

Thanksgiving feast draws over 100 guests

The unmistakable smell of roasting turkey began wafting through the Enterprise Senior Center on Thanksgiving Day.

Volunteers were on hand early in the day to begin preparations for the annual event, which this year served upwards of 100 guests.

The menu included a complete Thanksgiving meal, everything from turkey to mashed potatoes and gravy and pie for dessert.

Although much of the history of the event is anecdotal, most sources agree it was begun by Doug McDaniel and his friends and family who initially provided the labor to produce the dinner.

In 2011, McDaniel went to Wallowa Resources to ask employees to volunteer. Wallowa Resources readily accepted and along with several others stepped up to the plate. Anonymous donors foot the bill for the holiday feast. Around 15 volunteers were on hand this year to cook, serve and clean up afterward.

Wallowa County Commissioner Susan Roberts is the chief cook for the feast. She began with five good-sized turkeys and a large ham, peeled, boiled and mashed 30 pounds of potatoes and created a bread-cube based stuffing with pecans, bacon and pork sausage as the main dishes.

She admits to one secret ingredient: Butter.

“There’s butter in almost everything,” Roberts confided, particularly in the potatoes and the stuffing. “It may not be the healthiest, but everyone seems to like it.”

Revelers young and old began filling the senior center well in advance of the 1 p.m. serving time.

Guests sitting at each of the 20 or so tables took turns passing through the serving line. The initial wave of diners was served and people wanting seconds were returning to the line shortly after 1:30 p.m. Volunteers dined later.

Those attending were asked to bring canned food items for the Community Connection Food Shelf. Otherwise, no reservations were required, no strings attached.

“This is what Wallowa County is all about,” said Mary Lou Brink, a volunteer, as she watched the stream of residents entering the senior center along with her husband, Mel. “It’s a wonderful event.”

— Story and photos by Paul Wahl, Chieftain Editor



ABOVE: Grant Williams, left, and his dad, Mike Williams, along with Nils Christoffersen served potatoes, stuffing, turkey, ham, corn and beans during the Wallowa County Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday at the Enterprise Senior Center. Grant is visiting the area for the holidays. They are serving Carlene Johnson-Small, a native of Wallowa County, who was the first through the chow line.



TOP RIGHT: Mel Davis works his way through the chow line at the Wallowa County Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday at the Enterprise Senior Center. Around 100 guests were served free turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes.



RIGHT: Volunteer Sharon Nall pours coffee for guests at the annual Wallowa County Community Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday at the Enterprise Senior Center in Enterprise. Sharon and her husband, Larry, were the lead volunteers for this year’s event.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Emaciation

6. Exchequer

10. Sacs where fungi develop

14. First letter of the Hebrew alphabet

15. Unexplored waters

17. Berkeley athletes

19. Norse giantess

20. Crater on the moon

21. Resembles velvet

22. Pearl Jam's debut album

23. Hair-like structure

24. Turfs

26. Put in advance

29. First son of Lot

31. Native American language

32. Furry family member

34. Vedic God of fire

35. Genie

37. German city

38. Acquire

39. Cambodia currency

40. A person from a Balkan republic

41. More simple

43. Bleats

45. "The other white meat"

46. ___ student: learns healing

47. 04492, town in Maine

49. Paddle

50. Airline once owned by Howard Hughes

53. Big 10 athlete

57. Inflammation of the intestine

58. Key's comedic partner

59. Chamomile and black are two

60. Distress signal

61. Assn. for translators

4. Upon

5. Superhigh frequency

6. Colorless liquid

7. Hostelries

8. ___ fi (slang)

9. One who accompanies

10. Where rockers play

11. "___ the Man" Musial

12. Waxy cover on some birds' beaks

13. Software that monitors for malicious activity (abbr.)

16. Becomes less intense

18. Lyric poems

22. Touchdown

23. From end to end

24. ___ Claus

25. Jedi Master Kenobi

27. Fencing swords

28. Famed child psychiatrist

29. Gossip

30. S-shaped lining

31. ___ death do us part

33. Bar bill

35. Placed over a vowel to indicate sound

36. Steve Martin was one

37. Low paid educator (abbr.)

39. One who rampages

42. Backbones

43. "Friday Night Lights" director

44. Anno Domini

46. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin

47. Fermented grape juice

48. Peruvian province

49. Former Braves outfielder Nixon

50. Entertainment award

51. Feeling good

52. Greek god of war

53. Famed NYC museum

54. Of the ears

55. Select

56. Friend to the carrot

Church Directory

Wallowa United Methodist Church

Kaye Garver - Pastor
102 West 1st Street, P.O. Box 53
Wallowa, Or 97885

Leave Message at 541-432-9029

Worship at 9:00am
Bible Study Mondays at 1:00pm at Senior Center, Wallowa, OR

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church

100 NE 3rd St, Enterprise
NE 3rd & Main St

541-426-3439
Worship Service
Sunday 9:30am

Summit Church

Gospel Centered Community
Service time: 10:30 am
Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise
541-426-2150
www.summitchurchoregon.org

Faith Lutheran Church

409 W. Main
Enterprise, Oregon

Worship 2nd & 4th Sundays - 2 pm

Bible Study
2nd & 4th Thursdays - 11 am
LCMS
(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Enterprise Christian Church

85035 Joseph Hwy • (541) 426-3449

Worship at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship at 6 p.m.
(nursery at A.M. services)

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David Bruce, Sr. - Minister

Lostine Presbyterian Church

Discussion Group 9:30 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM

Childrens program during service
Blog: dancingforth.blogspot.com

541.398.0597
Hwy 82, Lostine
Stephen Kliewer, Minister

Wallowa Assembly of God

606 West Hwy 82
Wallowa, Oregon
541-886-8445

Sunday School • 9:30
Worship Service • 10:45
Pastor Tim Barton
wallowaassemblyofgod.com

Christ Covenant Church

Pastor Terry Tollefson
Church Office: 541-263-0505

Family Prayer: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
723 College Street
Lostine

Enterprise Community Congregational Church

The Big Brown Church with an open door
Pastor Archie Hook
Sunday Worship 11am
Bible Study 9:30am

Ark Angels Children's Program
Ages 4-6th grade, 11am
Nursery for children 3 & under
301 NE First St. • Enterprise, OR
Find us on Facebook! 541.426.3044

Seventh-Day Adventist Church & School

305 Wagner (near the Cemetery)
P.O. Box N. Enterprise, OR 97828
541-426-3751 Church
541-426-8339 School

Worship Services
Sabbath School 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour 11:00 a.m. - Noon
Pastor Jonathan DeWeber

Births

A son,

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