

Applications available for weeklong summer program

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Cottonwood Crossing Summer Institute, a weeklong residential field studies program for high school students, is now accepting applications for its June 16-21 program. CCSI takes place along the John Day River at Cottonwood Canyon State Park and is one of a growing number of programs being offered to regional students by Eastern Oregon University.

Since 2015, CCSI has offered students an opportunity to work with regional professionals to conduct research and complete projects on various topics related to the natural and cultural resources of eastern Oregon. Twenty-five students from around the region will spend a week together working on one of five different projects. These include: field research techniques applied to wildlife and macroinvertebrates; designing and building solar solutions to modern problems; researching how the human body responds to the environment; and practicing the fine art of writing non-fiction about nature.

High school students work with students and faculty from Eastern Oregon University to complete a high-quality project and earn early college credit. Some of these projects become permanent displays for Oregon State Parks.

Last September, Oregon State Parks and the Oregon State Parks Foundation completed construction of an Experience Center at Cottonwood Canyon State Park dedicated to educational pursuits such as CCSI. Included in the complex are restroom facilities and four new cabins. Students and leaders attending CCSI will spend the week enjoying these amenities while immersed in one of Oregon's beautiful landscapes.

For more information or to apply as a student at CCSI, visit eou.edu/cottonwood-crossing.

Construction of school automotive shop will boost student program

Auto shop class teaches skills for potential career paths

By Angel Carpenter
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A new automotive shop slated for construction at Grant Union Junior-Senior High School is expected to help expand the program at the school next fall and further down the road.

Jason Miller was keeping 13 students in his second-period class busy with hands-on projects April 24 inside and outside the current shop.

One project vehicle, an older Datsun pickup, was handled indoors while students looked under the hood of three other vehicles outside the shop.

The indoor space is shared with the metal shop class taught by Adam Ineck.

"He's been great to work with," Miller said.

Miller said the new shop, which will be built 10 feet to the west of the current space, will measure 40-by-60 feet with three garage doors.

"We want everyone turning a wrench," he said, adding the new building will allow all the students to keep busy with projects.

The new structure comes from Measure 98 funds that Grant School District 3 budgeted for last year, which are designed to revitalize Career Technical Education programs.

Miller said funding CTE programs gives more students reasons to stay in school and teaches them skills that could turn into



Eagle photos/Angel Carpenter

From left, Luke Claughton, Garrett Lenz, shop teacher Jason Miller and Jacob Vaughan take a look at the carburetor on a Datsun pickup at Grant Union.



Tristan Morris and Quinten Hallgarth look under the hood of a '73 Ford F250 with Grant Union automotive shop teacher Jason Miller.

possible career paths.

He said they have the engineering plans, and \$80,000 will pay for the foundation and building shell.

Construction is scheduled to begin this month and expected to be completed this summer.

There are 23 students, including two girls, in Miller's two automotive classes.

He plans to offer three classes next year with beginning, intermediate

and advanced levels.

Miller also aims to have students become ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified in areas such as changing oil.

When that happens, he hopes to have students offer some oil change services with the money earned supporting the automotive shop.

Luke Claughton, a junior, was working on the carburetor of the Datsun on April 17.

"I think it's going to be really cool," he said of the future shop. "We'll have more space to work in, and we'll have opportunities to work on more projects."

Cinch Anderson, a junior, said he's enjoyed applying the skills he's learned in class.

He said he "tore apart" half the engine on his '06 Ford F350 to work on the emissions gas recirculation (EGR) system.

He said he's looking

forward to the new bigger building.

"We'll have more room to have more rigs, because right now you can only have so many in here at once," he said.

The class recently repaired a pickup that had damage to a corner of the cab when a gooseneck trailer smashed into it.

Miller said the students repaired the damage, and then an auto body mechanic in John Day painted it. The students then installed a new side window.

Miller said he'd like to eventually have the equipment for students to paint vehicles at the school.

They also hope to save money and buy a project car — a classic, '60s hot rod or four-wheel drive pickup — to restore.

"We want to go from start to finish on a vehicle," Miller said. "That's the goal."

Long Creek resident earns master's degree

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Elaine Eisenbraun of Long Creek earned her Master of Science, Management

and Leadership degree from Western Governors University. The online, nonprofit university held its 67-70th commencement ceremonies last fall and earlier this year to celebrate the recent graduation of nearly 22,000 students from across the country.

Schools affected by flooding schedule make-up days

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Some schools in Grant County closed when flood waters affected roads and bridges or increased danger at campus.

Other schools were not affected.

Here is a list of schools

and make-up days:

Seneca School: Friday, May 3.

Humbolt Elementary: Friday, May 3, and Friday, May 17.

Grant Union Junior-Senior High School: Friday, May 17.

Monument School: Fri-

day, May 24, and Friday, May 31.

Dayville School: No make-up day needed.

Long Creek School: No make-up day needed.

Prairie City School: No make-up day needed.

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Grant County Fairgrounds Trowbridge Pavilion, John Day, OR
\$5.00 for both days - Fri. 9am to 6pm, Sat. 9am to 4pm

Sunday Workshop - Daybreak Quilt (strip set friendly)
taught by Karen Hinton and Mary Lou Drury

Sunday May 12th Workshop
9am to 4pm
\$20.00
Flowers for Mother's and Mother's Day Door Prizes



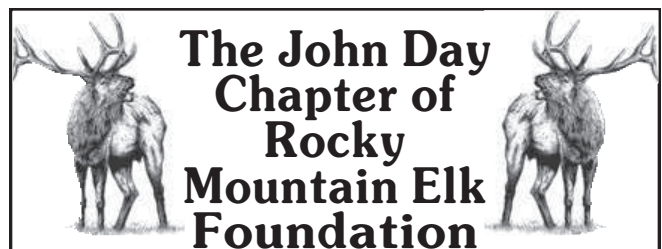
Vendors for lots of shopping include our Country Store, Marilyn's Pickets and Patchwork, Shiny Thimble Quilt Studio, Thimbles and more, Mary Lou's Quilts, Amanda Jo's Lularoe, Tom's Beautiful Jewelry, Outlaw Creations and more.

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For info or class sign up send email to gcpiecemakers@gmail.com or call (541) 620-2798 (Mary Lou's Cell) or The Shiny Thimble (541) 932-4111 (store) or (541) 620-0120 (Karen's Cell).
Drop off your quilts on Thursday 7am to 6pm for show.



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