

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

JOHN DAY – On Sept. 28, we had the usual diners, approximately 32. We had Western baked potato bar with chili beans, taco meat, sour cream, grated cheese, olives, tomatoes, onions, salsa and butter for toppings. We also had chips with nacho cheese and green salad. For dessert Lisa made a rhubarb ice cream cake.

Darlene Nodine and Ineta Carpenter delivered 16 meals plus eight frozen ones to shut-ins. They were also our servers, representing the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Ron Dowse and Marianne Morris greeted us at the desk. Darlene led the flag salute, and Ineta asked the blessing.

Veanne did the announcing. There wasn't much new except a thank you to Linda Stoltz for all the decorations for Senior Center Month. Some of the decorations are Norman Rockwell paintings, Sun Bonnet Sue wall decor and an antique jump rope. Also, thank you to Jimmy Maple for the garden produce.

Lorna and Pattie brought Marilyn Randall, Dorothy Blasing and Lois Hill from Blue Mountain Care Center.

The Len's Drug certificate was won by Jan Ellison, and the free meal was won by Bruce Kaufman.

I want to thank Shay - on top of all his other duties, he took notes for me on Thursday, Oct. 1, as I was out of town attending the wedding of my great-granddaughter.

There were approximately 75 persons dining at the Center and Jim Spell and Veanne Weddle delivered 29 meals, plus four frozen ones to shut-ins.

The meal consisted of boneless pork chops, stuffing, mashed potatoes and cream gravy, corn and wheat rolls. Then Lisa topped it off with a banana split crumb cake which was really yummy. I had mine delivered before I left town. I took it with me to share with my daughter, so I did get to enjoy the meal anyway. Linda Stoltz and Olly Mae furnished the entrée in memory of Fred Stoltz.

At the desk were David Pasko and Billie Bullard. Dennis Reynolds led the flag salute, and Jim Spell asked the blessing. The servers were from St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and assisted by Linda Stoltz and Olly Mae.

Veanne announced a Red Cross Volunteer training is to be held on October 8th at 4pm, at the Grant County School District office at 401 N. Canyon City Blvd., Canyon City.

Our guests were Olly Mae from Denver, Co. and Jerry Porter, Don Porter's brother from La Grande. Welcome, folks.

Shay said there were a total of 10 door prizes given out and he didn't have time to get all the names, so I won't mention any. Sorry you guys don't get your moment of fame in the paper.

Thursday, Oct. 8, we will be having chicken fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, and whatever else they cook up. Whatever it is I'm sure it will be good. Then Monday, Oct. 12, we will have a farmers breakfast. That sounds like another super Monday meal to start your week. Hope to see you at one or both of these meals.

Romans 8:1,2 – "So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life giving Spirit has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death."

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



MONUMENT – Being thankful is a good thing. I'm so thankful for many things: the cold weather we've been having because it gave us a nice break from the heat, and makes working outside much more comfortable; the beautiful country I live in; and the garden that gave us fresh veggies. I'm even thankful for that gopher, because it taught me what I need to do for next year's garden plans. Going through trials, frustrations and problems teaches us how to deal with them, learn from them, and it especially makes us stronger. Having a thankful heart also keeps us from despair. When one is thankful, there is always hope. Every day is a new day and there is always something beautiful to see and always something to be thankful for.

I was so thankful for our lunch on Sept. 29. Our wonderful cooks prepared some delicious pork ribs, cole slaw, baked beans and birthday cake. You missed out if you weren't there. I even got to save those bones to take home to my dogs. They sure enjoyed eating them and I'm sure they were thankful! We thank our chefs Terry Cade and Heather Bowlus. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Jimmy Cole and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute and Bodean Anderson prayed the blessing.

Bob Yukawa won the Len's Drug gift card. Betty Breeding and Dan Clifford both won free meals. We had 40 attendees and seven takeouts.

The twenty-one quilts that the women here in Monument and Mt. Vernon worked on or donated joined the fifty-five quilts made by the Mt. Vernon guild to be presented to the fire victims at their spaghetti dinner held this past Saturday. We hope that even through the tragic losses of their homes and their worldly possessions, the fire victims would know there are people who care and want them to be encouraged and to not despair. I'm so thankful for such compassionate hearts to be moved in doing service for those in need.

