

# A ‘murder mystery’ at GU

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JOHN DAY – The Grant Union drama club tackled a fun play-with-in-a-play “Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery” for their final performance of the season at the school.

The play, by Brian D. Taylor, was directed by Julie Reynolds.

The cast within the cast have a puzzle to solve when an actor dies at the close of their play – when they re-enact the scene, more murders turn up. The actors work together to catch the murderer before he or she kills them all.

Fourteen actors were cast in the play with one working behind the scenes.

“It was a fun play, and it was challenging because they had to get the timing just right – when the lights went out and the ‘murders’ happened and the lights turned back on – there were six ‘murders’ in the play,” Reynolds said. “They learned quite a bit about drama because it was a play within a play.”

Nine Grant Union actors also presented a melodrama during ‘62 Days in Canyon City on June 6.



The constable delivers astonishing news in the Grant Union play “Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery” presented May 26 and 28. Actors, from left: James Mabe, Jenny McCloskey, Virginia Frazier and Janelle King.

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James Mabe plays the part of a constable, murdered, surrounded by actors Kelsey Long, Emily Mosley (behind Long), Babe Nash, Jenny McCloskey, Ginni Frazier, Janelle King and Sam Bentz.



From left: Nick Springer, Sam Bentz and Babe Nash are cast in the Grant Union play “Murder Mystery at the Murder Mystery.”

## Grant 4-H plans fixes at fairgrounds

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JOHN DAY – Watch for improvements in the livestock area at the Grant County Fairgrounds this summer.

The Grant County 4-H Association got the Grant County

Court’s blessing June 3 to move ahead with several improvements, which are intended to improve the animal weigh-in process and enhance safety for the 4-Hers. The plans include:

- Installing a concrete hog wash rack with metal gates off the Heritage Barn, where the hogs have been housed in past years.
- Tearing out an unsafe loading dock that is mostly used to haul bedding away at fair, and obstructs unloading at the scales. A 30-yard dump box could be used for the bedding refuse.

- Finishing a pole fence that’s been started at the barn, and tear out an existing cable fence. There would be gates for easier access.
- Improving the existing beef weigh-in area.
- Purchasing a small animal scale for hogs and sheep, placing it by the new hog wash rack. A portable alley lead-up would be set up to move animals from loading chutes to the scale and into the hog pens.
- Buying additional panels and gates, and work on adding extra power and a ventilation

system for the barn.

“These are things that would really help the flow of fair,” said Cori Anderson, who presented the plan to the Court.

The association did not ask for any county funding. Anderson said the effort has funding committed by the 4-H auction committee and the Heritage Foundation, as well as the prospect of other private funding.

The plan has the support of fair officials.

“The Fair Board and the staff are 100 percent behind this,” said Mary Weaver, fair manager.

## Patrons can meet DV job-seekers

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DAYVILLE – The public can meet the candidates for Dayville School superintendent at the high school at 4 p.m. this Thursday, June 18.

Community members, staff and board members will be able to talk to the three candidates for the job: Kimberly Kellison, of Monmouth; Julie Gurezynski, North Powder; and Mike

Kis, Brunswick, Ohio.

They are seeking to succeed Denise Folston, who has resigned.

For more information, call the school, 541-987-2412.

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of Education and Graduate Studies for the 2015-16 academic year. Daughter of Kristine Metcalf of Seneca, she is pursuing majors in mathematics education and Spanish education, and a minor in teaching English language learners.

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