossing the finish line in Teton Village in 8 hours, 45 minutes and 38 seconds. Taking his fourth LOTOJA title, Hoffman also set a new course record.

See Sports cover.

Broncs win again

The Jackson Hole High School football team improved to 2-0 on the season Friday with a 50-30 blowout of North Fremont in Ashton, Idaho. The Broncos are favored to move to 3-0 when they host Lander in the team's home opener Friday.

See Sports cover.

Snow Angel

The first woman to be featured in the opening cut of a Teton Gravity Research film, Angel Collinson is caught on film ripping down a 60-degree slope near Juneau, Alaska. See and hear her whooping it up in "Almost Ablaze," premiering Saturday in Teton Village to stoke powder junkies two months before ski season.

See Stepping Out cover.

Museum celebrates 100th

Enjoy some Moo's ice cream today while checking out 100 homesteading photographs and other memoirs as the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum marks Jackson's 100th birthday. A new sculpture also will be unveiled.

See Stepping Out, page 5.

An inside look

As part of Fall Arts Festival's second week, six Wilson artists are opening the doors of their studios Friday and Saturday. From glassblowers to woodworkers, the artists participating in the West Bank Studio Tours feel the best way to understand the creative method is to see where it happens.

See Stepping Out, page 7.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When I die, which is likely to be one to four years from now, they own the house free and clear."

— Bonnie Koeln, who sold her house to the county for housing while arranging for a life lease (see story on page 36A).