

Easter eggs found throughout county

Blue Mountain Eagle

Children throughout Grant County enjoyed Easter egg hunting despite the cool and damp weather. The John Day Elks Lodge's annual Easter egg hunt at the Seventh Street Complex on April 20 drew the usual crowd of young children and proud parents.

The Easter Bunny arrived on the back of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle driven by Charlie Caughlin.

Tom Winters spent about 12 hours boiling and coloring 10 boxes of eggs, each containing more than 140 eggs. Another hundred or so plastic eggs with candies or prizes were distributed across the four age-bracketed hunting areas.

About a dozen volunteers helped with setting up the hunt. The plastic eggs were donated by Marvin and Lisa Rynearson. The rest of the costs were borne by the Elks Lodge.

As the last of the teenage hunters departed the hillside overlooking the fields, a crowd could be seen scavenging the brightly colored eggs that had eluded the children.

John Day and Mt. Vernon volunteer fire departments hosted egg hunting events as well, and gave children free rides on their fire engines.

JDFD's event was held at the Grant Union Junior-Senior High School athletic field, and MVFD held their event at the Mt. Vernon city park for the rides and Clyde Holliday State Park for the egg hunt.

Children also enjoyed an egg hunt at Dayville city park after the annual Bunny Hop 5K, and events were also held in Prairie City and Long Creek.



The Easter Bunny visits children at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day for the annual Easter egg hunt.



Adelynne Ashley, age 22 months, won the grand prize golden egg at Saturday's Easter egg hunt at Dayville city park.



Children enjoy Saturday's Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department at Clyde Holliday State Park in Mt. Vernon.

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Gabe McKinley, left, and Joshua McKinley, are among the Mt. Vernon volunteer firefighters giving children free rides on Saturday at the city park.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Three-year-old Kennedy Worthington and her twin brother Knox of Eugene race to fill their Easter baskets with colorful eggs at the Grant Union athletic field in John Day.



The Eagle/Richard Hanners
Children on the prowl for colored eggs at the Seventh Street Complex in John Day during the annual Easter egg hunt.

4-H HONORS YOU, DENNIS REYNOLDS, WITH A TRIBUTE FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

HE BROUGHT 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TO GRANT COUNTY. AFTER THE WOLF HEARINGS IN SALEM IT WAS HIS BRAINSTORM TO BRING KIDS FROM URBAN AREAS TO EXPERIENCE RANCH LIFE IN EASTERN OREGON. THE PROGRAM HAS NOW EXPANDED TO THE OTHER E. OREGON COUNTIES AND HAS SUCCESSFULLY REACHED OVER 600 URBAN KIDS.

[HTTPS://WWW.PBS.ORG/VIDEO/OREGON-FIELD-GUIDE-CROSSING-URBAN-RURAL-DIVIDE/](https://www.pbs.org/video/oregon-field-guide-crossing-urban-rural-divide/)



DENNIS AND JULIE REYNOLDS RECEIVING THE EXTENSION COOPERATOR AWARD AT OSU EXTENSION SERVICE ANNUAL CONFERENCE THIS PAST DECEMBER. THE AWARD IS THE HIGHEST HONOR GIVEN TO EXTENSION SERVICE VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS ACROSS THE STATE.

"Make the best better" - 4-H Motto

DENNIS LIVED BY THIS MOTTO AND PROMOTED IT WHEREVER HE WENT. HE WAS AND CONTINUES TO BE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF THE LIVES HE TOUCHED IN HIS 45-YEARS AS A 4-H LEADER. THE TIME AND EFFORT HE PUT INTO HELPING THIS COUNTY TO SUCCEED HAS IMMORTALIZED HIS LEGACY AS A WONDERFUL FATHER, HUSBAND, ROLE MODEL, LEADER, JUDGE AND FRIEND; HE WAS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO TO MAKE GRANT COUNTY AN AMAZING PLACE TO LIVE. HIS HARDWORK AND DEDICATION IN EVERYTHING HE DID WAS ADMIRABLE AND HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED.



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE WILL BE HELD AT THE HERITAGE BARN IN THE GRANT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS ON APRIL 27TH AT 1 P.M. FOLLOWED BY A DINNER