

Kids create at family STEM event

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A family STEM night at Humbolt Elementary drew about 200 people to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math through fun activities.

Each child, from preschool age through fifth grade, received a passport to check off as they visited stations set up in eight classrooms.

Families learned to make balloon cars, parachutes and slime. They also learned about gears and electrical engineering, which involved making a two-wheel car.

Humbolt staff were on hand to help, but fifth-grade students who've been meeting twice a month for Friday STEM classes ran the show.

"My STEM kids helped facilitate and run each station throughout the night," said Kristal Hansen, who is the STEM Beyond School coordinator. "The kids have already done all these lessons, so they help teach it and organize it."

Hansen was pleased with the turnout and the Humbolt staff volunteers.

"I would like to say thank you to the community and families who came out," she said.

Hansen works with OSU Extension Office to provide the program, and Extension agent Shanna Northway successfully applied for grant funding. The Friday



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Fourth-graders Dominic Herrera, left, and Taylor Gosnell make slime Thursday during STEM night in Joan Walczyk's classroom at Humbolt Elementary School.

classes, which include field trips, are held in a classroom at the extension office.

The evening included a presentation by Principal Kim Smith and teacher Samantha Gerry about the school's Title I

program, which included a free dinner prepared by Shanna Wright.

"Kristal did an exceptional job of planning this amazing evening for our families," Smith said.



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Kindergartner Drayden Dobbel demonstrates his parachute, which he made at Thursday's STEM night for families at Humbolt Elementary School in Canyon City.

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Listen, my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere. On the eighteenth of April in Seventy-five – Hardly a man is now alive who remembers that

And the meal was great! Pot roast, baked potatoes with all kinds of condiments to add to them, herbed carrots, cinnamon apple slices, rolls, and pineapple upside down cake for dessert. Umm, good. Too bad I missed it. But 62 of you didn't. Hooray.

Back from his winter in Nevada is Bob Meador. Good to see him. Hope he brought some warm weather with him.

Lorna and Krystin brought Marilyn Randall, Gordon Sindt, and Bud Salisbury from the Blue Mountain Care Center. Did you notice the nice new sign that has appeared there? And that the center got "flocked"? I tell you, those flamingos do get around.

Our center had their monthly meeting after lunch. We are moving on to another on the list of improvements to the hall. I just want to say thanks again to those who endowed the center with enough cash to continue with these needed repairs.

I saw the quintessential motif for Grant County: a snow shovel parked by a garden spade. Either is available for use depending on the weather!

Had to make another run to Bend to see the hand specialist. Derrol was dutifully doing his physical therapy for this shoulder rehab, but the wrist rebelled with much pain, swelling, and itchy redness.

Diagnosis: arthritic flare-up. Get an injection and carry on...PTL that another surgery was not indicated.

And I am pleased to report that there were two – count 'em – two tables of pinochle players having a good time. Hooray!

Eccl. 2:26 "To the man who pleases Him, God gives wisdom, knowledge, and happiness..."

famous day and year. – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
By the rude bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, Here once the embattled farmers stood, And fired the shot heard round the world. – Ralph Waldo Emerson
These are the two most memorized poems of the schools of the 19th and 20th centuries. Dare I ask about the 21st? Even the Gettysburg Address refers back to those times with these words: Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated the proposition that all men are created equal. And someone famous said that those who do not remember the past are (condemned?) to live it again (or something like that). Anyway, on this historic day, I just had to say something about it.
OK, on to the present. Scott led the flag salute and Jack asked the blessing. The home delivery guys – Ken, Larry, Scott and Carlos – did their duty. The winner of the gift certificate donated by Chuck's Little Diner was Ken Koser. Good deal. Marjean can go eat a meal that she didn't have to fix.

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



On Monday, April 16, Olivia Cornell handled the desk on her own. Have I mentioned that Olivia has graciously accepted the office (responsibility) of treasurer of the Senior Center Site Council,

On Thursday, April 19, Bonnie Kocis and Drew Harmer greeted, and our friends from Ye Old Thrift Shop and Methodist Church; Sherry Feiger, Isa Larkin, Louise Nelson, Margie Conlee and Dolores Belden took very good care of us as always. Margie led us in the flag salute, Connie Perry won the drawing for the Chester's Thriftway gift, Margie won the Valley View meal, and Sherry Feiger gave us a wonderful devotion and blessed our meal. This group is a very big supporter of ours here, thank you for all of your unseen service. We enjoyed stuffed pork loin, dressing, veggies, homemade bread and cherry pineapple crumble-cake. We are so spoiled by Shay and Lisa. Thanks for Danny and our "phantom hands" helper. Special thanks to Janice and James Officer for sponsoring our entrée.

