

GRANT COUNTY MEETINGS

ONGOING

Grant County Library is open 1-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; 10 a.m.-noon and 1-7 p.m. Tuesday; and 7-9 p.m. Thursday. The library is located at 507 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day.

Canyon Mountain Center offers meditation sittings from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 511 Hillcrest, John Day. Call ahead, 541-932-2725.

Burns-Hines VA Clinic - Services for Grant County veterans. Immunizations, minor surgical procedures, blood pressure and diabetes monitoring, group therapy for combat PTSD, sobriety and other issues. Lab draws on Wednesdays. Nursing staff and therapy Monday through Friday. 541-573-3339.

Grant County Genealogical Society Research Center - Open 1-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. Parsonage building behind Historic Advent Church, West Main Street in John Day. 541-932-4718 or 541-575-2757.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28

12 p.m. - Seniors Meal Program at the Strawberry Grange Hall, Prairie City.

12 p.m. - Women's Support, by Heart of Grant County, for domestic violence survivors. Free lunch. 541-575-4335.

6 p.m. - Long Creek Volunteer Fire Department, City Hall.

6:30-8:30 p.m. - Family History Center open, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day. Also open by appointment. 541-656-8069.

7 p.m. - Prairie City School Site Council, school library.

7:30 p.m. - Let Go Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish Hall, John Day. 541-575-0114.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Family History Center open, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day. Also open by appointment. 541-656-8069.

Noon - Seniors Meal Program and bingo, John

Day Senior Center, 142 N.E. Dayton St. 541-575-1825.

5:30-7:15 p.m. - Youth Connection, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. Kid-friendly dinner and Bible activities. Van rides available. 541-932-4910.

6 p.m. - "The Girlfriends" Women's 12-step Recovery, John Day Church of the Nazarene. 541-620-0065.

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

6 p.m. - Alcoholics Anonymous, open to nonmembers too, Long Creek Community Center. 541-421-3888.

7 p.m. - Whiskey Gulch Gang, Sels Brewery, Canyon City. 541-575-0329.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

7 p.m. - Bingo at the Monument Senior Center, potluck dinner at halftime.

SUNDAY, FEB. 1

8:45 a.m. - Redeemer Lutheran Church Council, 627 S.E. Hillcrest Dr., John Day. 541-932-2710.

Fun Jam, musicians and listeners welcome for bluegrass, gospel and traditional country western music. Call for time and location, 541-575-1927.

MONDAY, FEB. 2

10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Grant County Piecemakers Quilt Guild, United Methodist Church, John Day. Business meeting at noon. 541-792-0670.

Noon - Seniors Meal Program, John Day Senior Center, 142 N.E. Dayton St. 541-575-1825.

5 p.m. - Monument Soil and Water Conservation District, Monument Senior Center. 541-934-2244, 541-934-2141.

5:30 p.m. - Monument Booster Club, Monument School library. 541-934-2532.

6 p.m. - Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 541-932-4688.

7 p.m. - John Day Volunteer Fire Department, fire station. 541-620-4037.

7 p.m. - Dayville Volunteer Fire Department, fire hall.

7 p.m. - Prairie City High School Booster Club, school library. 541-820-3314.

7:30 p.m. - New Leaf Garden Club. Meeting place varies. 541-575-4333, evenings.

7:30 p.m. - Outlaw Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4844.

TUESDAY, FEB. 3

9 a.m. - Grant County Food Bank, board of directors, 530 E. Main St., John Day. 541-575-0299.

10-11 a.m. - Story Hour and craft project, Grant County Library, for preschoolers 0-6 years old. 541-575-1992.

12 p.m. - Seniors Meal Program at the Monument Senior Center.

4 p.m. - Dayville School Site Council, at the school.

5:15 p.m. - Monument School Site Council, school science building.

6 p.m. - Compassionate Women, support for women who have lost a loved one. Outpost Restaurant. 541-575-1515.

6:30 p.m. - John Day Swim Team Board, Outpost Restaurant. Open to the public.

6:30 p.m. - New Beginnings Recovery Group, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4910.

7 p.m. - Venturing Club, Boy Scouts of America, Church of the Nazarene, John Day. 541-575-2765.

7 p.m. - Oregon Hunters Association Harney County Chapter, at Glory Days Pizza. Gift card drawing for members who attend.

7:15 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 898, John Day Elks Lodge, John Day. 541-575-2531.

Degree of Honor, Margaret E. Lodge 64, Time and place vary. 541-575-2528.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4
7 a.m. - Ministerial Association of Grant County, Outpost Restaurant, John Day.

9 a.m. - Grant County Court, courthouse, Canyon City.

9 a.m. - Shepherd's Closet, open, with free clothing for all ages and coffee, at Prairie City Assembly of God. 541-820-3682.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in, meeting. United Methodist Church library, 126 N.W. Canton St., John Day. 541-575-3812, 541-932-4592.

SENIOR Outlook

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY - The grange hall carpet has been installed! The color is blue/gray, so it goes with everything, right? And the men got the organ back up on the stage, so we're ready for future events.

Thanks again to all who had a part in this project, especially Joe and Jim for building it, and Bruce for hauling off the debris. Everyone agreed it looks nice and the carpet layer did a good job. Wonder what the next project will be?

Buzz led the flag salute, and Darrell Johnson asked the blessing. Our servers included Sandi Rennels, Pam Howard, Lorna Askew and Donna Adams, and Del Lake even helped serve the daily products. He and Bonnie helped with the clean-up along with Joe and Jim and several others. Nancy Viggers got to count money again, too. We had 64 names on the registration book.

