## Community

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS



PRAIRIE CITY – Well, May 13 was an interesting day, wasn't it?

We were just lazing around after breakfast when the electricity went off. Hum. Can't be because there's too much snow on the lines. Did someone have an accident and knock over a pole? Maybe a transformer blew up. Nope, none of the above. At least none that was the fault of our local providers. Glad the temperature was not 20 below with a 40 mph wind blowing.

But what about senior dinner? Ah, not to worry. Our resourceful and ingenious cooks just loaded up what needed to be heated and took it over to the gas ovens at the Teen Center, and continued with their duties. When it came time to dish up the take-outs, the power had returned to our side of town, so the baking pans were returned to the grange hall, and the meal preparation and serving went on as normal. No problem.

We had vases of pretty spring flowers for the table centerpieces. Only 68 names on the book, including cousin Al and wife Diane from Sequim, Wash., who will be in and out of town throughout the summer. Good to see them.

The \$5 in trade gift certificate went to JoAnn Phippen, and the one from Java Jungle was given to

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Larry Wright.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Helen Emmel asked the blessing. Our volunteer servers included Sandi Rennels, JoAnn Phippen, Pam Howard and Del Lake. Dusty Harris made a few rounds with the coffee and tea pots. We had apple juice, green salad, twice baked potatoes, meat loaf, rolls, and cranberry/apple crunch with ice cream for dessert.

Lorna and Patty from Blue Mountain Care Center brought Dorothy Blasing, Eula Thompson, Lois Hill, Dollina Humphreys and Robert Riddel.

Did you know recent scientific research has confirmed salt and coffee are good for you? After how many years of the same research telling us they were bad? How about "everything in moderation?"

I was too busy running back and forth to Bend this week to do anything on the doll buggy. Derrol had another injection in his thumb joint on the left hand. The right hand is feeling neglected now. His statement about the whole situation: "I'll sure be glad to get my new body." There's always something to hope for, huh?

Since we are over 100 miles from any interstate highway, I thought readers might find this interesting: The interstate system requires that one mile in every five must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips. So check that out the next time you use 1-84.

Matthew 7:14 "... strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leads to life ..."



JOHN DAY – On May 11, we had a different lunch that was very good: broccoli cheddar soup, pizza bread, a veggie tray with dip and cream cheese pinwheels. Due to it being "Twilight Zone Day," we had a magic cookie bar for dessert. Fun and fellowship was great.

Margaret Glass and Susan Fowle greeted us at the desk. Francis Kocis and Betty Holznagel delivered 19 meals and eight frozen ones. Shay Lewis did the Mt. Vernon route. Our servers were from Redeemer Lutheran Church. Buzz Gilmore led the flag salute, and Francis Kocis asked the blessing.

Ron Dowse did the announcing due to Veanne Weddle's absence. He said someone lost a very expensive arch support last Thursday, and it might have been at the Senior Center. If you've seen it, turn it in to the Center.

Ron will have another AARP drivers safety course from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at the Strawberry Grange Hall in Prairie City. For more information or to sign up, call 541-575-4268. He also announced there are a lot of grandparent scams going on. Margaret Glass recounted one she recently received.

Wednesday, May 13, was Ron's birthday.

Gail Heising won the Len's Drug gift certificate,

and Bobbie Gilmore won the free meal.

On May 14, we had chicken a la king over biscuits, served with garden salad and homemade ranch dressing. For dessert we had apple crisp. Gloria Kulis and Bonnie Kocis greeted us at the door.

Linda Sprouffske and Buzz Glass delivered 23 meals. Our servers were from Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. Zola Pike led the flag salute, and Pastor Levi Manitsas asked the blessing.

Veanne announced that according to the computer, it was "National Dance Like a Chicken Day," so that's what was playing on the stereo as we entered the dining room. Quite the added touch. She asked for anyone who wanted to do the dance, but she didn't have any takers.

We celebrated the Glasses' anniversary.

We had a couple of guests: Gloria Kulis' sister, Janice Kuhlman, and Aaron Lieuallen joined us for the first time. Welcome to both of you.

Janice Sanderson won the Chester's Thriftway certificate, and Carla Anderson won the lunch for two at Valley View.

Thursday, May 21, we'll have honey mustard pork ribs, and Monday, May 25, the Center will be closed for Memorial Day. Hope everyone has a nice holiday weekend. We'll see you again on May 28 for beef brisket.

Psalm 19:1 "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork."



MONUMENT – Our May 12 lunch was delicious chicken Alfredo, fresh tossed salad, garlic bread and fruit cobbler. Our cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, did a fine job. Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Anderson and Marva Walker were our greeters.

Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean blessed the meal with prayer. Dorothy Jordan won the Chester's Thriftway gift card, Bob Blakeslee won the Len's Drug gift card and Mike Smith won the free meal. We had 34 attendees and five take-outs.

Here at our Monument Senior lunch, we have it kind of buffet-style. We serve ourselves usually and people volunteer to help clean up.

