

Norm DeJong, left, and Joe Boyer had the audience giggling during a comedy skit in a psychiatrist's office.



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The doctor speaks Spanish - El Doctor habla Espanol.

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Kathy Moss drew chuckles and giggles from the crowd with a selection of her original, family-inspired cowboy poetry readings.

"Paul Revere's Ride," by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, came alive with a dramatic rendering by Rose Coombs.

Assorted performers – and a few "volunteers" - got the audience laughing with a couple of comedy skits. "Pebbles in the Lake" featured Melanie DeJong as a teacher trying to sign in tardy students, late because they were "tossing 'Pebbles' in the lake."

And the evening's emcee,

The Prairie City Easter Ensemble concluded the show with a reprisal of their musical offering from the Prairie City Easter service. Selections were from the "Messiah," Charles Wesley, and Bill and Gloria Gaither.

Desserts and beverages were

served during the evening.

This was the fifth year for the event, which was sponsored by Talents and Treasures, the Greater Prairie City Community Association, and Prairie City merchants.

Proceeds benefit the arts scholarship fund offered by Talents and Treasures, for graduating Prairie City High school students.

Juniper Arts awards groups

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JOHN DAY – Thanks to the Juniper Arts Council – and the John and Linda Shelk Foundation - six local groups can now proceed with needed projects.

The Council received \$6,000 from the Foundation Community Grant Program for the 2014-15 grant cycle to distribute to Grant County organizations in need of a financial boost.

The grants went to:

• Grant County Fair: \$400 to purchase an 18-by-20-foot canopy with sides.

• Grant County Leaders Association: \$600 to update the

4-H fair display area.

Grant County Library Foundation: \$500 to purchase Legos for "Lego Nights" at the library.

• Healthy 'N Fit Kids: \$1,000 for health promotion day camp for Grant County K-3 students.

• Mt. Vernon Grange: \$1,000 toward replacing the grange's failed septic system.

• OSU Extension Grant County Office: \$1,000 for a financial training class for Grant County juniors and seniors, and their parents.

Funds already were awarded to three groups last fall:

· Cinnabar Mountain Playdays: \$500 to cover the cost of the group's mandatory insurance premium.

· Grant School District No. 3: \$500 toward an automatic timing system for the new eightlane track at Grant Union.

• Prairie City School FFA: \$500 toward a greenhouse.

The Council received 14 applications for consideration this year, totaling \$14,000 more than the available funding, and regrets not being able to fulfill worthy wishes for more local organizations.

In the coming year, the Council will be seeking additional community partners to join the Shelk Foundation Grant Program. Businesses or individuals interested in contributing, can call Kris Beal at 541-932-4892.

Fund set up for ill local man

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A fund has been set up at Old West Federal Credit Union to help with medical costs for a Grant County man.

Thomas Pfeifer, formerly of Prairie City, underwent surgery for colon cancer in early April, and has undergone several surgeries since due to complications from the cancer.

He is currently undergoing treatment at Oregon Health and Science University.

Donations may be made to Pfeifer, in care of Mary Jo Talbott, at any Old West branch.

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Joe Boyer, teamed up with Norm DeJong for a routine in a psychiatrist's office that includ-

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favorite family-inspired tales.

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JOHN DAY - The Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter will hold a class, "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters," from 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, April 27, at the John Day Department of Human Services office, 725 W. Main. St., Suite E.

The class will cover an un-

derstanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer's, and what to do if you or someone else shows signs of Alzheimer's.

A video will be shown of real people living with the early stages of dementia and their families.

Topics include the 10 warning signs, an overview of Alzheimer's, risk factors and the keys to getting a diagnosis. The benefits of early detection, planning for the future and clinical trials will also be addressed.

The class is free, but registration is required. Call 1-800-272-3900.

For upcoming classes or to learn more, visit www.alz.org/ oregon.

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