Next Thursday, April 26, come for the luau. We'll have Huli Huli chicken. Wear your grass skirt. Then on Monday, April 30, it's baked fish with rice pilaf.

Welcome to Karen Barrieta's guest, Shirley Dinsmore. Welcome also to Charlene Morris and John Morrison. Don't forget, we have Tai Chi after lunch on Mondays. I'll bet you can't come and watch without getting into it yourself. It is senior style, very gentle, helpful for balance and much more (can be helpful sitting in a chair too). Tyler has a heart for us. On Thursdays we have Bingo, after lunch, starts about 1 p.m. Someone is bound to be winning our \$200 Blackout soon.

1 Timothy 1:15 NIV "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst."

and she is doing a great job. We have a suggestion box, and hope you will use it, Olivia is checking it regularly. We want you to find a voice, friends, good food and to feel at home here. Don't forget to check out our wonderful library and thanks to Jessie Elliott for two big bags of books.
Our Step Forward friends, headed up by David Gill and Rodney, delivered all of the meals. That includes John Day, Canyon City and Mt. Vernon. They delivered 28 regular and 20 frozen meals. Thank you so much.
Jeanne Willey, Jan Ellison, Karen Barrieta, Roberta and Ron Dowse from the First Christian Church did table service for us. Jan led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Don Porter won the drawing for the Len's Drug gift, and Yvonne Majors won the free meal. After Ron Dowse blessed our meal, we dined on spinach-mushroom and feta quiche, sweet potato fries with dip, bread sticks and Maui Wowie sherbet and I had a brain freeze. After lunch, Tyler Stoneman introduced us to a gentle Tai Chi, which he will be teaching us for the next eight weeks. There is room for all. We will be having a fundraiser to keep this going; more info to come.

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Our cooks Carrie Jewell and Teawna Conklyn made us some sweet and sour chicken with steamed rice, a fresh green salad, fruit and snicker doodle cookies for our dessert. They had many happy customers.

handle. We are very fortunate that they are up and running again. The warm weather is starting to take over. The fields are turning their green color. We had some gorgeous sunshine and warmth. Of course I tried to take advantage and planted some spinach and snap peas. Ok, scattered and threw some seeds. But hey, remember those daikon radish seeds I threw in a raised bed? They are sprouting! Yes, yes, they really are sprouting. We definitely need to take advantage of this great weather and sunshine.

So, I decided to move my goat Dolly and her baby Bonnie to my fenced in area where I had pigs before (we still have some in the freezer). While I was getting them out of their pen, Steve snuck out by slipping right past me! The silly goat wanted to munch on some of the fresh green grass that I had been giving him and that was growing right next to the goat pen. Of course the control freak in me was furious. My son chased him for a bit. We somehow managed to wrangle him back in. Steve looked at me as if to say, "I really need to be out of the pen to eat the fresh grass."
Dolly wasn't too happy about the move. I'm sure she will just have to get over the initial shock and start munching the grass, weeds, and some thistle. She was being a bully to Jill anyway and was always trying to head butt her. The funny thing was, on the other side of the road, Jill was crying for Dolly and vice versa. Go figure? Goats are funny creatures and I can't figure them out.
Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD."

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole, and Debbie Reid. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements, and prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Debbie collected and counted the money. There were 44 guests on the books and ten takeouts. The free meal tickets were won by Bob Cockerell and Christian Yukawa. The Len's Drug gift card was won by yours truly. My family must have had the Midas touch or something that day.
We had Archie Osburn join us for lunch. He is a resident of Monument and is running for County Commissioner. If you have any questions, you may give him a call.
Mark your calendars. There will be an EMT dinner on May 5th. Ticket prices are \$20 per person or \$30 for a couple. They will be serving prime rib. Ed Andersen will be doing the cooking. The dining times are 4:30-5:30 p.m. or 6-7 p.m. Pie donations are needed and much appreciated. Please come and support our Monument EMTs! We appreciate all that they do for all our emergencies that they

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