

Youth Arts Program wraps up third summer camp

Students learn art, music, drama

By Angel Carpenter
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Students had a creative outlet during two-week Summer at the Youth Arts Program in Dayville.

The program, in its third year, had 20 youth signed up for music, art and theater classes with five teachers providing instruction.

The students showcased their talents July 1 at the Dayville School as a kickoff to the town's Fourth of July celebration.

Music instructors Rebecca Bogardus, Samantha Floyd and Janine Goodwin taught choir, ensemble, music theory and private lessons.

Floyd, who will begin ninth grade at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School in the fall, was a new teacher this year.

Bogardus, who is also the Youth Arts Program director, said Floyd plays several in-



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The summer Youth Arts Program ensemble practice at Dayville School. From left: Grace Carothers, assistant teacher Janine Goodwin, Katrine Bogardus, Jessica Reames, teacher Samantha Floyd and Jaydon Hoffman.

struments and attended for two years before becoming a teacher. "She did a marvelous job," Bogardus said. "She had three piano students and was so patient with them. By the end of the two weeks, they were playing with two hands. I was really impressed."

She added that Floyd led an ensemble of instrument players who prepared three ensemble pieces.

"She's definitely on her way," she said.

Savanna Martin taught stu-

dents fundamental art principles and helped them create mixed media works, sculptures, watercolors and more.

Students who signed up for drama were cast in two short plays, directed by Kathryn Hedrick. Hedrick used games to help teach basic theater principles.

Katie Fitch helped ensure the classes went smoothly and took photographs.

"While the camp was tons of fun, the most lasting benefit comes from the skills and relationships the students have acquired and their growing enthusiasm for the arts, which will undoubtedly be contagious," Bogardus said. "They connected with each other across school and geographical divides in ways that will provide years of shared memories and vault them into exploring the world around them with an artist's eye."

The program was funded by the Juniper Arts Council, Shelk Fund, Ward Family Fund and Oregon Trail Electric Consumer Cooperative, and The People Mover provided transportation. For more information, visit studiobogardus.com or call Bogardus at 541-987-2440.

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The Grant County Wildfire 13-14-15 softball team posed with the Eagle at the state tournament: back row, from left, Kori Jo Girvin, Marissa Smith, Jordyn Young, Madi McKrola, Tiler Voigt, Tammy Clark and Kaylee Wright; front row, from left, Macy Strong, Baylee Combs, Hailie Wright, Shaine Madden and Taylor Allen.

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Youth at the Natural Resource Camp enjoy a science lesson.

Youth campers combine learning with lots of fun

Group gains knowledge in forest health

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After a multiple year hiatus, the Natural Resource Camp was back, offering three days of fun, games and learning.

Nineteen campers stayed at Lake Creek Youth Camp June 27-30 where they enjoyed horseshoes, volleyball, hearty food and a nightly



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Nineteen Grant County youth enjoyed the June 27-30 Natural Resource Camp at Lake Creek Youth Camp.

bonfire with s'mores.

The youth were sixth-through eighth-graders from

Grant County schools.

This year's theme was "Healthy Forest Ecosystems," and camp participants learned from professionals in subject areas, from rangeland management to stream morphology.

On top of engaging workshops, campers also had the option of mountain bike riding with Russ Comer, Lisa Weigum and Haley Hueckman of Grant County Safe Communities Coalition, building bluebird houses that will be hung in the Logan Valley area and enjoying a morning birding walk with Tom Winters.

The OSU Extension put on the event with help from several partners. OSU Extension agent Shanna Northway said several generous donors made the camp possible. Northway organized the event with Allison Field of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Colleen Malaney of the Forest Service.

"We will be back next year with another exciting lineup of hands-on workshops and fun outdoor activities," Northway said.

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Starting in August chip seal work will also take place along U.S 26 between Mt. Vernon and the junction of OR Hwy. 19 (mile post 124.17-154.03), taking about three weeks to complete. More information will be shared when a start date for this US 26 project is confirmed.

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REQUEST TO RANCHERS: To prevent chip rock adhesion problems due to animal waste on the roadway, ODOT is asking ranchers to keep all cattle and other livestock off the work areas of US 395 July 21 through August 2, and US 26 August 1 through 31. Animals can be driven on appropriate open range highway sections after the chip seal has been applied.

NOTE: Chip seal work is weather dependent. All dates are subject to change, depending on weather condition. Check ODOT's Region 5 website www.tinurl.com/odot-region5 and www.TripCheck.com for update information.

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