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American Legion Auxiliary ladies from John Day and Prairie City meet with district leaders at the Outpost Restaurant, Sept. 18, to discuss ways to boost the organization's membership to assist in meeting the needs of veterans, military, and their families.

Patriotic service group holds meeting

A boost to membership discussed

By Ruth Harris
For the Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The Ellis Tracy Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary hosted a district meeting Friday, Sept. 18, at the Outpost Restaurant. Oregon first vice presi-

dent Deby Levy and state past president Ginny Williams were visiting guests and presented the state membership program. Members from John Day and Prairie City attended the meeting.

District 10 president Linda Schmidt of Burns sur-

prised the group by appearing in an Oompa Loompa costume to fit this year's "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" theme.

Levy explained the program for gaining members is to assist with their work to benefit servicemen, both past and present.

The state is offering prizes to units who retain and

gain members.

Local chaplain Joan Bowling gave the invocation and benediction and president Ruth Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance. Children and youth chairman Jessie Lewis reported school supplies for two students were given to the local grade school and dictionaries for the third-graders have been ordered.

Young singers welcome!

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cost \$45.

JOHN DAY – The fall term of the Youth Arts Program continues on Tuesdays through Dec. 11 at the United Methodist Church in John Day.

Here's the schedule and cost for each age group:

- 5:45-6:15 p.m. – ages 4-8, cost \$45.
- 6:15-7 p.m. – ages 9-12,

• 7-8 p.m. – ages 17 and older, \$5 music fee

Music will be from all time periods. No preregistration necessary; anyone interested is encouraged to join, or just show up and give it a try.

For more information, contact Rebecca Bogardus, 541-987-2440 or rebecca@studiobogardus.com.

Trail Center celebrates National Public Lands Day

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sion for all visitors and a presentation by folk musician Hank Cramer. Restoration activities start at 9 a.m.

BAKER CITY – The National Historic Oregon Interpretive Center has several activities on tap to celebrate National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 26.

All are welcome to enjoy volunteer trail and vegetation projections, free admis-

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City on Highway 86. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit www.oregontrail.blm.gov.

SENIOR Outlook

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY – According to those who know, we are now in the year 5776 on the Jewish calendar. These two weeks, Sept. 14-28, have three special holy days. In honor of that, Linda Boyer and I plan on playing several Jewish-flavored

gospel choruses at the "Alleluia" concert/show/celebration. That is just one of the special performances for you to enjoy on Friday, Sept. 25.

The servers at the Sept. 16 meal enjoyed using the newly donated serving carts. They are a great help. Thank you, dear "anonymous." And those servers included Marlene and Gary along with Donna and MarJean.

It wasn't supposed to be their turn, but sickness and accidents called away the ones on the list. Nice to have those who agree to fill in when needed.

I did the announcing due to Joe's absence. He's trying to find a critter in his sights during archery season.

Norma Rynearson led the flag salute as a tribute to the late Ruth McPherrin. Ruth was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, along with various other organizations in our community. I even got her to sing and do skits with me. She was a great lady.

Bob Meador asked the blessing. We partook of apple juice, kale salad, cheesy potatoes, chicken, rolls and a dessert called "French Silk." There is a cookie on the bottom, then blackberry jelly, chocolate pudding and chocolate frosting. All calorie free. Har, har.

We registered 76 names, of which 37 were take-outs. The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Patty, brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill, Marilyn Randall and Bonnie Barton.

The give-away section had tomatoes, peppers, one little zucchini and bags of garlic/sea salt potato chips. We appreciate all who share. Terrie Casey won the \$5 gift certificate, donated by Prairie Hardware. She also gave us a lot of cards and six lap quilts from her mother's estate. So feel free to take what you need.

Yogi Harris gets to go eat at Chuck's Little Diner with his gift certificate.

Well, in the on-going saga of Derrol, we went to Ontario to the Elks/St. Luke Balance Clinic. The therapist ran him through a new set of exercises specifically for balance. They seem to be doing the job, and it's only been two days. We've been trying to get to the bottom of this since January. Finally – praise the Lord.

Like all physical therapy, you have to go back every week or so, so they can check on your progress. So far, so good.

We took a "fire tour" to look at the situation around the area. What's amazing is how the fire skipped areas here and there. The stories you hear from the people affected are astounding. That's one reason we are having this concert. If you have a story to tell, come and we'll let you do it. This is not a complaint time; it's a celebration time. The show is at 7p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Prairie City Community Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and donations go to the Prairie City Community Center renovation fund.

Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY – On Sept. 14, we had linguini with clam sauce, Calif. blend veggies, green salad and bread sticks. For dessert, Lisa whipped up Boston Cream poke cake – rich, but oh, so good. It was cream-filled doughnut day, but she wouldn't go

that far, so we had the cake instead. Our cooks, Lisa and Shay, delivered 16 meals plus eight frozen ones to shut-ins. They delivered because Buzz and Bobbie Gilmore, who normally would have done it, got caught in traffic problems up Highway 395. They tried. Anyway, they made it in time to serve along with Betty Holzmagel and Jeanette Kile. They represented Redeemer Lutheran Church, and served approximately 32 diners.

Bobbie led the flag salute, and Buzz asked the blessing. Ron Dowse and Marianne Morris greeted us at the desk.

During announcements, Veanne announced Strings & Beyond and Friends will put on "Alleluia! An evening of Praise and Worship" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Prairie City Community Center.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 10-11:30 a.m., there will be a Crisis Money Management (budgeting) class by Debbie Votaw and KC Dickens at Old West Federal Credit Union, 650 W. Main St. in John Day. Votaw is the housing manager of Community Connections of Northeast Oregon, and KC Dickens is the loan adjuster and financial counselor at the Credit Union. RSVP by calling 800-838-3186 or 541-575-0264.

There will be an AARP driver's safety class from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept 26, at the John Day Senior Center.

Norm Fowle won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Ron Dowse won the free meal.

On Sept. 17, we had creamy vegetable soup, cheeseburger pot pie, fruity lemon parfait and marinated cherry tomatoes. For dessert, we had a birthday cake, donated by Gary Schuyler and his sister, Terrie Casey, from Portland. Terrie used to meet her mother, Nelda Kimberling-Schuyler, here at the center once a year for Nelda's birthday. Nelda has passed on, so Terrie donated a birthday cake in her memory.

Mosier's Home Furnishings provided the entrée. Linda Dickensen delivered 23 meals, plus four frozen ones to shut-ins. United Methodist Church members were our servers. Isa Larkin led the flag salute, and Alma Joslin asked the blessing.

Veanne announced a "thank you" to Marge Walton for delivering the goodies to us that were donated from the firefighters. She also donated "take home" containers.

Our guests were Duane and Tracie Andrews, and her mother and father, Carol and Wilbur Ashby. Also Gary Schuyler and Terrie Casey from Portland. The card players also joined us. There were approximately 56 diners.

Janice Holt won the Chesters Thriftway gift certificate, and Joe Schmidt won the Valley View meal for two.

On Thursday, Sept. 24, we will have ham with macaroni and cheese, and Monday, Sept. 28, it will be a Western baked potato bar. Sounds good to me.

Ephesians 4:29 "Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yuhawa



MONUMENT – There is not enough time in the day to do all the things one would like to do, don't you think? There are so many things I'd love to do or be involved in, but it's just not possible, unless I run myself down in the process.

I dug up potatoes, attended a concert in Prairie City to see the famous George Winston, tied down some quilts, canned beans, went to the Spray Oyster Feed and dehydrated some apples – just to name a few of my activities this past week.

Boy, was I busy. I might have to lay low for a couple of weeks to recoup.

I have a couple of announcements of events in Monument. The Monument Bible Fellowship Church is now collecting items until the first week of November for Operation Christmas Child. The church's goal is to provide 100 shoe boxes filled with hygiene materials, toys, clothes and school supplies to go all over the world for children who don't have much. Would you consider donating to such a worthy cause? This is a great organization that has made such an awesome impact. You may drop off items to the church on Sundays.

Another event that is very exciting is the Junior High Winter camp

hosted by Monument Bible Fellowship along with Salem Heights Church, who have, for the past six years, put on the fabulous and dearly anticipated VBS in the summer. This event will be Friday, Oct. 9. For more information you may contact Shawnah Schafer.

On Sept. 15, we had breakfast for lunch. Our lunch was prepared by our great cooks, Terry Cade and Heather Bowlus. Our lunch consisted of biscuits and gravy, sausages, scrambled eggs, and canned peaches. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Anderson and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Betty Richards won the Chester's Thriftway gift card, Karen Stubblefield won the Len's Drug gift card and Sue Stobel won a free meal. We had 46 guests on the list and no take-outs.

I forgot to say I have also been attending some of the girls' varsity volleyball games. The last couple of games I watched were pretty intense and exciting. Go Tigers! Good job girls! Keep up the good teamwork. I even went to Dayville for one of the games. I usually don't like to stray too far from home because I am a homebody, but wanted to go support our team.

Don't forget folks, this Saturday is bingo. It starts at 7 p.m., potluck is at 8 p.m., and then the final plays for the evening around 9 p.m.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

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