Lois Bidasolo won the Chuck's Little Diner gift certificate, and Derrol Coombs won the \$5 in trade from Prairie Hardware & Gifts. Wednesday, Jan. 28, will be January birthday appreciation day. The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Patty, brought Dorothy Blasing, Darrell Pierce, Gerry Pearl and Robert Riddell - first time for Gerry and Robert.

We dined on grape juice, green salad, spaghetti and meat sauce, cottage cheese, rolls, and Mississippi Mud cake for dessert. Oh, yeah, we dined; we serve dinners, not lunch. There was space for you, too. Well, son #2 is about to become a homeowner. They got tired of renting and moving and renting and moving - 13 times in 13 years. Joel said when Bert and Agata bought their house in Oregon City, he finally understood why it was good to buy - because the owners can't kick you out! If all goes forward as it looks like it will, by this time next month they will move for the 14th and last time - at least for a while, they hope. The property has a swimming pool that hasn't been kept up for some time. He hopes to get it drained and use it as a skateboard bowl. Of course - what else would Joel do with a swimming pool? For those who don't know, Joel was one of the first skateboarders in Grant County. Now he is on staff at Skatechurch in Portland.

We mourn the loss of three area residents this past weekend: schoolmate Blaine Kendall, former mayor Gary Waterhouse, and long-time resident Loreene Bates. Our condolences to all the families. My family lived next door, or next farm, to Blaine's aunt and uncle in Idaho in the 50s. And Loreene's sister-in-law married a Coombs. Connections are interesting, aren't they?

I see in the Eagle the courthouse is going to get a "holeless hydraulic elevator and shaft." I'm curious about the term "holeless." How can you have a holeless shaft? Ah, 'tis a mystery.

Daniel 2: 28 "But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries ..."

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY - On Monday, Jan. 19, we had scrambled eggs, sausage links, biscuits and gravy, and fruit pudding. Margaret Glass and Bonnie Kocis greeted us at the

desk. The servers were from First Christian Church. Jan Ellison led the flag salute, and the Rev. Al Altnow gave the blessing. Al and Cathy Altnow delivered 21 meals along with eight frozen ones. Al Altnow won the free meal, and Cathy Altnow won the Len's Drug certificate.

Ron Dowse announced there would be an AARP Driver's Safety Class from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the John Day Senior Center. People attending should bring a lunch. There is also bingo every Thursday after lunch.

We are still giving out some door prizes that have been donated by local merchants.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, we had grilled fish, tater tots, carrots, rice salad, raisin bran muffins and strawberry pear cake. Kris Labhart

and Gloria Kulis greeted us at the desk. The entrée was sponsored by Tootie Cernazanu in memory of Jim Cernazanu. The servers were from St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Walt Hall led the flag salute, and Jim Maple gave the blessing. David Turner, Jim Maples and Veanne Weddle delivered 22 meals. Kris Labhart won the Chester's Thriftway certificate, and Deda Porter won the free meals for two at Valley View.

Veanne announced there is a sign-up sheet on the wall at the Senior Center for the AARP Driver's Safety Class on Feb. 7, or contact Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268. People attending should bring a lunch.

The Monday, Jan. 26, meal was taco salad. On Thursday, Jan. 29, we will have ham and beans with corn bread, sponsored by Buzz and Margaret Glass.

The John Day Senior Center greatly appreciates everyone who comes in for lunch. We need everyone to be seated at tables at 11:50 a.m. That is when the cooks portion out the serving based on the number of tables occupied. If we send out food for seven tables and then more people come in, we have no food for that table. Thank you for your consideration.

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT - Gosh, it almost seems like spring is just around the corner with all this beautiful, warm and sunny weather we're having. I know this can't be yet, though. I still hope we get more snow because we do still

need the water. I'll just enjoy it while it's here. It certainly helps us be a little more active outside. It almost makes me itch to do some spring cleaning - almost. Ha

You know how last week I mentioned that I lived to eat? Well, this week I want to say how I just feel so grateful and blessed we are served lunch every Tuesday at the Senior Center. I cannot express how one meal prepared by others eases the great burden of cooking, and I am talking both mentally and physically. While living in California, when we mommys were too tired to cook, didn't have anything in the house, didn't want to cook, or wanted to eat out, we would eat out. That is not the case over here. You don't really have that option. Trying to think up what to cook and doing the prep work can be quite mentally challenging, especially for someone who lives

to eat because you know, our world revolves around food. Ha. I tip my hat to all you ladies and men who cook all the meals for your families. Our Jan. 20 lunch was chili dogs, curly fries, cole slaw, side condiments and apple crisp with vanilla ice cream. We had a great meal. Our cooks were Terri Cade and Carrie Jewell. We had 43 attendees and two take-outs. Our greeters were Marva Walker and Bob Blakeslee. Bob led the flag salute, and yours truly, the blessing over the meal. John Yeager won a free meal, Bruce Kramer won the Chester's Thriftway gift card and Sharon Falls won the Len's Drug card.

We had the Williams family join us from California.

I thought I would go backwards starting with the food this week since we started with the subject of food.

I think God must have created us to have that need to eat food so that we would be able to have fellowship with one another while we eat. I mean, if we didn't need to eat, we would never really sit down and talk to one another. So not only does eating food nourish our bodies, it gives us a chance to communicate with our fellow men. So, when you eat your next meal, savor the taste and have a wonderful conversation with someone.

Psalm 126:3 "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

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