

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, 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. 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, FEB. 25
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**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day. Also 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, FEB. 26
9 a.m.-5 p.m. - **Family History Center**, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, John Day. Also 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. Ver-

non. 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, FEB. 27
4 p.m. - **Long Creek Historical Society**, Long Creek City Hall, 541-421-3621.

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

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 28
7 p.m. - **Bingo at the Monument Senior Center**, potluck dinner at halftime.

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 country western music. Call for time and location, 541-575-1927.

MONDAY, MARCH 2
Noon - **Seniors Meal Program**, John Day Senior Center, 142 N.E. Dayton St. 541-575-1825.

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

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, MARCH 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 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, MARCH 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 - Did you think when you retired you'd have lots of time to do all the things you didn't have time to do when you were working? Have you changed your mind now?

I don't know how many people I have heard say they are busier now in retirement than they ever were when they had a job.

Well, we aren't bored. One of the things that keeps most people busy is running after doctor's appointments. This past week Derrol went to La Grande on Tuesday, Baker on Wednesday, Ontario on Thursday and Redmond on Friday. All went well, but it will be good not to have to leave Grant County for a while.

Which brings up this question: Who had the bright idea putting a road up Rock and Mountain Creeks was the best way to get out of Grant County going west? Wasn't there already a road via Antone that was much more direct with less rock falls?

At the Feb. 18 dinner, there were 74 names on the book. Bruce, Buzz and Joe did the set-up. Gary Jacobson, Marlene Greear, Joann Phippen and Sandi Rennels were our servers. Pam and Donna helped in the kitchen afterward. And assistant cook Helen was back at her appointed place. Good to see her smiling face.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Pastor Michael Harvey asked the blessing. Joe Phippen won the gift certificate from Chuck's Little Diner, and Darrell Johnson got the \$5 in trade from Prairie Hardware and Gifts.

The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Jonie, brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill, Dollina Humphreys and Eula Thompson. We're pleased to report Billy Drinkwater is recovering nicely. We may soon see his smiling face at our dinners.

Speaking of dinner, we had orange juice, green salad, Iva's delicious chicken pot pie, rolls and for dessert, a cinnamon roll muffin with apple pieces in the middle. I even had a second helping of the pot pie, but had to take my roll and dessert home for supper because I was just stuffed. There's no reason you should leave these meals still hungry. Son number 2 found an interesting thing while doing the demo for the reno on his "new to him" house: Someone had plumbed the water heater in backward. After fixing it, he said it should work more efficiently now. Fascinating the things you find behind walls in old houses. Almost as good as the items you find when taking old pianos apart to clean, repair and tune.

Two weeks until darn silly time is foisted upon us again. Then the clock I did not reset last fall will have the correct time.

Eccl. 3:1-4, 8 "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant and a time to pluck up ... a time to break down and a time to build up; A time to weep and a time to laugh ... A time to love ... and a time of peace."

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY - On Feb. 16, we had seafood fettuccine, green salad, grilled garlic bread, mixed veggies and for dessert, cinnamon swirl cake. Pastor Al Altnow, Rick Rhinehart, and his granddaughter, Summer, delivered 19 regular

meals and eight frozen ones to shut-ins.

Ron Dowse and Margaret Glass greeted us at the desk. Our servers were members of the First Christian Church. Also, Cathy Altnow played the piano with Jan Ellison and Ron Dowse singing. This is always a very nice treat.

Roberta Dowse led the flag salute. Pastor Altnow told a couple of funny stories and asked the blessing. Ron Dowse did the announcing as Veanne had the day off. Lenten lunches started Feb. 18. They will be held at different churches in the community each Wednesday for six weeks.

We had a couple guests today, Jeanette and Eric Julsrud were here with Jim Lound. Karen Barrieta won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Al Altnow, the free meal.

On Feb. 19, we had chicken chow mein with noodles, steamed rice, sweet and sour cabbage and, of course, fortune cookies for dessert. This was quite a treat and very delicious. Our turnout was down a little but not everyone likes Chinese food.

Bonnie Kocis and Billie Bullard greeted us at the desk. Mobile Glass

furnished the entrée. Dennis and Linda Dickensen delivered 26 meals. Our servers were from United Methodist Church. Jean Willey led the flag salute, and Pastor Marcie Collins asked the blessing.

Veanne announced the new assistant cook, Lisa Pereira, has been hired and will begin Thursday, Feb. 26. Our head cook, Judi's last day was Feb. 23. Shay Lewis will advance to head cook and Lisa will take over as assistant cook. Good luck to all of you.

People coming to bingo are welcome to bring their own food, but if you are here during lunch, sit at a table that is not set for folks who purchase their lunches. It really gets the count off for the cooks who try to serve equal portions.

We had a few quests: Richard Boyer, from up Canyon Creek, and Leland and Pearl Spencer came from up Monument way. Welcome folks; we'd like to see you more often.

Ben Luethe won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Randy Wenneck won the lunch for two at Valley View.

Our count for bingo was down a little on Feb. 19, which makes the pots smaller, but it was still a good turnout with lots of fun fellowship and some people even came out ahead. Not me though, I just donate. We'd like to thank Don Caldwell, who helped Judy with the calling. Ron Dowse was out of town for his wife's cataract surgery. We wish her well.

On Thursday, Feb. 26, we'll have meatloaf for lunch, and on Monday, March 2, it will be a surprise to me as well as you, because I don't have the March menu yet, sorry.

Philippians 2:15-16 "Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT - Hello fellow Oregonians! The weather here has been so drastically different, from the frigid temperatures overnight to very warm temperatures during the day. I really want to go outside and do all sorts of

things. I want to start on my gardening really badly. I sure took for granted that California sunshine and consistent temperature. You could really grow a lot of things almost all year round.

I know here, many say you really can't plant until almost end of May because you can get a sudden frost. Maybe I shall keep busy by building a green house. I've always wanted to build one of those. A chicken coop, a new chicken run, and maybe I'm being a little ambitious here but I found this great idea online about a chicken moat around your garden. I really like the internet now; before, I thought, "I don't know how people could spend hours online looking and doing what?" Now I know! There is a wealth of great ideas, information, and recipes out there. I've gotten some pretty great recipes online, because you know, food is very important.

Well, for our lunch on Feb. 17, we had one of my favorites. We had fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, and cherry cobbler on our menu. I didn't hear a whole lot of talking during the meal, I think it was because people were just really enjoying their food. Our greeters were Bodean Anderson and Bob Blakeslee. Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean prayed the blessing over our meal. Jamie Shafer won the Len's Drug gift card, Debbie Reid and Dorothy Jordan both won free meals. We had 40 attendees and seven take-outs. I really am grateful for the senior center and the lunches, as I'm sure many others are too. It's also a great time to socialize with our neighbors and catch up with them.

From 1:30-3 p.m. Friday, March 13, Janice Werner will give a cake decorating class using fondant and candy clay. Anyone interested in attending, should call 541-934-0800. Sounds like fun.

Just as another reminder, Monument Service Club is sponsoring a CPR Class from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at the Monument Senior Center. Lunch will be provided. The class will be taught by Rose Howe. It's free of charge, but there will be a jar present for any donation made to the EMT group, which will be greatly appreciated. To RSVP, contact Sylvia Cockrell 541-934-2220.

Psalm 91: 14 "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name."

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