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FUN

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Among the many activities were the Grant County Safe Communities Coalition bicycle obstacle course and running contest, Warm Springs Tribes miniature golf course, the Awanas Pinewood Derby, Cub Scout Troop 800 paper airplane launchers activity and a fire hose game sponsored by the Malheur National Forest.

Aasness said the dunk tank, a fundraiser for the Grant Union baseball and volleyball teams, was an especially popular game.

The Dayville volleyball team sold 325 hamburgers and 190



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Siblings Dalaney, left, and Ryann Coombs dig into root beer flavored sno-cones. A total of 625 snocones were given away during Family Fun Day at the John Day City Park.

hot dogs – just \$1 each – to support their program.

Sunday, July 5:

Community Hall, followed

Please send RSVP and

admission fees ASAP. .

Adults: \$10, Age 12-18:

\$5 and under age 12:

free. Send admissions

to the following:

Linda Dickens McCumber

59640 Hwy 26

Mt. Vernon, OR 97865

Pancake feed at

by clean up.

Emergency personnel, including the Blue Mountain ambulance crew, were on hand to show their vehicles Mt. Vernon All Class Reunion to children and offer help if

needed. Aasness noted that the Commission on Children and Families used to help organize the event, but since that agency dissolved, she is doing the organizing.

"If we can get more groups to help with the next year's legwork, it would be great," she said.

She also welcomed more people to staff booths.

For more information, contact Aasness at 541-575-1006.

FAIR

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recently welcomed dentist Kent Cherry to their of-

Linda Watson and Kathy Cancilla at the Healthy Together Project booth said the next community health meeting will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 20 at the Canyon City Community Hall.

Cancilla said they cover a new health topic every third Monday of the month and offer free dinner and child care.

Health fair organizer Chris Yriarte, who works for the Malheur National Forest, has been spearheading the event since it's beginning in 1994.

"I can't say enough about it," Yriarte said. "It's one of the neatest things we do in Grant County for our community.'

She planned the event with a health fair committee comprised of staff from Blue Mountain Hospital, Grant County Health Department, Forest Service, hospital auxiliary members, and hospital and for-

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Helping at the health fair registration table are Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary members Nancy Chase, left, Joyce Nodine and auxiliary president Sandra Flanagan.



Hailey Delaney, left, and Kerry Randall of **Norco Medical** Supply share information with Mary Ann Wren of La Grande.

est service retirees.

Sponsors of the health fair include the Forest Service, Grant County Health Department, Blue Mountain Hospital and Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary.

Yriarte said that ev-

erything is donated, with the exception of the blood

"It's about getting the information to people so they can make their own healthcare decisions," she

Friday, July 3: 6:00pm- Meet and Greet at 10:00am - noonthe Wagon Wheel. Taxi service available. 8:00pm- Games and foolishness at the Community Hall.

Saturday July 4:

1:00pm- Picnic and games at Holliday Park. Food will be provided.

8:00pm- Dance at the Community Hall. Beer Garden and taxi service. \$5/person, \$8/couple.

> For questions call: Linda: 541-932-4748 or Rhonda: 541-620-1639

SPACE

tein in E. coli, and factors that could encourage "misfolded proteins" — a possible cause of slow-developing diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Huntington's diseases, among others.

In a related contest this spring, two students — Jasmine Martin, a seventh-grader at Grant Union, and Ben Henry, a sixth-grader at Humbolt Elementary — designed space

patches representative of Mis-

Awaiting the craft's arrival at the Space Station is an international crew of astronauts with extensive science, medical and engineering backgrounds. The roster includes three Russian astronauts, including the station commander, Gennady Padalka; one Japanese astronaut; and two Americans, Kjell Lindgren and Scott Kelly.

The crew will conduct experiments during the estimated 42 days the payload is expected to remain on the station.

For updated information on the mission, including a countdown clock and live stream from the space station, visit http://bit.ly/1J8SZ8N online.

