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"I love the connection small communities have with their schools," Gurczynski said.

After 18 years at Mt. Angel, she ventured to Gambell on St. Lawrence Island in the middle of the Bering Sea.

"I was closer to Russia than Nome," Gurczynski said.

She said the school of 200 students, grades K-12, was 100 percent Native Alaskan - Siberian Yupik. During her two years there, she was the assistant principal and ran the school during her second year, after the principal had a stroke.

Gurczynski returned to Oregon to become the principal at North Powder School.

While there, the Oregon native, whose great-grandfather trekked along the Oregon Trail, enjoyed learning about Eastern Oregon.

Other interests include gardening, walking her dog and traveling.

Her family includes Hank, her husband of 18 years, who works in outside sales for the sawmill industry, four step-children and five grandchildren.

Gurczynski said she looks forward to getting to know the students, staff and community members in Prairie City.

The best part about working in education, she added, is watching students grow and change and discover and set their own goals and paths in life.

"I like feeling like I had a small piece of making that happen," Gurczynski said.

# DAYVILLE

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and instruction at South Albany High School, principal at Junction City High School, student services director at Linn Benton Lincoln Educational Service District in Albany and superintendent/special education director

at Nestucca Valley School District in Cloverdale prior to moving to Dayville School.

Her hobbies include history, exploring, day hiking and geology. By living in Grant County, she said, she chose a

rich place to pursue those interests.

She also enjoys gardening, particularly roses. She has a young adult daughter, Patricia.

Though she's only worked in Dayville a few weeks, Hedrick said she enjoys the school and community and looks forward to the "opportunity to connect with all students, families, staff and community."

"The advantage here is that

we can be a cohesive community," she added.

She said she chose a career in education because of the students.

"I love working for students and with school people - all the adults who dedicate their professional lives to make the world a better place for youngsters and adolescents," Hedrick said.

# TRUCK

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adding that he and Mobley clocked 169 hours and put 1,200 miles on their vehicle. The victim was found.

Palmer cited several in-

stances when the swiftwater training would have helped in the past, including: a truck in the John Day River near Cathedral Rock last November; a 90-year-old man rescued from the John Day River in Picture Gorge in 2010; a school bus crash at Picture Gorge near the

river; a search for a woman who went missing from the Mt. Vernon area for two and a half years (in the river) and was located east of Dayville; and a car crash in the Silvies River.

Palmer said he plans to continue swiftwater training with his staff and the search

and rescue crew, including practice in the water.

"I hope to have a monthly swim regardless of the type of weather so that we get experience in all types of weather and not just when it is fun or warm like during the summertime," he said.

## GRANT COUNTY FAIR PARADE



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Grant County Fair grand marshals Carroll "Art," back left, and Marge Walton of Prairie City take a wagon ride down Saturday's parade route.



Dave Traylor and his granddaughter pull a large log in the fair parade.



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