

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



was the winner of \$7.50 toward a meal from Chuck's Little Diner. Thanks so much, Valeria. Ginger led the flag salute and Pastor Keith DeHart asked the blessing. Our delivery personnel included Mary, Carla, Gwynne, and Sharon. In-house helpers were Tom, Josiah, and the Ketchums. Thanks to all for all your help. And Pam H. was able to return to her post at the registration desk. PTL

So what was this great dinner? Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, sweet potatoes, a nut/Jell-O/topping salad, deviled eggs, and apple cake for dessert. Whew. And people sat and ate and visited! Yes. Kudos to our great cooks, Pam W. and Pam G. The meal for April 20 is Amish Country casserole. So come on up, down, or over and see what that is.

I have a "hanging" on the wall of my studio/office that says "Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." Found it at a yard sale or thrift store, probably. We musicians are blessed when we use this "gift" to proclaim His glory. The Easter season is only once such time to do this. The Ensemble has persevered through the ups and downs of this winter to prepare a musical offering to present on Easter Sunday. I usually make a taped accompaniment for us to use. But when we would practice, we just couldn't keep with the tape. So we are going

to do something we have never done before — sing it a cappella. After all, the voice was the first musical "instrument" that humans had.

Psalm 68:25 In front are the singers, after them the musicians;...

Psalm 108:1 My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul.

Ephesians 5:19 ... Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord,...

Ephesians 5:20 ...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John Day Seniors

Elsie Huskey



We have made it through two full weeks being active and open to activities and very successful, too.

Since I have been in Boise all week, I do not know how things went at our Monday and Thursday lunches. We have had some contact with a couple regular attendees but got no new information from them about this last week. You will get caught up in next Wednesday's paper, and I will be back home for the April 21 lunch. Hope to see you all there.

Remember to keep watch for your OTEC ballot and information on the annual meeting.

Also there should be a sign-up sheet at the center for transportation. Keep watching for that also and get your name on it for a ride to the meeting. It will be on a Saturday.

John 3:16 God so loves the world that HE gave HIS only begotten Son so that whosoever believes on HIM should have EVERLASTING LIFE.

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Our greeters at the table were Kristi Guimont, Bob Cockrell, and Judy Harris. Kristi and Bob checked in the guests, collected, and counted up the money. Jan Ensign filled in the paperwork. Judy Harris led us in the flag salute and made the announcements. Yours truly prayed the blessing over the meal.

Our cooks Carrie and Teawna Jewell made us chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Mexican corn, and apple pie for our dessert. It was a filling and delicious meal. Shannon Fox won the free meal ticket. Theda Phelps celebrated her 81st birthday

and we all sang her the birthday song. We thank all our volunteers and cooks for helping to make our Tuesday lunch run smoothly.

With a very sad and heavy heart, I have to report that our beloved Jimmy Cole passed away. He was visited by his family and all of them got to say goodbye to him by either being there or talking to him on the phone. Jimmy was truly a special friend. He was part of what made Monument special. Jimmy loved to share stories and I loved to listen to him tell his stories. If I had a question about animals, I could always ask Jimmy. He loved to tell me about his cowboy days, about his sisters, and the stories of him and his family growing up.

Our family adopted him as part of our family and my kids called him "Uncle Jimmy." Coming from an Asian tradition at one of our old churches back in California, all the kids would call the adults Uncle or Auntie so-and-so. Even though Jimmy was not Asian, he was the only "Caucasian" or "white" person that got the honorary title of being called an "Uncle." Ha. Yes, he was that special to us, and we loved him dearly.

Thank you to all the prayer warriors out there for praying for Jimmy. Did God not answer or hear our prayers?

On the contrary, Scripture says that His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. God is good all the time, and I believe that He took Jimmy home to be with Him. Jimmy fought the good fight and had finished the race set before him. Let us lift his family up in prayer for peace and comfort.

My greatest admiration for Jimmy was that even though he was disabled at a young age, had arthritis so bad that he had to wear wrist braces all the time, got cancer, lost all his teeth, was in a lot of pain, he never once complained, ever. He always had a cheerful outlook. He never blamed God, he just took life in stride.

Jimmy's service will be Saturday, April 23, at noon at the Monument School gym. Following the service, the burial will be at the Monument Cemetery. There will be a potluck lunch at the Monument Senior Center at the conclusion of it all. Hope you all can make it to show your support for Jimmy and honor Jimmy's life.

Revelations 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Finding Their Way: Baker students learn to use a compass

By LISA BRITTON
Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — Patrick Oberlander peers at the compass in his hand.

He looks up, then looks back at the dial.

Then he spins in a circle, hoping to orient himself.

"The black has to line up with black, and the red with the red," he says.

Once that happens on the compass, he points across Geiser-Pollman Park.

"We're supposed to go this way," he says, side-stepping across the Powder River Pavilion to keep the compass pointing the right direction.

On Friday, April 8, youth from grades 1 to 3 explored the park by using a compass during a special orienteering program led by Shane Alderson of Baboon

Creek Outfitters in Baker City.

This outing was part of the Baker School District's Friday Academy.

For the Friday Academy sessions each week, grades 1-3 gather at the Baker Heritage Museum, just across Grove Street from Geiser-Pollman Park, and students in grades 4-6 meet at the YMCA gymnasium on Church Street.

Sessions for all include one hour of academics, and two hours of a STEM activity (science, technology, engineering and math).

Community partners include the Baker Heritage Museum, OSU Extension Service, Bureau of Land Management, GO-STEM and the YMCA. Each group is also accompanied by a paraprofessional from the school district, and a high school student.

"We could not do it without commu-

nity partners," said Heidi Stocks, coordinator for Friday Academy.

The April 8 session was organized by OSU Extension, which recruited Alderson.

"I asked Shane to come because he's so good at orienteering," said Katie Hauser, program coordinator for OSU Extension-Baker County.

Prior to his lessons, Alderson set up a course in the park and hid signs for the children to find. Some of those had disappeared overnight, however, so he improvised. But first, he started with the basics.

"What direction does a needle on a compass always point?" he asked the youngsters gathered in a circle around him.

Several suggested "north," which Alderson met with an empathic nod.

"I set up a course for you guys to follow and use compasses to navigate

through the park," he said.

After dividing into groups of four, the students tried their skills at orienteering with the help of an adult.

Although many students found their way to the hidden objects, frustration was part of the activity, as well.

When Alderson came to help Oberlander's group, the youngster spoke up with the true honesty of a child.

"We can't really have a kid as our leader," he said.

But Alderson and the other adults kept the interest high — until another pressing concern surfaced, again from Oberlander.

"I have a wiggly tooth," he said.

This made nearby Annabelle Knight perk up.

"I have three wiggly teeth!" she said.

And then they went back to reading the compass.



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Harley Ackerman, left, and Patrick Oberlander work to find their way with a compass around Geiser-Pollman Park on Friday, April 8, 2022.

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