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Go fishing in Grant County, and send in photos from your experience. Uou Could TATATAN ORD KIN GRAND PRIME Open to all amateur photographers.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has stocked some big ones in local lakes and waterways this summer. This is your chance to catch supper and maybe win a prize, in the 2015 Best Fishing Photo Contest sponsored by the Blue Mountain Eagle, Boyd Britton Welding and Prairie Springs Fish Farm.

Photos will be judged for quality, content, viewer appeal. Remember, it's not the biggest fish – but the best fishing photo that takes the prize!

Photos must be taken this summer in Grant County. Digital format is best - e-mail to kristina@bmeagle.com or bring

in a disc to the Eagle office, 195 N. Canyon Blvd., John Day. Deadline for submissions: Sep. 21, 2015 for the grand prize.

Fisherman's Name:

Where the fish was caught:__ Fish Species:_

Date taken: Weight & Length

Contact phone number:_ Contact e-mail address:

For more info, call the Eagle, 541-575-0710 – and happy fishing!

FIRE

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As of Monday, the Malheur remained in Industrial Fire Protection Level I, with firewood cutting still permitted all day but a one-hour fire watch required after chainsaw shutdown. The forest also has seasonal restrictions on campfires, allowing them only in fire pits or rings. "Smokey's arm" — the indicator on fire danger signs — points to moderate.

Meanwhile, the Oregon Department of Forestry has tightened public fire restrictions for private and non-federal public forestlands protected by agency in the Central Oregon District. The district includes Grant and 11 other Eastern Oregon counties.

Dry vegetation due to the drought and continuing warm weather prompted the decision, issued last Friday by George Ponte, district forester.

"We are at a point where new wildfires are growing quickly and becoming more difficult and expensive to control," Ponte said. "These restrictions are intended to eliminate human-caused fires as we will soon be busy enough with lightning-caused fires."

That concern was echoed by

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the Mt. Vernon Fire Department and Rural Fire Department, which joined in the regulated fire closure Saturday. The only exceptions allowed will be by special permit from the fire chief or ODF.

The ODF rules that went into effect Friday include:

· Smoking is prohibited while traveling, except in vehicles on improved roads.

· Open fires are prohibited, including campfires, charcoal fires, cooking fires and warming fires, except in designated areas. Portable cooking stoves using liquefied or bottled fuels are allowed. Open fires are allowed if conducted in compliance with a valid Burning Permit issued puruant to ORS 477.515.

 Chainsaw use is prohibited between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Chainsaw use is permitted at all other hours, if the following firefighting equipment is present with each operating saw: one ax, one shovel, and one 8-ounce or larger fire extinguisher. In addition, a fire watch is required for at least one hour following the use of each saw.

• Cutting, grinding and welding of metal is prohibited between the hours of 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. At all other times the area is to be cleared of flammable vegetation and the following fire equipment is required: one ax, one shovel, and one 2-1/2 pound or larger fire extinguisher in good working order.

 Use of motor vehicles, including motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, is prohibited, except on improved roads and except for vehicle use by a landowner and employees of the landowner on their own land while conducting activities associated with their livelihood.

 Possession of the following firefighting equipment is required while traveling in a motorized vehicle, except on federal and state highways, county roads and driveways: one shovel and one gallon of water or one 2-1/2 pound or larger fire extinguisher, except all-terrain vehicles and motorcycles, which must be equipped with an approved spark arrestor in good

working condition. Mowing of dried grass with power-driven equipment is prohibited between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m., except for the commercial culture and harvest of agricultural crops.

• Use of fireworks is prohib-

• The release of sky lanterns

is prohibited. The discharging of exploding targets or tracer ammunition is prohibited.

• Blasting is prohibited.

 Any electric fence controller in use shall be: 1) listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory or certified by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services; and 2) operated in compliance with manufacturer's instructions.







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