

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY – The April 1 meal was certainly a special one. On the tables were a selection of ceramic centerpieces representing the different holidays/seasons during the year: snowflake, lizard, scarecrow, witch, flag, Santa and cute calico piggy banks, plus the March hare. The napkins had the same theme.

The set-up crew put the plate settings out correctly, but then “someone” had fun – the plate was turned upside down over the flatware, and on top was a cup of caramel corn and a chocolate truffle. You were supposed to eat dessert first.

Then came the meal: breakfast. We had orange juice and orange slices, scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, pancakes and finally a “cereal bowl” made out of a hollowed-out chocolate muffin, with ice cream topped by Fruit Loops for “dessert.” It was all delicious. The cooks had fun designing all this for April Fool’s Day.

There were 83 names on the registration book. The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Patty, brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill, Darrell Pierce and Robert Riddell.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Nadine Smith won the \$5 in trade from Prairie Hardware & Gifts. Our servers included Gary Jacobson, Marlene Greear, Sandi Rennels, JoAnn Phip-

pen, Donna Adams, and Elmer Gill helped out, too. Ginger Kendall and Pam Howard did kitchen clean up.

Table talk revealed that Alma Joslin has four children who have managed to produce 54 grandkids, great-grands and great-great-grands. All I could say was, “Wow.” Ron Dowse announced that during a genealogy search, he discovered his mother was related to the namesake of a street in town – the one our center is on: McHaley. Nancy Viggers had a story about the builder of the houses across the fence and street from her: Bradford. But I was still in shock about the 54 grands and greats so I can’t quite remember it. Maybe next week. Her grandkids will be here, then.

Kathy Cancilla, from Regional Healthcare Workshops, invited everyone to sign up for the next workshop on April 20 at John Day Senior Center. The People Mover will offer free transportation, and you get a free lunch, too. The workshops deal with health issues and resolutions for them.

Here’s the origin of April Fool’s Day: Back in the 1500s, Pope Gregory corrected the old Roman Julian calendar. Some people didn’t change theirs, and so were out of step when April 1 appeared. Because they didn’t, they were called “April fools.”

The Evening of Entertainment is coming up – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at the Prairie City Community Center. And we’re already working on the Christmas on the Prairie benefit in November.

Ps. 14:1 “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God.’”

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT – Have we been having funky weather or what? We’ve had rain, hail, snow and this is new to me – dippin’ dots. We had snow where we were and it was 53 degrees! What is up with that? The weather reports are changing constantly and I personally don’t think they know anymore than we do. I guess we just have to go with the flow.

For our last meal of March, we had chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, fresh green beans, rolls and birthday cake. It was delicious! Our cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, did a wonderful job as always feeding us well. I cannot emphasize enough how grateful I am for our meals on Tuesdays.

Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee and Bodean Anderson. Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean prayed the blessing over our meal. Linda Abraham won the Chester’s Thriftway gift card, Ellen Lucas won the Len’s Drug one, and Carolyn Trujillo won a free meal. Carolyn Trujillo had guests visiting from out of town – her brother Royce Dotson from Prairie City, cousin Carolyn Binam from Prineville, and her daughter Petra Moser from Acton, Calif.

Debbie Reid made an announcement wanting to share some plants with the community.

We had 51 attendees and seven take-outs.

When I was in elementary school, we had a cook named Mrs. Banks. I can still picture her today – a short, stout, lit-

tle lady with curly brown hair. Why do I remember her? She made the most fabulous baked chicken and Salisbury steak ever! I loved those two menu items the most and would get so excited if I saw it on the schedule. The grilled cheese sandwiches, and mac and cheese – eh, not so much. Did I forget to mention I don’t like cheese? I know – what’s wrong with me?

I didn’t grow up eating much cheese or dairy products actually. I hated drinking milk. I would hold my nose to try and drink it – without too much success. Milk made me gag. I only eat cheese on pizza and milk on my cereal.

Oh, before I go way too much off on a tangent, the reason I mention Salisbury steak is because that’s what we are going to have on April 14. Our cooks call it “hamburger steak.” Works for this foodie!

If you have some time and want to meet new people, come on out and join us, stop by and say hello! I’m almost always there. I try and never miss a meal if I can help it.

Isaiah 26:9 “With my soul have I desired thee in the night; Yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: For when thy judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY – Our March 30 meal was barbecued pulled pork sandwiches on a bun, coleslaw, dill pickle spears, oven jojos and ambrosia for dessert, plus milk, juice and

coffee or tea. Ron Dowse and Susan Fowle greeted us at the desk.

Al Altnow and Veanne Weddle delivered 21 meals plus eight frozen ones to shut-ins. Our servers were from First Christian Church. Cathy Altnow led the flag salute, and Pastor Al Altnow told a couple funnies then asked the blessing. We had a good turnout for a Monday. Keep coming and the meals will get bigger and better. That’s a joke because they can’t possibly get any better or bigger. When taking leftovers home, remember the donation jar. It doesn’t fill up as fast as the leftovers disappear – strange huh?

Veanne said from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday, April 20, representatives of Aging Gracefully with Family and Friends will be here. They are providing transportation with People Mover, and inviting the other two senior centers to join us. They are buying our lunch – ham and lima beans, cornbread with whipped honey butter, and green salad. Dessert will be a surprise. And four great door prizes. It promises to be a great, informative and fun afternoon. For transportation call in advance, 541-620-8261.

We had a special guest – our friend and former regular attendee, Sylvia Warrick, who is now living in Portland with her son. Good to see her again.

Ben Luethe won the Len’s Drug gift certificate, and Joe Schmidt won the free meal.