Having a thankful heart is a conscious effort. But you will find that if you continue to look for things to be thankful for even when you think there is nothing to be thankful for, you will find something to be thankful about. How's that for sounding like a riddle! I'm thankful I can wake up to beautiful sunshine. I'm thankful I get to wake up in the midst of pine trees and rolling hills and mountains. I sure am blessed by the good Lord to live in this free country.

Psalm 34:1-3 "I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt his name together."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



PRAIRIE CITY – It is now fall; the time of year when you run the heating system in the morning and the fan or A/C in the afternoon. I am so glad that we have that option, aren't you? 50 years ago, it was start the fire in the wood stove or the old oil stove. It was hard to regulate those old monsters. Then there was the odor both indoors and out. Ah, yes, the good old days. I sure am glad that some smart person decided there was a better way to get heat in the house.

It was September birthday recognition day and we had a whole slew of 'em! I thought I was going to run out of buttons for the drawing. Celebrants included Joe, Louise, Vivian, Norma, Gene, Dusty, Chester and winner Karla Teague. We thank Huffman's Market for donating the \$10 in trade gift certificate for the monthly birthdays. Bonnie Lake won the Prairie Hardware & Gifts \$5 in trade certificate.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Bob Meador asked the blessing. Our special guests were Prairie City School superintendent Julie Gurczynski and Sabrina Howard, who is the SMART reading coordinator. They were getting the word out about the program and looking for more volunteers.

It was good to see Billy Drinkwater at his table again. Also Jerry Sheets has improved enough to make it back. Others we haven't seen for awhile were Ivan Nance and friend Lauren, along with helper Mike Shockley. Keith DeHart even came to eat with wife Alaina. The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies - Lorna and Patty - brought Dorothy Blasing, Marilyn Randall, Lois Hill and Ralph Wilson. So that gave a total of 96 names on the book.

Our volunteer servers included Gary Jacobson, Marlene Greer, JoAnne Phippen, Linda Boyer and Renee. They brought forth grape juice, beets, citrus sweet potatoes, pork loin and dressing, rolls, and cherry pie with real whipped cream for dessert. Great meal from Iva, Helen and Donna. They have so much fun finding new things to do with food. And we are most appreciative of that!

Derrol made another visit to the Balance Clinic. The doctor was able to determine that because his fused ankles have a very limited range of motion, it is doubly hard for him to maintain balance on uneven territory. Difficult, but not impossible. So he will keep working at it. His elbow is still sore, but improving. He had a very colorful forearm as the drainage of the burst bursa sac made its way out of the hurt area.

'Tis less than three months until Christmas. Just thought I'd remind you in case you forgot. Har har. If you are going get it made, you better get crackin'. When not working on choir chimes, I'll be out in the shop constructing the granddaughters' Christmas present: a toy kitchen. Think they'll be able to share???

I Tim. 6:18 "... ready to give, willing to share..." Heb. 13:16 "... to do good and to share..."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



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

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

**New Life Bible Church**  
Corinthians 5:17  
Every Sunday in the L.C. Community Center  
begins at 9:00am  
Contact Pastor Ed Stuttmann at 541-421-3888

**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

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**  
Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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 St. Katherine**  
Dale  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 2:30 pm  
Office Hours  
Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

**Living Word Christian Center**  
Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon  
Celebration of Worship  
Sundays, 5:30 pm  
Kids' Classes 0-6th Grade  
Kindle the Fire  
Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 pm  
Family Service - All Ages  
Youth Group  
Beginning Oct. 16, 6:30 pm  
Jr. High & Sr. High, 7th-12th  
Pastor Sharon Miller  
541-932-4910  
www.LivingWordCC.com

**JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Worship • 9AM  
(541) 575-1326  
johndayUMC@gmail.com  
126 NW Canton, John Day  
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**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: Sunshine Christian School  
Pastor Ron Roberson  
Associate Pastor Brad Williamson  
521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895  
www.johndaynazarene.com

**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  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship .....4:30 pm  
& Communion .....9:30 am  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship .....10 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 Services .....10 am  
Seneca Outreach.....2 pm  
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.fccjohnday.com