Grant County

Community Profile

Population 7,935
Location John Day

Position Description

Sponsor Grant County
Supervisor Sally Bartlett
Grant County Economic Development Coordinator

Assignment Food systems and economic development. Grant County Oregon State Extension Office The Oregon State University Extension Service provides research-based knowledge and education that strengthens Grant County’s economy, sustains natural resources, and promotes healthy communities, families, and individuals. It serves the community by teaching new skills and providing problem-solving based on university research. Grant County provides education on agriculture, horticulture, range, forestry, youth development, family & community health; nutrition and food preservation.

The RARE participant is working on two main food system projects in Grant County. The participant is creating education/marketing materials that explain the benefits and overall value of food stamps, free and reduced priced school lunches, and WIC services. For the second project, the participant is mapping all aspects of the county’s food systems including retail grocery outlets and farmers’ markets. This information is being used to create a food directory that will act as a reference guide to local community members.

RARE Participant

Hannah Ancel grew up in Vermont and attended Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. She graduated from Salve Regina with a BA of Arts in Cultural and Historic Preservation and also studied anthropology. During college, Hannah spent four months in Rome studying Italian and Roman art, architecture, and archaeology. In Rome, she began to value the experience of living in new communities and appreciating culture very different from her own. Recently, Hannah interned at the Preservation Trust of Vermont in Burlington writing and designing a historical narrative booklet for a local historic site.