

## ACADEMIC REPORT

## Smarr receives art scholarship

Sunshine Smarr was selected to receive the \$750 scholarship presented by the Grant County Art Association to a student who plans to pursue art or an art-related course.

Four qualified students applied for the scholarship this year. The art association selection committee agonized over the decision, evaluating the student's artwork, personal statement and instructor recommendation.

Smarr plans to attend Central Oregon Community College and pursue a degree in interior design.

The Grant County Art Association nonprofit was formed in 1969 and has been encouraging art by offering workshops, awards at the Grant County Fair and scholarships. The association meets from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month, where attendees paint and encourage and support each other's artistic endeavors. For more information, contact Eloise Boren at 541-



Lisa Janine (Lino) Berry

987-2138 or email Eloise@eprintingandgraphics.com.

## Grant Union alum earns doctorate

Lisa Janine (Lino) Berry earned a doctorate in educational technology on Thursday, May 8, from Boise State University in Boise, Idaho. Her thesis was "Using Learning Analytics to Predict Success in Online and Face to Face Learning Environment."

Berry graduated from Grant Union High School in



Rilee Emmel

John Day in 1987 and is the daughter of Carl and the late Sondra Lino.

Berry is an instructional design consultant team manager at the extended studies eCampus Center at Boise State. She and her husband, Tom, have two daughters.

## Electric co-op awards four local scholarships

Four Grant County students have been awarded \$5,000 scholarships from Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative.



Mariah McClung

Hannah Brandsma, Jessica Carter, James Clay Johnson and Jamie Waltenburg received the awards along with 22 other students from Baker, Harney and Union counties.

Since the launch of the scholarship program, in 2000, OTEC has awarded 401 scholarships to local youth with a total overall investment of approximately \$1,159,000.

Applications for 2018 scholarships will be made available online starting November 2017 and will be open to current high school seniors, those looking to pursue a ca-

reer as a line worker or in the electrical utility industry and returning college students who are members, or dependents, of OTEC members.

For more information, visit: otecc.com under the "community" tab.

## Johnson receives broadband association scholarship

The Foundation for Rural Service has awarded more than \$100,000 in college scholarships to 47 students in rural communities served by members of NTCA-The Rural Broadband Association, including one in Grant County.

Clay Johnson, sponsored by Oregon Telephone Corporation, received a \$2,500 scholarship.

The FRS College Scholarship Program awards one-time scholarships to students from rural America for their first year of college, university or vocational-technical school. Each student is sponsored by an NTCA member company.

## Emmel, McClung named Students of the Month

Freshman Rilee Emmel and junior Mariah McClung were named Students of the Month for Prairie City School for April.

Mrs. Mediger nominated Emmel, stating she is a very unique and conscientious student. Emmel wants to pursue a career in radiology after she graduates from high school and knows her GPA is an important part of achieving that goal, all while participating in fall and winter sports.

Mediger said Emmel is always friendly to her classmates and the staff and is an asset of the school.

Mr. Goodwin nominated McClung, because she is a serious and conscientious student.

Goodwin was also impressed with a research essay she had written for his class. "I can always count on Mariah to do a thorough job on a difficult assignment," Goodwin said.

## SENIOR Outlook



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## Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY — I hope you got your lawn mowed before it snowed. I even had to put my pant liners back on and wear my winter coat today. But by the time you read this, it will be 80 degrees! Welcome to Grant County spring! All the

tulips that I transplanted (and the deer didn't get to) bloomed nicely. But they all had a white stripe on one petal. Guess that was the place the frost was really bad.

Betty Retherford led the flag salute, and hubby Jack asked the blessing. Assistant cook Tom brought some petunias to give to each mother in attendance. Delores Scott was our oldest mom; youngest and with most children was Livy Atchley; Carla Wright won for having the most grandchildren (11) and great-grandchildren (11). The amazing thing is that all of her children and grandchildren were born in Grant County. Not many can top that achievement. Other winners were Ken Koser for the \$5 in trade gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts and Bonnie Lake got the \$7.50 gift certificate donated by Chuck's Little Diner.

So the 47 of us registered enjoyed juice, cheesy broccoli and rice, glazed carrots, meatloaf, rolls and chocolate cheesecake for dessert. Tom picked the menu and oversaw its bringing to fruition for our enjoyment. Again the collective response was, "I ate too much." Hard not to when it tastes so good!

On the medical report, we're getting over the crud - finally. My ears are still not what they were before, but they are getting better. I presume the little tube is still in there. The Eustachian tubes do a lot of popping at unusual times, so I assume that's a good thing. Have more news next time after the re-check. Have acquired volumes one and three of the Great American Bathroom Book. These are kind of like the Cliff Notes books for college students who don't have time or won't take time to read the assigned texts for their courses. The bathroom book has summaries of all-time great books. I never got to read a lot of those, so now I know what they are all about. Found out that some of them that are purported to be "great" are not what I would want to read anyway. Tried to read The Brothers Kasimarov but couldn't keep the characters straight. I'm more of a Mrs. Pollifax person. Anyway, I'm really enjoying these summaries of the great books. According to the order form in the back of the 600-page books, you can get a leather-bound copy for only \$50. What a deal! Ahem.

We have the contractor all lined up to come in June to install the new ADA compliant exit ramp to this old building. That will require two new doors and enlarging of the door frames. Due to the age of the buildings, the contractor opined that it was probably built using the old "balloon" construction technique. That was a new one on me. He explained it, but I don't have room to repeat it. Ask a carpenter. We also want to replace the crash bar and door closer on the most used door at the front entry. It's probably obsolete by now, but the door company is looking! Your donations at work. Thank you.

