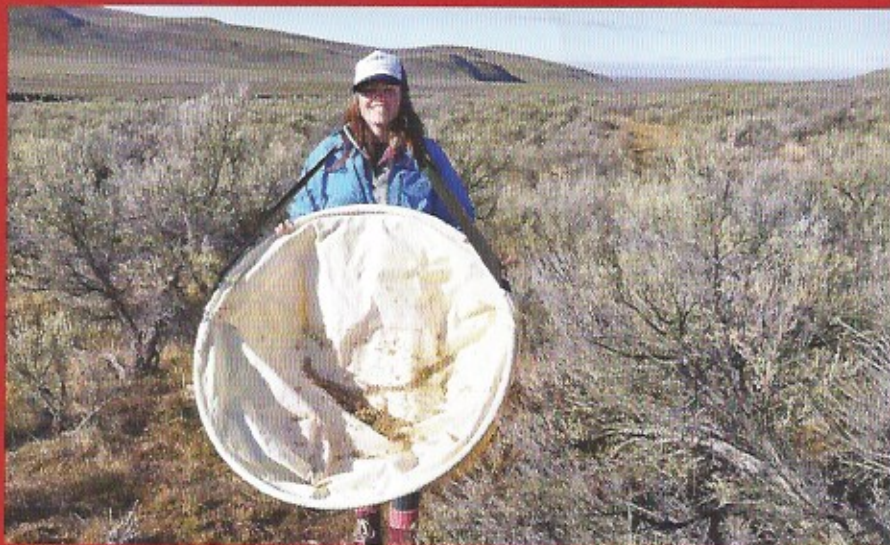


saving the sagebrush

**STUDENTS
GATHER
SEED FOR
FIRE REHAB**



ABOVE: Senior Erin Hennessy shows off the sagebrush seeds she collected near Sheep Bridge Canyon. The seeds will be used for fire rehab.

After the Beaver Creek Fire devastated the Wood River Valley this summer, Community School students sought a way to help the Wood River Valley heal.

One hundred and twenty-five Upper School students collected 3.25 million sagebrush seeds near Sheep Bridge Canyon, west of Timmerman Junction, in October as part of a partnership with the Wood River Land Trust.

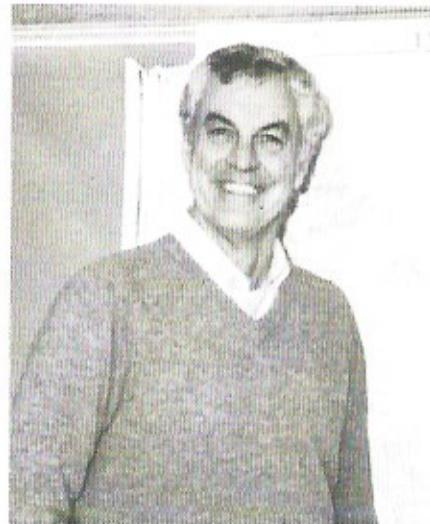
Students spent approximately an hour picking flower heads from Wyoming big sagebrush in the area, collecting more than 36 pounds of material in large hoop-style nets. The material was refined to yield roughly 1.3 pounds of pure seed.

The seeds will be cultivated by a local nursery

and used in 2015 restoration efforts. Because it takes two years for sagebrush seeds to grow into seedlings large enough to compete with non-native species such as cheatgrass, the seedlings used this year were picked in 2012.

This restoration project was conducted in conjunction with Project WOW, an organization that fosters philanthropy in students by giving each child \$25 to help support community organizations.

The students who participated in the sagebrush project not only gave their time, but also donated \$3,250 to the Wood River Land Trust. The funds will be used to help the organization purchase seedlings for the U.S. Forest Service to use in post-fire restoration work this spring.



CS REMEMBERS **Bob Doyle**

Community School teacher Bob Doyle's name appears a lot in this magazine as a person who not only inspired excellence in others, but who pushed his students to selflessly give back.

Bob taught Upper School English and history at Community School from 1989 to 2003, inspiring his students to perform community service through his own example. His students say he was dedicated to ensuring they understood how large the world was outside the Wood River Valley, and how privileged they were to grow up in this environment.

Bob was the inspiration for the Bob Doyle Excellence in Teaching Endowment and is honored through the Bob Doyle Service Leader Award. This award is given to students who have given to the school and to the larger community through their exceptional volunteerism, and have demonstrated a strong desire to serve others. Last June, honors went to now-freshman Oliver Guy and now-senior Erin Hennessy.

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