

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, APRIL 22
12 p.m. – Seniors Meal Program at the Strawberry Grange Hall, Prairie City.
12 p.m. – Women’s Sup-

port, 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, APRIL 23
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.
10 a.m.-1 p.m. – Monument Food Pantry, food distribution, trailer west of the Senior Center. 541-934-9191.
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, APRIL 24
4 p.m. – Long Creek Historical Society, Long Creek City Hall, 541-421-3621.
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, APRIL 25
7 p.m. – Bingo, Monument Senior Center. Potluck dinner at half time.
SUNDAY, APRIL 26
Fun Jam, musicians and listeners welcome for bluegrass, gospel and traditional country western music. Call for time and location. 541-575-1927.
MONDAY, APRIL 27
Noon – Seniors Meal Program, John Day Senior Center, 142 N.E. Dayton St. 541-575-1825.
6 p.m. – Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department, 541-932-4688.
7 p.m. – John Day Valley Bass Club, Outpost Restaurant. All are welcome. William Gibbs, 541-575-2050.

7:30 p.m. – Outlaw Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, Presbyterian Church in Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4844.
TUESDAY, APRIL 28
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.
12 p.m. – Transient Room Tax Committee, Grant County Chamber of Commerce, 301 W. Main St., John Day.
5:15 p.m. – Grant Education District ESD Board, 835 S. Canyon Blvd., John Day. 541-575-1349.
6:30 p.m. – New Beginnings Recovery Group, Living Word Christian Center, Mt. Vernon. 541-932-4910.
7 p.m. – John Day City Council, City Hall.
7 p.m. – Grant County Genealogical Society, old parsonage building behind the Historic Advent Church, John Day. 541-575-2757, 541-932-4718.
7:15 p.m. – Boy Scout Troop 898, John Day Elks Lodge, John Day. 541-575-2531.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
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.
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – Veterans/families services, John

Day Elks Lodge. Topics include PTSD services and individual needs.
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.

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SENIOR Outlook

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY – April 15 was a special day and not because of the date; Billy Drinkwater made it back for dinner, and we were all very happy to see him up and walking! Hallelujah and PTL!

We had a good turnout with 76 names on the registration book. The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Joni, brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill, Dollina Humphreys and Floyd Morgan.

The gift certificate from Java Jungle went to Carla Wright. Prairie Hardware and Gifts awarded theirs to Alma Joslin. And “Chairman” Joe Phippen gets to go eat at Chuck’s Little Diner.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Joe asked the blessing. Our volunteer servers included JoAnn Phippen, Sandi Rennels, Fran Bunch, Donna Adams and Pam Howard.

There was still some beans and pasta to take home.

The cooks set up a juice dispenser on the counter, so if you wanted some you could take your juice glass and get it yourself. The servers always come around and pour coffee or tea and dispense milk or buttermilk. We had individual salad bowls with a dressed green salad, and then came pickled beets and pasta – it probably has a fancy Italian name, but I don’t know what it is – onto which we poured our

helping of beef stroganoff. Mmm. As the boys out at Flag Prairie would say, “Larpin” Good Truck.”

We also had focaccia bread; spell checker says that both “focaccia” and “foccacia” are wrong, so I give up. Dessert was maple bars and a truffle. Oh, my goodness. Those cooks have more fun dreaming up things for us to try out. Come and see for yourself.

We had a high old time at the Evening of Entertainment on April 18. If you missed it, too bad, so sad. But there will be others. From the opening national anthem to the closing “Hallelujah,” a good time was had by participants and audience alike. We just about filled up the seats available, and the desserts were overflowing, too. Even with illness and unexpected travel, all the slots for serving and entertaining were filled. Kudos to those who stepped in and helped in any way.

Couple of funnies: Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it’s called golf.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, stop and think of algebra. Now I know some engineers who won’t think that is funny, but for the rest of us math-challenged, we get it.

Just went out and checked the transplanted grape vine and yes, there is new growth a-comin’! Shall we take bets on how high it will get this year? There was a hop vine over on the south side of town that used to climb to the top of the power pole each year. Wonder if it’s still allowed?

Matt. 7:16 “You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?”

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY – On April 13, we had real yummy hot turkey sandwiches with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans with bacon and onions, and for dessert, peach cobbler. Ron Dowse

and Margaret Glass greeted us at the desk.

