

Enrights host final Elks Fishing Buddies event

Kids and adults enjoy the thrill of the catch

By Angel Carpenter
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“Oh, my golly!” said Humbolt Elementary fourth-grader Maddy Hassmiller as she caught her fourth fish of the day at the May 4 Elks Buddies Fishing Day.

A total of 13 kids fished at Gale and Shirley Enright’s Mt. Vernon ranch, which includes ponds stocked with bass and blue gill.

There were 17 John Day Elks Lodge members and other volunteers assisting the kids, including five Grant School District 3 staff members.

Ethan Kerbs, who caught 10 fish, was enjoying the day.

“I love it because I get to touch them and throw them into the water,” he said of the fish he caught and released.

His fishing buddy Ken Peterson said it was his first time volunteering this year.



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Elementary students enjoy fishing with their buddies on May 4 at Gale and Shirley Enright’s Mt. Vernon ranch. From left, Ethan Kerbs, Elks volunteer Ken Peterson, Cedar Hassmiller, Maddy Hassmiller and Elks volunteer Lynda Christensen.

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“Seeing a kid catch his first fish — it’s the most exciting thing,” Peterson said.

Lynda Christensen, who was assisting Hassmiller, said the thrill of each catch was just like the first for the

young anglers.

“I just love the kids,” she said. “It’s great to see them out here having a good time.”

Jim Spell said it was his third time volunteering.

He said the best part of the program is “seeing them be successful and seeing them



Contributed photo/Curt Shelley
Sebastian Hodge shows one of the blue gills he caught at the Elks Fishing Buddy event.

stick with it.”

Gale Enright said this was their sixth year hosting the event.

“It’s always great to see their smiling faces when they catch a fish,” he said.

The Enrights said that although they enjoy hosting the event, this would likely be their last one.

“It takes a lot of effort, and it takes everybody to make it work,” Shirley Enright said.

“We want to give a big thank you to Grant School District 3 and the Elks, too,” Gale said.



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Maddy Hassmiller, left, and her fishing buddy Lynda Christensen are thrilled as the fourth-grader reels in a blue gill.

Grant Union FFA: a story of success

By Parker Manitsas
For the Blue Mountain Eagle

As the white, red, and blue banners surround the agriculture classroom at Grant Union, there is always a story behind the success.

The parliamentary procedure teams are working to be the best representation of Robert’s Rules of Order.

The public speakers are writing, memorizing, and preparing a speech to present to an audience and panel of judges, then thinking outside of the box on what questions might be asked and preparing answers.

The livestock exhibitors are preparing for what is hoping to be a successful and enjoyable week at fair.

But most of all, the members of Grant Union FFA are enjoying the time with others and cherishing the learning experiences.

This year was one for the books for the Grant Union FFA program. Accomplishments included:

- Herdsmanship: first-place team
- Livestock Judging: first-



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Grant Union FFA includes, from left, front row, Tanner Way, Maggie Justice, Ellie Justice, Dalli Girvin, Jessi Nolan and Kori Jo Girvin; back row, Averie Wenger, Trinity Hutchison, Billy Radnovich, Cinch Anderson, Kellen Shelley, Logan Namitz, Celine Hicks, Parker Manitsas and FFA advisor Adam Ineck. Not pictured is Jessie Stubbs.

place team

- Rituals: first-place team
- Soils Judging Beginning: first-place team

Ag Mechanics Advanced: first-place team

- Ag Mechanics Beginning: first-place team
- Soils Judging Advanced: second-place team

Beginning Parli Pro: third-place team

- Cinch Anderson, Sophomore Public Speaking: second place at districts, third place at sectionals
- Parker Manitsas, Creed

place team

- Kellen Shelley: State Agriculture contestant, Food Science

At our recent annual chapter banquet, we heard inspiring words from our retiring senior Maggie Justice, presented Discovery, Greenhand and Chapter Degrees, recognized our State Degree recipient Kori Jo Girvin and, finally, installed our 2018-2019 chapter officer team: Pres-

ident Kori Jo Girvin, Vice President Cinch Anderson, Secretary Ellie Justice, Treasurer Averie Wenger, Reporter Parker Manitsas and Sentinel Celine Hicks.

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