

# Archers get set for 3-D target shooting

## Two archery events are on tap in May

By Angel Carpenter  
Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – Members of the Canyon Creek Bowhunters group enjoy using the Bear Creek Shooting Range for practice, and they and other archers will have that opportunity with the upcoming Predator Fun Shoot membership drive.

The event is set for 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the range, west of Prairie City and just west of Keeney Forks Road on Highway 26.

Archers will aim at 3-D foam targets, including coy-

otes, wolves, cougars and bears.

The cost is \$5 to shoot the course, or free with the purchase of a \$15 annual club membership.

Currently, there are 20 members.

Members can use the range, and club president Mike Springer said there will be club trips to other archery ranges.

The club also will host, for the second year, the Ironman Shoot on Saturday, May 30.

Landscaping at the archery area of the Bear Creek Shooting Range is improving due to generous donations, and a

good dose of elbow grease.

Springer said that last year that part of the property was covered with grass, juniper and sage brush.

"In March, Tidewater Construction shaped the range," he said.

"We appreciate all the help and donations we've received from everybody, including Les Schwab, which gave \$1,000 to the development of the archery range," he said. "We have a long range plan that's coming together."

For more information on the events, call Springer at 541-620-0676.



Working on the archery range at Bear Creek Shooting Range near Prairie City are, from left, Joe Hitz of Sisul Engineering, Lorin Hodge of Tidewater Construction, and Les Percy, vice president of Canyon Creek Bowhunters.

# Spring brings mushrooms to the Blue Mountains

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JOHN DAY – Mushroom hunters are gearing up for another season, as fungi begin pushing up through the soil on the national forest lands.

A permit is not required to harvest, possess, or trans-

port less than one gallon in Oregon or less than five gallons in Washington on the national forests. These free-use mushrooms are for personal consumption and cannot be sold, bartered, or given away.

A commercial mushroom permit is required if you are

18 years or older and harvest mushrooms to sell, or if you plan to harvest, possess, or transport more than one gallon in Oregon or more than five gallons in Washington.

In addition, an industrial camping permit is required if commercial mushroom harvesters and buyers plan to camp overnight on national forest lands. Those permits can be obtained only at local ranger district offices.

Commercial mushroom harvesters and buyers are

prohibited from camping in developed campgrounds.

The commercial permit rates are:

- Consecutive-Day: \$2 per day, with a minimum of 10 days for \$20.

- Annual Permit: Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, \$100.

- Buyer's permit: \$600, plus administrative costs.

Commercial mushroom picking is prohibited in wilderness areas.

Commercial pickers are required to keep a record

of the date, time, and quantity of mushrooms removed from the national forest system lands; a chart is located on the front of the permit.

Mushroomers on the Umatilla National Forests and Wallowa-Whitman are required to display a recreation pass in the windshield of their vehicle when using a designated fee trailhead. The Malheur National Forest does not require a recreation pass.

Proper identification and

determination of whether a mushroom is edible is the responsibility of the picker.

Officials caution that many forest mushroom varieties are poisonous. Some forests sell field guides to help with identification, or pickers can check the local library, county Extension offices, or a Mycological Society group for more information.

Remember: When in doubt throw it out, the experts say.

**FAITH BROWN**

School: Dayville  
Grade: 10  
Parent: Heidi Brown  
Sport: Track and Field

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## Malheur Forest continues spring prescribed burning

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JOHN DAY – With unusually mild weather this winter and spring, fire managers are evaluating conditions to continue prescribed burning on the Malheur National Forest.

Burning is expected to take place over the next several months. The exact days will depend on weather.

Landscape burning this spring may include the following units:

- Dairy, Emigrant Creek

Ranger District

- Knox, Prairie City Ranger District

- Pine Creek, Prairie City Ranger District

- Crawford Creek, Blue Mountain Ranger District

- Balance, Blue Mountain Ranger District

- Damon, Blue Mountain Ranger District

- Starr, Blue Mountain Ranger District

- Canyon Creek, Blue Mountain Ranger District

- 18 Road, Blue Mountain

Ranger District

Burning may have some short-term impacts on air quality levels, but managers will seek to conduct burns during weather conditions that should minimize smoke impacts on local communities.

Areas to be burned are often prepared by constructing a fire lines and using existing roads and trails as fire breaks. To ignite the fires, workers will use drip torches or, on larger projects, helicop-

ter-mounted firing devices.

The agency said each prescribed burn has an organized command structure including a burn boss, firing boss, and a holding boss to manage the fire.

Prescribed burns are designed to both reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and restore overall health of the national forest lands, and they are an integral part of the land management on the Malheur.

For updates, visit the Malheur website.

## FLASH

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As busy as she is, Pentzer doesn't allow sports get in the way of school.

"You've got to keep your priorities," she said.

Pentzer is a freshman at

Grant Union, and Mosley, a sophomore, is home schooled – her dad Mark Mosley has coached the Grant Union girls basketball team for two years.

Last season, the team made it to the state playoffs for the first time in several years.

Mosley said she and Pentzer are looking forward to their first tournament this weekend in Everett, Wash. Their schedule includes one tournament each month with two scheduled in July.

"We're working on our

skills and plan to come back and teach all the girls at high school and help us get farther in our basketball season," Mosley said.

The two girls are seeking sponsors to help pay for club fees and travel expenses.

To make a donation, checks may be made payable to Idaho Flash Academy with the girls' names in the memo area, and sent to: Idaho Flash Academy, P.O. Box 1126, Nampa, ID 83653. For more information, contact Mark Mosley at 541-575-1432.

## Prospectors hopeful after heartbreaker

Blue Mountain Eagle

LA GRANDE – Grant Union's Prospectors suffered a tough 2-12 loss on April 7 to La Grande at the Tigers' baseball field.

The Prospectors were hoping for a comeback on Tuesday, when they were scheduled to meet up with them at Malone Field, past press time.

Grant Union hits the road this Saturday for a 1 p.m. game against Crook County in Prineville.

The Pros will host Irrigon next Tuesday, April 28.

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