## Community

## **GRANT COUNTY SENIORS**



JOHN DAY - On July 27, we had a larger than usual crowd for a Monday. There were approximately 36 diners present, plus Ron Dowse and Veanne Weddle delivered 26 regular meals and 20 frozen ones. We had pulled pork sandwiches on a bun, baked beans, cauliflower salad and, for dessert, Lisa made peach crisp.

Working the desk today were Ron Dowse and David Pasco. Our servers were Susan Sintay and Caroll Zerkle-Bygness, who is here from Nevada. They represented the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Caroll led the flag salute, and Susan asked the blessing.

We were blessed with the presence of Lorna Askew and Jonie Jones from Blue Mountain Care Center, bringing Dollina Humphreys, Dorothy Blasing, Marilyn Randall and Lois Hill. Also joining us for the first time was K.J. Kuhl from Prairie City.

Veanne announced a baseball cap has been found here at the center. It has "Hells Canyon Mule Days" written on it. If you know who it belongs to, please let them know it is here. She also announced that Pacific Source Insurance representatives will be here to answer questions on Oct. 26. Please mark this on your calendar.

Lisa Miller won the Len's

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proximately 40 diners, plus Shay Lewis, along with Buzz and Margaret Glass, who delivered 26 meals.

We had a wonderful Mexican lunch, Mexican lasagna, chips and salsa, green salad, Mexican corn, and then Lisa topped it off with caramel apple flan. Jean Willey furnished the entrée in memory of her late husband, Bob.

Working the desk were Margaret Glass and Billie Bullard. Buzz Harris led the flag salute, and Ben Leuthe asked the blessing. Our servers were Don and Deda Porter, Karen Barrietua and Linda Stoltz. Thank you, folks.

Ron Dowse did the announcing in the absence of Veanne. Admission to the fair this year is free for over 65 all four days.

We had a couple guests: Elsie Huskey brought her friend, Tina Moser, from Alberta; and Virginia and Dale Stennett brought Kirk Landonburger from Nampa, Idaho. Welcome, and I hope I didn't forget anybody.

Margie Parker won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Jan Ellison won the lunch for two at Vallev View. Thursday, Aug. 6, we will have barbecued beef ribs, potato salad and baked apples. Then on Monday, Aug. 10, we will have navy beans with French fries.

Romans 1:8 "Let me say first of all that your faith in God is becoming known throughout the world." How I thank God through Jesus Christ for each one of you.



PRAIRIE CITY - Well, the word certainly got out that this was birthday day. We had eight celebrants for July. They were Helen Bogart, Joe Schmit, Jean Kline, Larry Wright, Roberta Dowse, Leone Meador, Gary Jacobson and the winner, Joann Wilson. Her prize? A \$10 gift certificate donated by Huffman's Market. She was very excited. So was the winner of the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware: Wilma Bauer.

There were 105 names on the registration book. Been a long time since that many showed up for dinner.

And what a dinner! Juice, green salad, marinated carrots, baked potatoes, oven-fried chicken thighs, rolls and fresh apple cake with huckleberry swirl ice cream. Is everybody happy? Delicious.

The faithful four did the setup, and the reliable two took care of the home deliveries. The volunteer servers included Sandi Rennels, Lana Abarr, JoAnn Phippen, Julia Davis, Katy Contreas and Donna Adams. Buzz led the flag salute, and Bob Meador asked the blessing.

The ladies from the Blue Mountain Care Center - Lorna and Jonie - brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill, Dollina Humphreys and Marylin Randall.

Carl Sheppard had a whole tableful of family members. Jim and Susan Bogart came with Helen. The Pickle clan also appeared for the first time in a long time.

Norma Rynearson presented us with another check from Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe for \$500. Thank you so much. This is a good example of what goes around comes around.

Made another trek to Bend to see the neurologist for Derrol's balance/dizzy problem. A brain scan showed no problems, so the neurologist's considered opinion is that one or more of those pesky ear crystals has gotten lodged in one of the ear tubes and is hard to access. Isn't it amazing that something that you probably can't see is responsible for his symptoms? So back to the exercises that the physical therapy department gave him.

So after all the medical trips, we decided it was time to gather up our courage and trek to Portland to see the children and grands. Haven't seen Joel's new home yet, either.

On the way back from Bend on Monday, we met cousin Al on Mountain Creek heading home to Sequim, Wash. Then we had to stop for some highway construction farther down on Rock Creek. The flagman informed us it would be about a 10-minute wait. Then the following conversation ensued: "Where ya goin?"

"Home." "Where's that?" "Prairie City." "Oh, do you know the Mills family from there?" "Well. yes. Which one?" "Pat Mills." "Yes. She's married to Carol Murders." "Yes. Well I married Carol's sister." Explanation: Pat is Derrol's cousin.

That's what you call shirt-tail relation. And if you got confused, Pat is female and Carol is male. Another "what are the odds?

Genesis 7:1 "Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your family, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me ...



MONUMENT — Have you melted yet from the crazy heat? I think we will have a reprieve from it in the next few days. Crossing my fingers!

The heat must have gotten to me because after we got home from church, we had lunch, and then I took an almost three-hour nap. On hot days like this, I find it difficult to be motivated to cook.

I have been meaning to bake a pie for days now, but I just hate to turn the oven on in this heat for fear of heating up my house that doesn't have central air.

I have been harvesting some round squash from my garden this past week. I must correct myself from my last article. The corn I planted is called, "Early Sunglow" not "Early Spring." It looks like we might be feasting on some delectable corn in a couple of days. Wahoo!

That vile little gopher has now killed almost nine sweet potato plants. I must get him somehow. I might not have anything left to harvest if I don't take care of him. Next year, I think I will try to use raised beds with chicken wire underneath so gophers or moles can't dig up. I also got to harvest our first cucumber. It was hiding, and I almost didn't see it. I will serve it in some salad.

ple of our greeters for our lunch on July 28. Bob Blakeslee has been out suffering from gout. Bodean Anderson had a doctor's appointment so was not present. Marva Walker was our only greeter. She led the flag salute, and yours truly prayed the blessing over our meal.

Our cooks were Terry Cade and Heather Bowlus. We had yummy pork roast, scalloped potatoes, dinner rolls, carrots and birthday cake. There were 45 attendees and three takeouts. We had the pleasure of Sharon Falls join us for lunch after suffering a stroke a few weeks ago.

Other news going on in Monument include Jerry Cowger taken to ICU in Bend due to some liver problems. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and Dinah.

I can't believe we are already in the month of August. Where does the time go? Before long, summer will be quickly over, and fall and winter will be fast approaching. I actually love the cooler weather, so I don't mind.

I hope my veggies will make it and ripen before the first frost. My tomatoes have just started budding from their flowers. Oh dear. I'm hoping I will have tomatoes growing out of my ears. I'll keep you posted.

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest.

We were missing a cou-

