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John Day/Canyon City Parks & Rec Summer Schedule

Summer Lunch Program

Dates: June 17-August 3
Times: Mondays through Thursdays, 12:45pm--1:15pm
Locations: 7th Street Park, Mount Vernon Park, Canyon City Park



Family Movie Night

June 21 at Grantville Theater

Soccer

Dates: July 7-August 7
Who: Students Kindergarten through 8th grade
To register, or for more information, go to <https://jdccparksandrec.org>.



Seneca School – Where Childhood Still Lives.

What if school wasn't just a place where kids go... but a place where they grow?

At Seneca School, learning doesn't just happen behind a desk. It happens in our garden beds, on field trips, in puppet shows, during cooking class, and around the campfire.

We're a small school with a big heart. With only thirteen students right now, every child is truly known – by name, by need, and by their dreams.

Here, we nurture creativity, curiosity, and kindness.
Our students move, explore, question, and create every single day.

Our classroom stretches beyond four walls. From ancient artifacts to outdoor adventures, we bring education to life right here in our beautiful corner of Oregon.

Parents choose Seneca because their kids are thriving, not just surviving. Our students learn together across grades, across subjects, and across seasons; becoming resilient, thoughtful, and joyful humans along the way.

Seneca is small – but mighty. And we're just getting started.

Come see what's possible when learning is real, relationships are strong, and kids come first.
Now enrolling. Come spend a day with us.

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Congratulations
Class of 2025!

Monel LeAnn Anderson, Kelly Eliza Grace Ashley, Madelyn Esther Bailey, Zoey Annette Beam, Ryland John Beil, Mason Delmar Benge, Lukas William Blood, Tristan Michael Clarry, William Ryann Coombs, Reid Anthony Dole, Fallan Christin Giffin, Brighton Steven Griffin, Christopher Lee Hartford-Darling, Charley Jess Knowles, Mariana Kostiuik, Mallory Rae Lusco, Cash Ryan Madden, Morgan Jane Majors, Felipe Rocha Marcon, Maddeline Marie McManus, Adeline Ann Northway, Morgan Hope Randleas, William Curtis Shaw, Joshua Michael Shockley, Karly Jolynn VanLoo, and Morgan Lynn Walker.
(Photo by Studio 15 Photography)

Once a Prospector, Always a Prospector!

Andy Day, Archery Instructor

I want to thank Andy Day for assisting the middle and high school PE classes over the past two weeks during our archery unit. He did a great job teaching technique and rules, while also encouraging and supporting students in feeling successful.

-Mariah Moulton, GU Physical Education Teacher

GU Announces Students of the Month

The April Students of the Month were Clive Northway, Beau VanCleave, Jhett Williams, Erin Donathan, Benjamin Finley, and Eliza Ashley. Congratulations to these outstanding students for their hard work!

-Dennise Blevins, GU English Teacher

Thank you, Monel

A huge shoutout to Monel Anderson for the amazing job she has done as my TA for the past two years! She is wonderful and is going to make an incredible teacher! Thank you for everything!

-Robyn Miller, 3rd Grade Teacher

Thank You, Running Club Supporters

A big thank you to Tara Young for donating so many amazing Going For Gold Running Club prizes! Thank you to Katrina Randleas for donating sweatpants and backpacks for our top 4 runners this year! Thank you to Charissa Moulton for all her help with all things Running Club! Thank you to 4A Stitching/Mary Armstrong for creating many of our prizes! Thank you to Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Brandon, and all the staff who helped record laps! Congratulations to our top Going For Gold Lap Runners, Ezra Randleas, Gene Fisher, Mason Young, and Sam Bailey! They each completed 1170 laps this school year, equivalent to running or walking 234 miles each! Thank you to all the Humbolt students who participated in the Going For Gold Running Club this year! Over 50 students finished at least 25 laps this school year!

-Robyn Miller and Kristal Hansen, Club Advisors

Local/Regional Scholarships Awarded

Thank you to all local individuals and businesses who support student scholarships! \$80,191 total scholarship funds have been awarded to the Grant Union Class of 2025, as of publication. These scholarships include OTEC, GU FFA Alumni, Prairie City Fiber Fest, Double R Ranch, Eastern Oregon Rural Educator Network, Dennis Reynolds Memorial, Old West Federal Credit Union, Blue Mountain Hospital, GU Alumni, Grant County Futures, Juniper Arts Council, Hugh Cole Memorial, Jimmie Carlson Memorial, John Day Elks Lodge, Bikers For Education, Cecil and Kathleen Jackson Memorial, Ag West, GU Booster Club, and Mount Vernon Memorial. Thank you for supporting our students and our community!

