Community

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS



JOHN DAY – On March 23, we had a nacho bar, with choice of beef or chicken taco meat, nacho cheese sauce, olives, onions, tomatoes, sour cream, salsa and chips. There was also green salad with a choice of ranch or southwest ranch dressing. We were treated with chur-

ros for dessert. Kris Labhart and Billie Bullard greeted us at the desk. Ineta Carpenter and Darlene Nodine, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, delivered 23 meals plus eight frozen ones to shut-ins. They were also our servers. Darlene led the flag salute, and Ineta asked the blessing.

Everett Swayne won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Richie Colbeth won the free meal.

On March 26, we had a really different meal, but one that was well liked by almost everyone. We had a smaller than usual Thursday turnout and hey, you really missed a good one. Don't let the names of things throw you off. We had paella, a type of Spanish rice, with shrimp, sausage, and chicken, served with tortillas, sour cream and salsa. On the side was tomato basil soup, and a mixture of peas and carrots, and for dessert, choice of rainbow sherbet or vanilla ice cream.

Gloria Kulis and Billie Bullard greeted us at the desk. David Turner and Jim Maple delivered 24 meals, with Shay Lewis delivering 10 frozen ones to Prairie City shut-ins.

Our servers were from St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Walt Hall led the flag salute, and Jim Maple asked the blessing. We appreciated Bank of Eastern Oregon for furnishing the entrée.

Veanne Weddle announced the telephone scams going around are not being taken care of by our local law enforcement, so Linda Stoltz got the Attorney General's phone number for us. There are refrigerator magnets on the front table with that phone number, so take one or call Grant County Senior Programs, 541-575-2949, for one.

Our cooks, Lisa and Shay, have set up a John Day Senior Center Facebook page, which will list all the menus and also the news.

Veanne announced that Dean Kile passed away on March 28.

We had a guest from Baker City, Aletha Bonebrake, who is running for Board Position No. 5 on the Oregon Trail Electric Co-op board of directors. She passed out fliers and visited with several people, and complimented the Senior Center. She told me she had never been welcomed anywhere any more than here, and said she really enjoyed a great meal.

Sandi Hawke won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Jeanett Julsrud won the lunch for two at Valley View.

On April 2 will be our Easter dinner – ham, mashed potatoes with ham gravy, au gratin corn and croissants. On Monday, April 6, we'll have tuna casserole, peas and garlic toast. Dessert will be a surprise at both meals. Come eat with us – the price is right and you also get coffee, milk and juice.

Hebrews 5:14 "Solid food belongs to those who are of full age."

Our Daily Bread "Spiritual growth occurs when faith is cultivated."



PRAIRIE CITY – I told you the March 25 meal would be special, and it was. We had lasagna, green salad, apple juice, rolls, and blueberry/mango individual 'hand' pies for dessert. Don't miss the April 1 meal, because it will really be something special. That's all I am going to say; you just better come and see.

It was March birthday recognition day. I managed to find three people with a March birthday: Jack Pickle, Jim Howard and Lana Abarr. Jim's granddaughter Samantha drew his number, so he won the \$10 in trade from Huffman's Market. Jean Kline won the \$5 in trade from Prairie Hardware and Gifts.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Karla Teague asked the blessing. We had 75 names on the registration book.

Our servers were Lana Abarr, Sandi Rennels, Karla Teague and Donna Adams.

The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Patty, brought Dorothy Blasing, Dollina Humphreys, Lois Hill and Floyd Hawkins. Other guests were Crystal Wimberley who is the Kulis' granddaughter, and the afore-mentioned Samantha and her sister Kaitlyn Howard.

There will be another AARP safe driver class

Wednesday, May 20. Signup sheet is on the bulletin board behind the kitchen door.

Speaking of grandchildren visiting, we planned to go to Portland this week, too, but Derrol's dizziness and stiff neck problems precluded it. So we went to see another doctor instead. Gotta keep the wheels of commerce turning, you know.

We go back next month and get a special scan of his neck to see if there is a place they can put an injection to ease the pain. Didn't sound like he was a candidate for any surgery at this point, which is fine with him.

Planted crocuses around the sign base at Prairie Baptist Church. They've waited patiently out in the shed all winter.

They started putting out shoots, so I assume they'll keep growing and not wait until next year. The company shipped them to me too late to plant last fall.

Noticed that the "Entering Grant County" sign coming out of Wheeler County is gone – again. Wonder what joy comes from blasting informational signs. Beyond me.

Remember the Good Friday services April 3 at Grace Chapel and Prairie Baptist, then the combined Easter celebration at the Prairie City School old gym on Sunday, April 5.

Joel 2: 21 "Fear not, 0 land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done marvelous things!"



MONUMENT – I'm doing the "Happy Dance" because I got to plant a whole bunch of veggies in one of my garden beds with the help of my three kids. I planted carrots, arugula, chives, onions, radishes, peas and lettuce.

Speaking of lettuce, I'll continue my story from last week. Yes, I was livid that something had eaten all my lettuce and there were just a few carrots left, and no evidence of who the culprit was. It wasn't until lunch time that I found out the guilty party. We were eating, and I was sitting by the window overlooking the kiddie pool garden. I happened to glance over at the right time, and noticed a big fat squirrel peering over the ledge of the kiddie pool. Of course I screamed and shot up from my seat, and started pounding on the windows.

"You! You're the one who ate my lettuce; there's nothing left – you've come to finish off my carrots too!"

He did come back later and ate my carrots, plus the stubs of the lettuce, too.

This changed my whole view of squirrels. I used to think they were cute, but not anymore.

This little thief kept coming around and brought his whole family, driving me crazy all that summer. We were the only family on the block who didn't have dogs in their back yards, so they had free rein. I'll have to share how he and his family tormented me on a later story. I guess I can laugh about it now, and it makes an interesting story.

Our faithful cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, prepared our March 24 meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, fresh and crisp salad, chocolate chip cookies and canned pears.

Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Anderson and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean prayed the blessing. Our winners were: Ricki Doland, Chester's Thriftway gift card, Bruce Kramer, Len's Drug gift card, and Craig Ensign, free meal. We appreciate our generous donors. We had 35 attendees and four take-outs.

The Monument Volunteer Firefighters fundraiser was a success. We appreciate everyone who participated and supported this event. They were able to reach their goal to purchase some much needed equipment.

The annual Spring Fling sponsored by the Monument Service Club also was a big success. They raised \$360 in the auction, which they were able to hold through generous donations from the community. Thanks to Sylvia Cockrell for organizing this event with wonderful volunteers, Dorothy Jordan and Liz Hoodenpyl.

We also had talented performers – Miranda, Molly and Olivia Hoodenpyl entertain us. Attendees had a delicious meal, great time and got a kick out of all the great deals they won. The funds will be a blessing toward needs in the community.

Have a wonderful Easter everyone. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

