



Prairie City School students shake hands with local veterans following a May 19 parade and presentation in honor of Armed Forces Day on May 21.

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Members of American Legion Post 106 stand ready for the gun salute as part of the Memorial Day remembrance at Prairie City Cemetery.

## Commemorating Memorial Day

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Memorial Day will be observed in Prairie City with a short flag ceremony, gun salute and prayers, at 11 a.m. Monday, May 30, in the Prairie City Cemetery.

The remembrance will be led by American Legion Post 106.

Both Prairie City and Canyon City cemeteries will be ablaze with the red,

white and blue of large mounted American flags, and hundreds of smaller flags posted at each military grave site. The flags are courtesy of Post 106 in Prairie City, and Ellis Tracy Post 77 does the honors at the Canyon City Cemetery.

The federal holiday remembers military personnel who have died while serving in U.S. Armed Forces.

## PC celebrates Armed Forces Day

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PRAIRIE CITY — Prairie City School students and local veterans gathered on May 19 for a parade down Front Street in Prairie City and a presentation at the flagpole across from City Hall.

The event, in honor of Armed Forces Day on May 21, included songs, the pledge of allegiance and introductions of each veteran, their branch and time served.

The students were then allowed to shake hands with the veterans and thank them for their service.



Prairie City School students and staff salute for the pledge of allegiance during a May 19 parade and presentation in honor of Armed Forces Day on May 21.

## Grant is now a 'Purple Heart County'

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Grant County has become the second in Oregon to be designated a "Purple Heart County."

According to Robert Van Voorhis, the "Purple Heart" proclamation, which was driven by John Day Elks Lodge No. 1824 and the Military Order of the Purple

Heart, was passed unanimously by the Grant County Court on May 11.

Van Voorhis said Douglas is the only other county in Oregon thus far "to join our efforts to honor those wounded or killed in all the nations' conflicts."

Several towns in Crook and Deschutes counties, however, have signed on to

become Purple Heart cities.

Signs marking the Purple Heart designation will be erected at Grant County entrances on highways 26 and 395 and state routes 7 and 19.

Van Voorhis said the John Day Elks will purchase the signs through donations as it did with the "World War I Memorial Highway" signs, now in place on Highway 395.

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