On April 2, we had a full house and a wonderful Easter dinner – glazed ham, mashed potatoes with ham gravy, corn au gratin, croissants, deviled eggs, plus birthday cake for dessert. Billie Bullard furnished the entrée. The birthday cake was furnished by Driskill

Memorial Chapel and Blue Mountain Hospice, and baked by Chester’s Thriftway.

Susan Fowle and Margaret Glass greeted us at the desk. Jim Spell and Veanne delivered 25 meals.

Our servers were from St. Thomas Episcopal Church, with the help of Karen Bailey, Jan Ellison, Deda and Don Porter, and Veanne. If I missed anyone, I’m sorry. Jim Spell led the flag salute, and I asked the blessing.

Veanne said the speakers at the Aging Gracefully lunch will be Greg Armstrong on drug interaction; Sylvia Dowdy, foot care at Home Health; Dr. Dave Archibald, eye health; and Maxine Day, memory care.

Be patient when setting up your bingo cards on Thursdays until the servers clean the tables.

If you’re a first-timer, see me so I can get a welcome in the news article.

Wally Wedde won the Chester’s Thriftway gift certificate, and Margie Parker won the meal for two at Valley View. Diane Aasness and I won the two vases of flowers given away.

The count was down for bingo, but the pots were still \$18. The numbers for blackout are getting up there so you better come try your luck.

Thursday, April 9, we’ll have teriyaki chicken, rice, egg flower soup and Oriental veggies, and a surprise for dessert. On Monday, April 13, we’ll have hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, and green beans.

James 1:2-3 “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”

Church Services in Grant County

GRACE CHAPEL

Evangelical Methodist
154 E. Williams St.,
Prairie City • 541-820-4437
gracechpl@ortelco.net

Pastor Michael Harvey
Early Worship 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 8 a.m.
THURSDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Seventh-day Adventist Church

SATURDAY SERVICES
JOHN DAY
110 Valley View Dr. - 541-575-1216
Head Elder.....541-575-2914
Bible Classes (all ages).....9:30 am
Worship.....11 am
LONG CREEK
E. Main Street - 541-421-3033
Head Elder.....421-3468
Bible Classes (all ages).....2 pm
Worship.....3:00 pm

Tune into
3 ANGELS BROADCASTING
KSPL 98.1 FM
Blue Mountain Cable, Channel 2
Antenna; Digital Channel 15 & UHF Channel 8

JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

541-575-1326
Marcie Collins, Pastor
JOHN DAY, 126 NW Canton
Sunday Worship 9 am

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church

SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am
541-932-4800
EVERYONE WELCOME

Prairie Baptist Church

238 N. McHaley St.
Prairie City
Pastor David Hoeffner
541-820-3696
www.prairie-baptist-church.com
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
Sunday morning worship 10:30 am
Awana (Oct.-Apr.) 3:00 pm
Youth Group 5:30 pm

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

KJV Independent Fundamental • Premillennial
Terence K. Crabb, Pastor
A Bible believing church
“He that hath the Son hath life...” 1 John 5:12
Sunday School 9:45 am • Sunday Preaching 11:00 am
Junior Church 11:00 am • Sunday Evenings 3:30 pm
Wednesday Bible Study & Master Club 7:00 pm
Saturday Men’s Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
108 S. Washington Street, Canyon City
541-575-2688 or 541-575-0844

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship

139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY
541-575-2180*
Sunday Bible School (for all ages) 8:45 am
Sunday Worship Service 10 am
Pastor Levi Manitsas
cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com

John Day Valley Mennonite Church

Meeting every Sunday at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Pastor Leland Smucker
Everyone Welcome • 541-575-5507

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer.....10 am
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
Eucharist & Sunday School.....10 am
(2nd & 4th Sundays)
139 S. Washington, Canyon City
541-620-1436



Historic Remnant Church

Preparing for Jesus to come
Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange
Sabbath School.....9:30 am
Church Services.....11:00 am
541-620-0340

Redeemer Lutheran Church

Come Worship with us at
627 SE Hillcrest, John Day
1st & 3rd Sunday Worship
& Communion4:30 pm
2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship10 am
Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....6 pm
For information: 541-575-2348

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School..... 10 am
Church.....11 am
Afternoon Service..... 1 pm
No Mid-week Services
Pastor Ray Isenberger
300 W. Main, John Day • 541-575-1355

Strawberry Mountain CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Calvary Chapel Outreach Fellowship
Sunday Services10 am
Seneca Outreach.....11 am
Midweek Services also available
170 SE Dayton, John Day
2nd & Ave. D, Seneca
541-575-2006

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Sunday Worship.....11 am
Sunday Evening Bible talk 6:30 pm
Saturday Men’s Study 7 pm
Full Gospel- Come Grow With Us
541-575-1202 Church
311 NE Dayton St, John Day
Pastor Al Altnow
www.fcjohnday.com

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church

Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd
Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm
Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass - 9:00 am
Confession: Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Anytime by appointment 541-575-1459

St. Anne
Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm
St. Katherine
Dale
1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:30 pm
Office Hours
Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

Living Word Christian Center

Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon
Celebration of Worship
Sunday 5:30pm
Kids Classes 0-6th grade
Youth Connection
Thursday 5:30-7:15pm
Kids K-6th Grade
YOUTH GROUPS
Friday 6:30pm
Jr Hi 7th-8th & Sr Hi 9th-12th
PASTOR SHARON MILLER
541-932-4910

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Sunday School.....9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am
Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 pm
Children & Teen Activities
SMALL GROUPS CALL FOR MORE INFO.
Weekdays: Sonshine Christian School
Pastor Ron Roberson
Associate Pastor Brad Williamson
521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895
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