-Tonia Seebart, GU Career Coordinator

Chester's Markets Supports our Schools

Thank you very much to Chester's for donating T-Shirts for our Third Grade Winter Olympics and for judging and creating our students' creative donut inventions for the 3rd/4th grade Invent a Donut Contest! We appreciate your support so much!

-Humbolt 3rd and 4th Grade Teachers

Thank you, Frontier and Point S

We would like to thank Frontier Repair and Towing and Frontier Point S for donating trophies for our 100 Book Club! We appreciate it very much! Humbolt students love receiving a trophy to celebrate when they have read and documented 100 books! Thank you for your support!

-Humbolt Elementary Staff

Levi Manitsas Brings the Fun

A special shoutout and thank you to Levi Manitsas for announcing and helping at so many events at Humbolt! He always brings the fun! Thank you for all you do!

-Robyn Miller, 3rd Grade Teacher

State Essay Winners Announced

Congratulations Emmie Saul and Aubriella Judd, who placed 3rd in the state for their American Legion Patriotism essays

-Dennise Blevins, GU English Teacher

2025 GU Gold Standard Awards

Congratulations Kaitlyn Charette, Ivy LaFramboise, Morgan Cole, Keira Stiner, Taylor Gosnell, and Maddie Bailey! This award is presented to the student from each grade who consistently demonstrates exceptional qualities in both academics and personal character. The recipients exemplify a commitment to participation, showing respect for others, and upholding the highest standards of integrity. With remarkable discipline, these students consistently strive for excellence in all areas, setting an example for peers and inspiring those around them. Their dedication to personal growth and academic achievement, coupled with their unwavering moral compass, makes them a true standout in both their studies and their interactions with others. These students' ability to balance hard work, respect for others, and commitment to excellence makes them a role model for the entire school community.

GU Students Achieve CNA Certificate



Congratulations to Natalee Clarry and Lily Durych for successfully completing their CNA certification!

-Sylvia Ross, GU Health Science

National Honor Society



Grant Union's chapter of the National Honor Society held its 2025 induction ceremony, welcoming new members who all qualified in four core areas: scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Grant Union Travel Club



A mix of staff, students, parents, and community members visited Greece during Spring Break with the GU Travel Club. The club will head to Costa Rica in March 2027.

Student Leaders Meet Senator Wyden



Left: GU leadership students had an incredible opportunity to attend Senator Wyden's town hall at the Grant County Airport. Several students stepped up to ask questions during the event and chatted one-on-one with the Senator afterward-- a great experience for students in civic engagement and leadership.

Right: The Humbolt Student Council members also had the chance to meet Senator Wyden at his town hall meeting. They were very excited to shake hands with the Senator and lead the Pledge of Allegiance to kick off the town hall! Riley Hanson, a student council member who has been learning sign language as part of the ASL Club, was able to sign the Pledge while it was being recited! Great job guys!



Grant County Department of Human Services

YOU can help! Currently, there are 21 children and young adults in foster care in Grant County. 10 of those children reside outside of Grant County due to a lack of resource homes. When children and youth cannot remain with their parents due to safety issues, they require safe and nurturing resource homes where they can live temporarily. Many of them are going through critical developmental stages, especially older middle and high-school-aged kids, who need consistent support to navigate this already confusing adolescent stage.

Another way to help is by becoming a certified respite provider. Respite providers allow resource parents the opportunity to recharge by taking over caregiving duties for anywhere from a few hours to a few days at a time. This support can significantly benefit both the children and resource parents as it fosters a greater sense of community support while allowing resource parents to take time for themselves.

Becoming a certified respite provider or resource parent involves completing training, undergoing a background check with fingerprinting, and a safety walkthrough of your home by a certifier. You can choose the age groups and genders you feel are the best fit for your home.

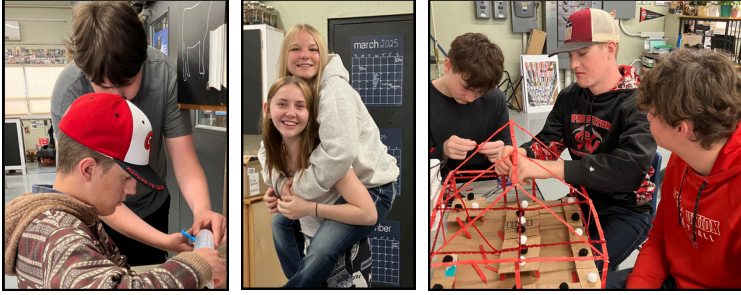
Businesses and community organizations can also help. They can contribute by offering discounts or donating items for children and young adults in foster care and their resource families.