Francis and Bonnie Kocis delivered 20 meals and eight frozen ones to shut-ins. Redeemer Lutheran Church members were our servers. Buzz Gilmore led the flag salute, and Francis Kocis asked the blessing.

Veanne Weddle announced the reason for the peach cobbler was because according to her computer, it was National Peach Cobbler Day. Wait and see what she comes up with next for the cooks. Might be interesting.

The black jacket is still here, so please check your closets.

Thursday, April 30, will be the day we celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Dale Stennett won the Len’s Drug gift certificate, and Lisa Miller won the free meal.

On April 16, we had spaghetti Bolongnese, which translated, means “spaghetti with meat sauce.” Served with it was green salad and bread sticks, with bread pudding for dessert.

I heard some scuttle about someone who wouldn’t come to lunch because he didn’t know what it was. Anyone with questions at any time about the menu can call the Senior Center, 541-575-1825, and

someone will be glad to help. Also, instead of telling your friends when you don’t like something, let the cooks know. They’ll be glad to hear your input. There is also a suggestion box at the Center.

Ron Dowse and Bonnie Kocis greeted us at the desk. The entrée was furnished by DP Enterprises – Radio Shack.

Sheri Feiger and Jean Willey delivered 25 meals, and Shay Lewis covered the Mt. Vernon area. Our servers were from the United Methodist Church. Jean Willey led the flag salute, and Pastor Marcie Collins asked the blessing.

Veanne announced there will be a “Spring Fling” dance from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, April 25, here at the Center. There will be live music by Up River Country Band, and refreshments will be served.

On Friday, April 24, there will be a going away party for Gene and Barbara Brady at 4 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Grange.

We were glad to see Buz Glass back and looking well after his surgery.

Linda Stoltz has received some new material for our library, so stop in and check it out. She even has some VCR tapes and exercise tapes. Also thank you to Chester’s Thriftway for the donations of breads and popcorn.

Gail Heising won the Chester’s gift certificate, and Don Caldwell won the lunch for two at Valley View.

On April 23, we will have oven-fried chicken, and on Monday, April 27, it will be pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs. Come join us.

Nahum 1:7 “The Lord is good. When trouble comes. He is a strong refuge. And He knows everyone who trusts in Him.”

Monument Seniors

Soo Yuhawa



MONUMENT – This has been a crazy and very busy week! I am exhausted. All this warm weather has forced me to get outside and do lots of work or busy inside the house. I can’t seem to sit still for very long. I have

even forgone my sometimes afternoon naps.

I received some raspberry canes from a friend and neighbor and I had to plant them. Which day do I get to plant them, during the hottest day and the warmest time of the day? I didn’t have a choice, I had to get them into the ground. I am grateful though and I can’t wait for them to fruit.

I have been doing some spring cleaning as well. I try and purge things I don’t need or use. Another thing that kept me busy, we picked up three new baby chicks – as if I didn’t have enough animals already. They aren’t too bad, but we always manage to get some kind of troublemaker in our bunch. One likes to perch on top of the water dispenser and it ends up pooping in the water. Ugh.

The flies and mosquitoes have been activated with this warm weather, too. I already received my first bite. Yeah, they love me; I

am a walking blood feast for them. Good thing I am armed with my essential oils to help ward them off.

So, we had one of my favorite items on the menu: hamburger steak – along with mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, rolls and fruit cake. We got grilled onions and mushrooms to go with our hamburger steaks too. My tummy was quite happy and satisfied. I actually wanted to eat more, but I physically couldn’t.

Thank you our wonderful cooks, Terry Cade and Heather Bowlus – loved it! Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Linda Blakeslee and Marva Walker. Ed Bustardo won the free meal. Marva Walker won the Len’s Drug gift card. Bob Blakeslee led the flag salute, and I prayed the blessing over our meal. We had 47 attendees and eight take-outs.

Things to do around a farm are never ending. There is so much to do. We enjoy it though. It is a blessing to be able to toil in the earth and take care of all the animals that the Lord has given to us in our care. Some of the cold weather veggies I’ve planted are starting to come up and it just is quite satisfying to look at them. I am sure it will be even more satisfying when I put them in my mouth and eat them.

Psalms 103:1,2 “Bless the LORD, O my soul: And all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits.”

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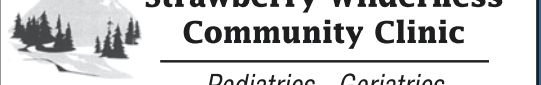
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