Betty Breeding is still in the hospital, but she has been moved to rehab. There was a card for her on the back table to sign during our lunch. She has her good and bad days. We pray she'll have more good ones, and will be able to come home soon.

There was a short board meeting after lunch.

I've been enjoying the rainy weather as of late. I

try to till the garden after the nice rain because it makes the dirt real nice and soft.

I've got some potatoes and sweet potatoes in the ground. Hopefully soon, I will get to plant my corn and beans.

Remember, I was going to share about that fat squirrel who tormented me one summer?

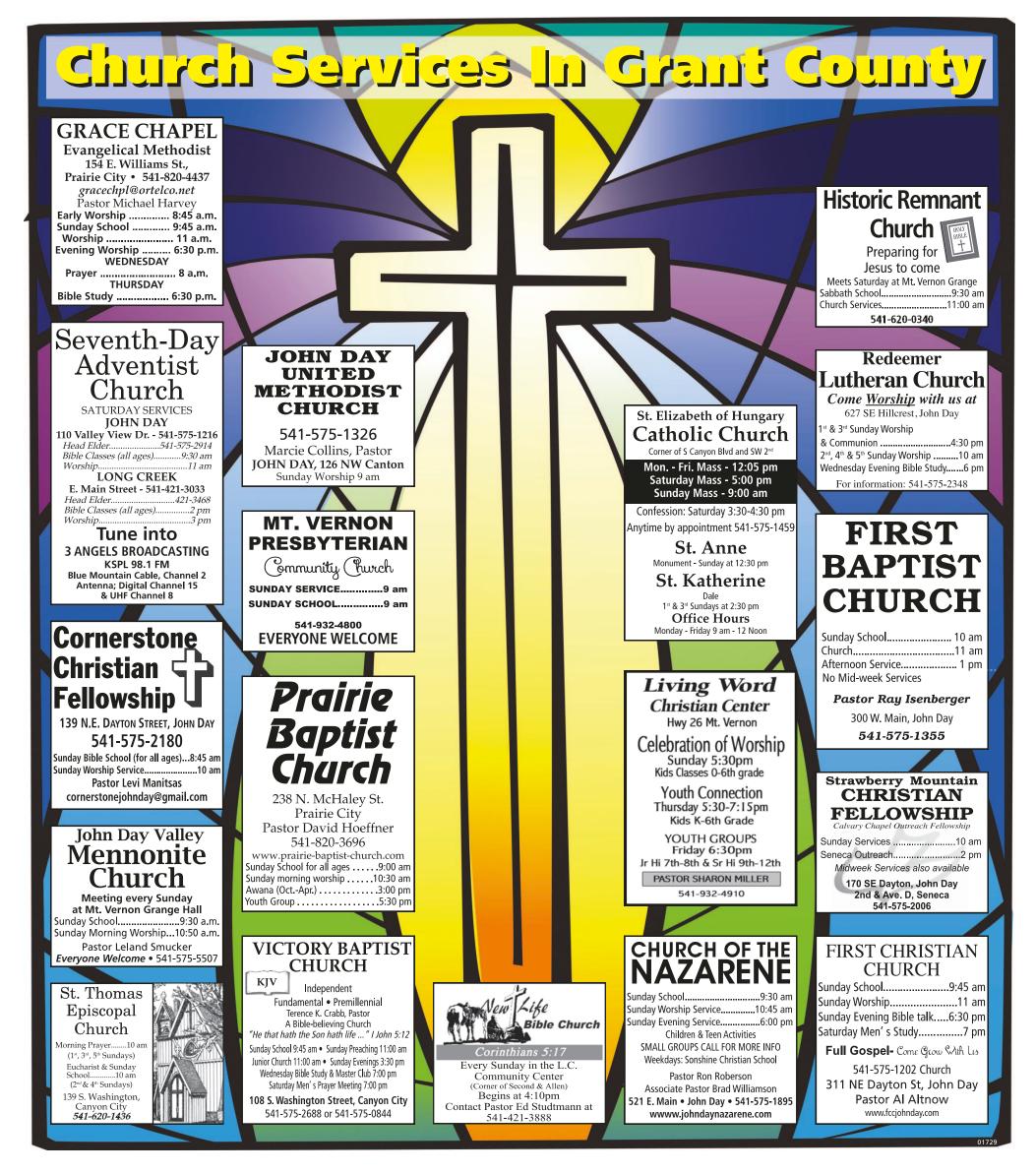
The little varmint would come over to my backyard, which was full of delectable and juicy tomatoes. When I went to water the plants one day, I found him sitting on top of a tomato cage nibbling on a tomato. He would take a bite, toss it aside, pick off another, take a bite, toss it and grab another. He kept doing this, and he was so heavy, the cage was starting to fall over.

He did it to my strawberry guava tree as well. Oh, how I hated that squirrel. I wished I had animals to take care of him.

Here, we have a bunch of cats. They've been very good at catching lots of things – snakes, sage rats, rabbits, birds and mice. Too bad I didn't have them back in California; I'm sure he'd have been a goner!

Proverbs 4:18 "But the path of the just is as the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day."





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