Rev. 3:20: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in..."

## John Day Seniors

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JOHN DAY — Monday, May 15, Merry Henry and I were at the front desk, greeting guest. Our faithful regulars from the First Christian Church, Al and Kathy Altnow, delivered meals in the John Day and Canyon City Area. Rodney Brunson, Ron Jerome and

Amber Wright delivered meals on the Mt. Vernon route, for a total of 31 regular takeouts and 28 frozen meals. Good job gang! Drew Harmer surprised us with home-grown lettuce. And more to come it seems.

The Altnows graciously served tables in the dining room, and Kathy did some comedic slight of hand tricks in conjunction with Shay and Lisa (probably Danny too!) at my place at the table — much laughter. I just groaned! The flag salute was done by Chris Labhart, and Al Altnow asked the blessing for our meal. Jan Sanderson won the drawing for the free meal, and Pat Amling won the Len's Drug gift certificate.

Our entrée of chicken Caesar pasta salad joined by creamy turkey soup with fresh bread and a giant chocolate chip cookie to celebrate National Chocolate Chip Day was well worth coming out for. We had 21 diners. Thursday, May 18, Jeanette Julsrud and Bonnie Kocis manned the greeting station, while the ladies from the Methodist Church served the tables. Jean Willey and Sherry Feiger did a great job as always, and we thank you. Sherry Feiger and Chett Bay delivered to the John Day and Canyon City folks, while the Step Forward crew took the Mt. Vernon Route. We so appreciate you all.

Veanne cautioned about phone scams. Don't say "yes." Also the \$1.8 billion

budget cuts in Oregon will be cutting into DHS, which means some of Veanne's programs could suffer. Evelyn Ogilvie has been ill; pray please. And Eulala Herbert died on Tuesday; she was 105. Ron Dowse had a successful bone marrow transplant; he says he feels great. He and Roberta look forward to getting back with us as soon as they can.

As always, our time was opened by the salute to the flag of the United States of America, led by Jean Willey, and our meal blessing was given by Sherry Feiger. The Valley View meal was won by Eva Harris, and the Chester's Thriftway certificate was drawn for Kathy Morris. Old-fashioned meatloaf and baked potatoes with veggies and chocolate poke cake were served. We were blessed by 56 diners.

We had a lot of visitors. The Sandersons had a crew of eight: Larry and Kathy Morris, Marion and David Jarman, Carol and John Moore, Russ and Willis Douglas. This group of friends comes in every year to spend time together with Jan and Larry while they work at Holliday park. Kim Ausland brought her friends from Valley View, including Dawn Hindman, Randy Persinger, Mary Lou McCurry, Chuck Corwin, Linda and Larry Christianson, Sharon Bell, Jen Winkler and daughter Gail Beverlin. We'll have fried chicken, macaroni salad and watermelon Thursday. Please arrive at the center by 11:45 a.m. so the servers can start on time. Don't forget we play bingo at 1 p.m. on Thursday after a great meal!

Please let Shay know if you can help serve brunch each morning (three days) during the Solar Eclipse in August. The parking lot will be closed that Monday due to the eclipse campers.

As I was in Bend for doctor appointments on Thursday, I was blessed by Alma Joslin, who took notes for me. Alma is not responsible for errors, if you find any — I can make those by myself!

Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you."

## Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT — Our hardworking cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, made us macaroni and cheese with ham bits, broccoli, an assortment of breads and cookies for dessert.

Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean

Andersen and Marva Walker. Bob led us in the flag salute. Bodean prayed the blessing over our meal and made announcements. Marva counted the money. The free meal tickets were won by Rickie Doland and Karen Stubblefield.

Rose Howe was present to make a special announcement. You will all be delighted to know that our Monument ambulance is up and running again. She also thanked the senior center for allowing the next group of volunteer EMR to finish their training. We had quite a group from Monument who participated in this training course. The best news of all is that the Blue Mountain Hospital has been in full cooperation and is working with all who are involved. Isn't that a relief to hear? It most assuredly is for me, personally.

Well, preparations are being made for the upcoming event in September. Our Buckaroo Fall and Harvest festival is coming up Sept. 23. Mark that on your calendars! Last year's event was quite a success.

Judy Harris has arranged a gun raffle and a quilt raffle that will be going on from the present until the Buckaroo festival. The rifle item is from Nydams at Ace Hardware in John Day. It is the Savage Axis series, I believe to be valued at almost \$400. I will have to get the exact info next time. The winner of the rifle raffle will have the opportunity of 95 choices to choose a gun from. The quilt is a beautiful quilt made by Judy, and it has the hunting game theme on it.

You can have a chance to win either of these great items by purchasing raffle tickets. The price of the tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. There is no limit to how many tickets you can purchase. You need not be present to win. The winners will be drawn and announced on Sept. 23. So, don't miss this great opportunity to win some very nice prizes.

We will have a special item that will be up for silent auction at the Buckaroo Festival. They are a pair of salt and pepper shakers. These were beautifully handcrafted and donated by Dennis Abraham. The wood was from a black walnut tree from Judy Harris' parent's place right here in Monument. So if you win this item, you will have a piece of Monument in your home. Last year was quite the event and we are expecting maybe double the attendance. As I get more info on the planning and activities, I will give you more notice.

We had one more freak snow storm that came through. I think we have seen the last of it. Now we are into the blazing hot summer, oh boy.

Matthew 10:39 "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

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