Consider becoming a resource parent, respite provider, or volunteer today. For more information on how you can help in Grant County, please contact Audra Bruziene at audra.bruziene@odhs.oregon.gov or 541-575-0728, Stacie Navarro-Ladig at stacie.d.navarro@odhs.oregon.gov or 541.844.6139, or visit our website at Foster.Oregon.gov.

Shout
Outs

Send a shout out to staff, students or community members, by sending an email to shoutout@grantesd.org

A Greenhouse...



Above: Agriculture students Sam Cole, Blake Kriewitz, Casey Li-Daylong, Owen Parsons, Aly Qual, Timber Winegar, and Leland Zirkel work on designing greenhouses with irrigation systems in class. The exercise will prepare them to understand and manage the new Greenhouse currently under construction at Humbolt Elementary.

...and a Chicken House!



GU Woodshop teacher Marcus Teague helps students Reid Dole, Ryann Coombs, Pau Fuste, Noah Neal, Taylor Parsons, Jack Knowles, and Cody Weseman work on the construction of a chicken house, located at Humbolt Elementary.

2025 Crystal Apple Awards



Congratulations to our Crystal Apple Award recipients! Matt Jones, a math teacher at Grant Union Jr/Sr High School, received the Grant County Crystal Apple Award for licensed teachers in recognition of his dedication to student education. Paige Lamb, a 5th-grade teacher at Humbolt Elementary, received the Crystal Apple Award for novice educator.

Spring Music Concert



Grant School District 3's middle and high school bands and choirs joined with alumni and community members to showcase their musical talents and bring attention to those who struggle with mental health. Director Lavana James read a short article from Composer Randall Standridge explaining his own struggle and attempt to communicate the peaks and valleys of chemical imbalances in the brain.

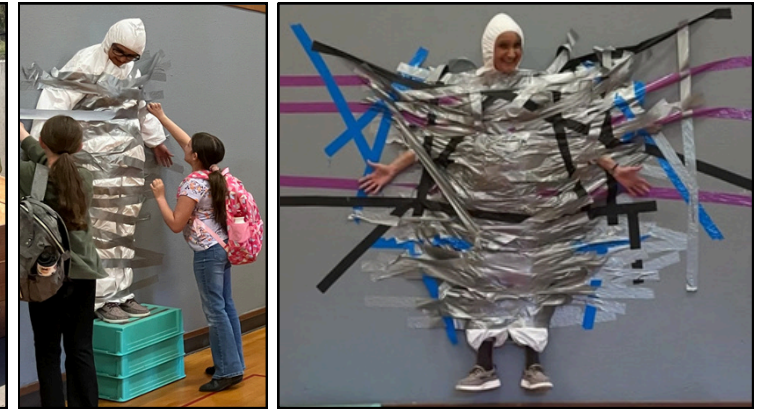


Grant School District 3 has a new logo! Thank you to Maddie Bailey for her time and energy in designing a new district logo!

Around Campus at Humbolt Elementary



Humbolt Elementary students enjoying their new Gaga Ball pit! A big THANK YOU to Grant Union's wood shop classes for the construction and the GU Booster Club for the rubber mats!



Kindergarten through 6th-grade students at Humbolt Elementary help tape Principal Janine Attlesperger to the wall, an event earned by the student body as an incentive for participation with the Fun Run.

Kam Wah Chung



Humbolt Elementary 6th-grade students visited Kam Wah Chung State Heritage Park for a tour and gold panning experience.

John Day Fossil Beds



Humbolt Elementary 3rd-grade students visited the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument.

Humbolt Elementary Fun Run



A huge THANK YOU to The Prospector Booster Club for donating water bottles to each of our students for our annual Fun Run! The students loved personalizing them and using them for the Fun Run and beyond! Thank you to Andy Lusco and all the staff and students who helped set up/take down for the Fun Run, provided popsicles, supported our students and all the other help they provided! Thank you for supporting Humbolt Little Pros! -Robyn Miller Fun Run Coordinator



Where Are They Now?

