

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY — On Aug. 10, we had a very small turnout — only about 22 diners but a great lunch and good fellowship anyway. Shay fixed navy beans, french fries, pepper slaw, cheesy bacon combread and for dessert, Lisa fixed s'mores brownies. It was all real good food.

Buzz and Bobbie Gilmore delivered 18 meals plus 13 frozen to shut-ins.

Susan Fowle and Ron Dowse were at the desk, and Betty Holznagel led the flag salute. Buzz asked the blessing. They represented Redeemer Lutheran Church as our servers.

Veanne Weddle announced that Thursday, Aug. 20, is Senior Citizens Day, and September is Senior Center Month.

Billie Bullard won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Gail Heising won the free meal.

On Aug. 13, we had "Poor Mans Fillet," which is bacon-wrapped meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, capri blend veggies, broccoli salad and rolls. Lisa made a mixed Oregon berry cobbler. It was all good, as usual.

We had approximately 50 diners, and the Glasses and Shay delivered 28 meals out. David Pasko and Margaret Glass worked the desk. Our

servers were from Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. Donna Johnson led the flag salute, and Carla Anderson asked the blessing.

Ron announced as Veanne was absent. He reminded us there will be a gathering at the historical Fox church on at noon on Sunday, Aug. 23. The Long Creek Historical Society will furnish lunch, followed by a church service led by Pastor Jack Retherford. Following the service, there will be music by the John Day Pickers. There will be donations taken toward restoring the church building.

We had a few guests — Jessie Elliott brought Cheryl Martin from Baker City. Ken and Mary Henrey from Mt. Vernon joined us for the first time. Also, Sandi Hawk brought her friend, Bud Salisbury.

Deda Porter won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Greg Starr won the lunch for two at Valley View. Thursday, Aug. 20, is Senior Citizens Day, and we will have a sing along before lunch with Cathy Altnow at the piano. Come and join the fun and then stay for a pork pot roast lunch. The following Monday, Aug. 23, we will have french toast with strawberry/cream cheese topping.

Psalm 46:1,2 "God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY – So many things happened.

First, we went to Bend to check on Derrol's wrist/thumb that decided to swell up. The doctor opined the tendon had ruptured after his strenuous activity of washing the vehicles and pruning brush. Therefore, he cured himself because it doesn't hurt anymore.

While we waited, some of my relatives from La Grande walked through the lobby.

The only wildlife we saw on the trip were several birds who seemed intent on committing suicide. Honestly!

At the grange hall, Joe, Buzz and Bruce set the tables, and Iva, Helen and Donna busily cooked the meal. And when it was time to serve, Joann and Fran supervised a "crew" from Prairie City School. Mamie Mediger had recruited Susie Combs, Christie Winegar, Sue Thompson, Pam Gangler and the new superintendent, Julie Gurczynski, to come help out. With 79 names on the book, the help was much appreciated!

Julie urged anyone to see her if they have concerns or comments about the school. They may be back, bringing some of the students and football players. Wouldn't that be nice?

They served apple juice, "dirty" rice, meatballs with mushroom gravy, kale salad, rolls and a special blackberry forest cake with real whipped cream. We got a couple of take-outs so we know that it was good.

Buzz led the flag salute, and

"Chairman" Joe Phippen asked the blessing. Jean Kline won the \$5 in trade from Prairie Hardware. The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Patti, brought Dorothy Blasing, Darrel Pierce, Ralph Wilson and Ray Harper.

Special guests were Blaine and Ann Huffman. Several in attendance were new, and some of our regulars were away, so it all worked out.

Regarding the fair, I like the new doors and office area in the Pavilion. That should have been done a long time ago. My favorite photo was of the camouflaged owl, and my favorite painting was the one Rosalie Averett did on a plank of wood. I bought tickets for the quilt fundraiser for the PA system and made a guess on the number of rocks in the dump truck. The gal who sang the national anthem before the parade had quite a story. Just added to the specialness of the song.

Son No. 2 spent this week in Canada on the SkateChurch annual trip for those skaters who've met the requirements of Bible study attendance through the year. Joel's pastor is a man who was saved thru SkateChurch, went to school and has degrees in Hebrew and Greek. It's interesting to hear how to pronounce those Old Testament names we stumble over.

On Aug. 19, son No. 1 and his family fly to Poland for a wedding. Their children are bilingual, but sometimes they have to be reminded this set of grandparents only speaks English and that set only speaks Polish.

"Oh for a thousand tongues to speak my great Redeemer's praise." Charles Wesley.

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT — The community of Monument sends our hearts, thoughts and prayers to the folks down in John Day and Canyon City. We grieve and mourn with you in your loss and trials.

We pray the Lord gives you strength and comfort during this tragedy. We pray the fires will be put out quickly, the Lord protects the firefighters and volunteers with a hedge of protection, and also that there will be no more structures burned.

We are so thankful for the firefighters and volunteers for their effort and hard work. I love that even in the midst of this kind of devastation, people come together to help one another. This is what it means to have genuine brotherly love that reaches out to people and lifts them up with encouragement and support. Thank the Lord, there is always some good that comes out of sad circumstances.

Our community of Monument also thanks our volunteers, Earl Pettit, Darrin Dailey and Mike Shafer. We were worried when we heard of Mike Shafer being airlifted to Bend on Thursday because of smoke inhalation. Our thoughts and prayers were with Mike and Jamie. He is now home and recovering.

For our Aug. 11 lunch, we had chicken Alfredo, salad, garlic toast and fruit cobbler, made by our won-

derful cooks, Terry Cade and Heather Bowlus. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Anderson and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean prayed the blessing over our meal.

Some folks from Blue Mountain Care Center in Prairie City visited us. It was great to see Donna Cox doing so well. She was joined by Bob Cox, her husband, for lunch. Sharon Falls won the Len's Drug gift card, and Clarence Harvey and Judy Cavendar won the free meals. We had 52 attendees and eight take-outs.

I must say, when going through trials and suffering, the Lord is my hope and strength. Trials do make us stronger and build our character. Trials, I have found, also give us a better heart to see others around us who are suffering whom we might otherwise overlook. From personal experience, trials also make us more aware of how much the Lord loves us and grieves with us when we suffer and shed tears, because He sheds tears with us and for us.

"Love of God Hymn" by Frederick M. Lehman, verse 1

The love of God is greater far

Than tongue or pen can ever tell;

It goes beyond the highest star,


And reaches to the lowest hell;

The guilty pair, bowed down with care,

God gave His Son to win;


His erring child He reconciled,

And pardoned from his sin.




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More Fire Scenes

TOP LEFT: DeLayne Dice captured this impressive photo on Aug. 15. BOTTOM LEFT: Susan Fowle took this photo of the fire view from Mt. Vernon. RIGHT: Jim Hamsher of Prairie City got this shot of a helicopter making a water drop on Sunday, Aug. 16.



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