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John Day Elks youth activities chair Connie Wood coordinated the adult volunteers, and Robyn Miller of Grant School District was coordinator for the students.

About 20 youth and 20 adult anglers joined in the fun, the buddies helping their partners catch and release an abundance of blue gill and bass.

Diamond Workman, who caught 18 fish, reeled in a whopper – a 16-inch bass.

Her fishing buddy was Tim Unterwegner.

Mercedes Locke also landed a large bass while fishing with Bob Pugh, as did Ben Joslin, fishing with Glenn Palmer.

The highest reported count of fish caught was 29, reeled in by Sebastian Hodge's brother Nathaniel, who fished with Gary Miller.

Wood and Sandi Johnson cooked hamburgers, served along with salads prepared by Wood and Angie Jones.

To end the day, each Elk fishing buddy awarded a certificate to their partner and said a few words.

Palmer and several others said their partners could fish with them anytime.

Gail Enright said the event is a joint effort between the school district and the Elks, and he and Shirley provide the beef from their ranch, plus the stocked ponds.

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Enjoying the fishing buddies event are Ben Joslin, left, and his helper Glenn Palmer.

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"These are very beautiful results to see," he said. He was particularly impressed by "the commitment and the passion" for restoration, and hopes to take that back.

At the Oxbow, Tribes restoration ecologist Brian Cochran fielded wide-ranging questions about river hydrology, project engineering, vegetation and deer fencing, tribal concerns, partnerships, and steelhead recovery.

He stressed the science and engineering that have gone into the project – and also the fact that with intensive monitoring on the Middle Fork, "there's a lot of science coming out of this river."

The seminar is sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service International Programs, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, and the World Resources Institute.

Lindsay Buchanan, a collaborative landscape restoration program coordinator from the Forest Service's

Washington, D.C., office, said the aim is to give participants tools for assessing and implementing landscape restoration plans and fostering collaboratives, as well as opportunities to network with other professionals.

Oregon was selected as an ideal place to learn about innovative approaches to forest landscape restoration in an area featuring diverse ecosystems and resource uses.

It was the first time the program has visited this area, but Buchanan said it likely will return with a new

group of participants next year.

The Malheur Forest was spotlighted in part because it is home to the Southern Blues Restoration Coalition, one of 23 forest landscape restoration projects selected for the Forest Services's Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.

Malheur Forest Supervisor Steve Beverlin said it was a wonderful opportunity for the Malheur and its community partners "to showcase the integration of resource resilience and community stability."

## ROYALTY REIGNS AT GU



Queen Charli Bowden and King Justin Gravley share a dance at the May 2 Grant Union prom, held at the John Day Elks Lodge.



Grant Union senior court members are Matthew Broemeling and Sydney Stearns.



Junior court members, from left, are Nathan Gehley, Taylor McCluskey, Trace Gill DeFord and Railey Namitz.

**Notice**  
**Grant County Taxpayers**

**The third and final installment of the 2014-15 property tax is due Friday, May 15th, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.**

Payments may be made at the Tax Collector's Office in the Grant County Courthouse in Canyon City, or the payment may be mailed and postmarked no later than May 15, 2015. Please remember that delinquent taxes accrue interest at the rate of 16% per year.

**If you have any questions, please call the Tax Office at 541-575-0107 or 541-575-0189 PO Box 185 Canyon City, OR 97820**

## Fire claims motor home at Four Corners

Blue Mountain Eagle

PRAIRIE CITY – A Florida man saved his dogs but lost all his possessions when fire consumed his motor home Monday near Four Corners, northwest of Prairie City.

Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer said Robert Duxbury was headed to meet friends at Magone Lake when his 40-foot motor home lost power. He said a smoke detector began sounding and Duxbury saw smoke pouring from the engine compartment.

Duxbury got out of the vehicle with his three golden retrievers, as the fire spread.

The fire burned the vehicle in the northbound lane of Road 18, and spread to roadside debris on the Malheur National Forest, burning less than an acre.

Palmer said Duxbury lived

in the motor home, listing an address in Alva, Fla., as well as California. In addition to the Sheriff's Office, the Prairie City Rural Fire Department and Malheur Forest crews responded to

the incident. Authorities called for a tow truck with flatbed capability from Ontario to move the vehicle on Tuesday. One lane of the road was closed pending removal.

**Honor Our Veterans!**

**Wear a poppy!**

American Legion Auxiliary will have POPPIES available May 14-15-16 at Chester's Thriftway 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Know the facts about Colorectal Cancer



- Colorectal cancer is the second most deadly form of cancer.
- Only 59 percent of Oregonians are getting screened compared to 80.5 percent for breast cancer screening and 81.7 percent for cervical cancer screening.
- Screening can prevent the cancer or catch it early when it's highly treatable.
- Everyone over 50 (45 for African Americans) should be screened.
- 2006, 624 Oregonians died from colorectal cancer.

Don't let you or your loved one be a statistic. To learn more, come listen to Dr. Keith Thomas discuss colorectal screening, facts, myths and recommendations. He will be presenting information at the next Healthy Together Dinner on May 18th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m at the Canyon City Community Hall. This event is FREE and open to the public. Other screening topics and recommendations will also be presented.

Brought to you by your local Community Advisory Council. For more information contact Lindsay Maghan Chair for CAC/Grant Co. Health Dept. Manager at 541-575-0429

**Cinnabar Mountain Playdays and John Day River Veterinary Center Present**

**Horse Vaccination Clinic**  
Saturday May 16, 2015  
9 am - 12 pm  
at  
John Day River Veterinary Center  
59989 Hwy 26  
John Day, OR 97845

Call Vet Center ahead to reduce wait time: 541-932-4428; CMP contestant questions call 541-575-3520. Let's do our best to keep all of our horses healthy for the season ahead. Get a 20% discount if you come in during our clinic.