Grant Union Alumni Jared and Heather (Nelson) Berry checked in from Phoenix, Arizona. During high school, Jared played basketball and baseball while Heather competed in volleyball, basketball, and track. Jared graduated in 2000 and played baseball for Western Baptist College in Salem before transferring to Linn-Benton Community College. Heather graduated from Grant Union in 2001 and attended the University of Oregon in Eugene. The two reconnected when Heather visited friends in Corvallis and the rest is history.

After college, Jared worked on construction projects around Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for Iron Triangle. Heather started an internship in sports television production, traveling around the West Coast as a production assistant for college football.

Jared and Heather were married in 2008 and settled in Phoenix, Arizona. They have two children, Hudson, age 9, and Monroe, age 3. Jared currently works as the lead Civil Engineer Inspector. Heather has recently stepped away from her 22-year career as a Sports Producer for television broadcasting, which has included two Emmy awards, to pursue a career as a full-time actor. She has been busy with several projects, including commercials, television shows, and films. Grant County holds a special place in their hearts, and they enjoy returning often to visit their families and friends.



Jared & Heather Berry

Celebration of Retirees/Staff Alumni



Grant School District 3 held their first annual Celebration of Retirees, a reunion of previous and retired staff members. Please contact the district office for more information or to be added to the list. Thank you!



FBLA members serve dinner to staff alumni.



Where are you now? We would love to hear from all of our alumni! Reach out to us by e-mail at shoutout@grantedistrict.org or call the district office at 541-575-1280.

FBLA Shines Bright at Grant Union

By Kalli Wilson, GU Business Teacher and FBLA Leader

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is the largest career and technical student organization in the world, dedicated to preparing students for success in business through academic competitions, leadership development, and community service. As the FBLA advisor at Grant Union, I've had the privilege of witnessing firsthand how this program transforms students – helping them build confidence, independence, and strong leadership skills. Beyond these personal growth areas, FBLA equips students with essential real-world abilities such as public speaking, time management, and effective collaboration. Few students exemplify the spirit and impact of FBLA more fully than Grant Union senior Maddie Bailey.

Maddie served as the Oregon FBLA State President for two consecutive years – a first in Grant Union's history. Her journey in this role has been nothing short of extraordinary. While Maddie would humbly credit FBLA for the opportunities it has given her, the reality is that she gave even more in return. She dedicated countless hours to fulfilling her duties, often sacrificing sporting events, social milestones, and personal time to serve with integrity, professionalism, and heart.

As State President, Maddie was responsible for leading weekly meetings with her state officer team, traveling to Portland for in-person leadership sessions, and serving as the liaison between the FBLA Governing Board and her team. She played a key role in setting the vision and strategic direction for Oregon FBLA, ensuring that every initiative aligned with the organization's goals. Maddie took the lead in planning and executing the annual State Business Leadership

Conference, the most significant state-level annual event. During the conference, she facilitated student workshops and delivered speeches.

In addition to her leadership responsibilities, Maddie remained an active competitor, qualifying for FBLA Nationals three years in a row, a testament to her academic excellence and commitment to growth. She leads by example, inspires her peers, and consistently goes above and beyond. She is a two-time recipient of the FBLA Who's Who Award and was awarded the Oregon FBLA State Officer Scholarship. She made her mark on the national stage by winning the 2024 - 2025 FBLA national theme contest with her slogan and logo: "Dare to Dream. Dare to Lead." Her winning design was chosen as the official national theme for the year, showcasing her creativity.

Maddie's leadership, dedication, and trailblazing accomplishments have set a new standard for what's possible at Grant Union and in FBLA. Eliza Bailey, Maddie's sister, served as the VP of Media for the 2024-2025 school year and recently was elected as the VP of Development for the 2025-2026 school year. I am excited to see the impact that Eliza will have on the FBLA program over the next two years.

This school year our chapter has grown to over 20 active members. Under the direction of Maddie and Eliza Bailey, we have implemented weekly lunch meetings and monthly chapter nights. Our chapter spent a lot of time volunteering throughout the community and we've seen a lot of success in competitions. At state competition this year we had three first-place wins, five second-place wins, and seven other top-ten placements. With this momentum, I'm confident that the future of our FBLA chapter is brighter than ever.



GU FBLA at State Conference: Landon James, Logan Randleas, Benji Finley, Vincent Raschio, Taylor Gosnell, Jhett Williams, Colton Lyman, Morgan Cole, Kaleb Gosnell, Adie Judd, Ganesa Ledbetter, Cosette Klusmier, Daizie Reynolds, Hannah McKinley, Abril Ceja, and Keira Stiner.



Maddie Bailey gives her farewell address as FBLA State President. (Photo by Logan Randleas)

