

DRAMA CLUB HAMS IT UP

Grant Union acting group starts season with laughs



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Grant Union drama students let their talents shine in the production of "No Body to Murder" Nov. 18-19. Above, Garth the gardner, played by Parker Manitsas, center, and others at the "Come On Inn of Nova Scotia" are shocked to see fitness instructor Billie Body (Janelle King) looking dead as a doornail. From left are Ericka Dickens (on couch), Trejan Speth, Rhea Mead, Andrea Comer, Maggie Justice (back), Nick Springer, James Mabe (seated), Sam Bentz (mime) and Will Carpenter.

By Angel Carpenter
Blue Mountain Eagle

JOHN DAY – The Grant Union Junior-Senior High School stage was brimming with talent as the drama club presented its first production of the school year.

The evening of entertainment began with the melodrama "Her Heart Belongs to Heartburn" by Karen Fendrich, with a cast of six seventh-graders.

Students had a chance to let some zaniness shine in the mystery-comedy "No Body to Murder" by Edith Weiss, including Josh Taynton as a lazy butler, Janelle King as a fitness instructor/detective and Sam Bentz as a "bad mime," along with 17 others in the play.

Director Julie Reynolds said the club started this fall with 20 students and grew to 26. Nine in the group are seventh-graders.

"I thought they did well with it," she said. "I selected a play that gave everyone a chance to have 15 or more lines, and it's a good beginning play."



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The lawless Sheriff Les Law (Hayden Meyers, right) points accusingly to hero Harry Heartburn (Levi Carpenter) with Mary Belle (Taylor Osgood) and little girl (Leah Comer) in back. The play, "Her Heart Belongs to Heartburn," was cast with all seventh-graders.

SENIOR Outlook

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY – Whoopie! We did it! Iva and her crew served 107 meals on Nov. 18 for our Thanksgiving dinner. We even had plenty of pies even though we forgot to announce it last time. This is your official

notice that we will NOT be having a dinner on Nov. 25. The next meal will be Dec. 2, so you all have a happy Thanksgiving.

Our meal was made doubly special due to the three 30-pound turkeys that Iva and family raised to donate for this meal. Thank you so much! In addition to the turkey, we had mashed potatoes and gravy, orange Jell-o/cottage cheese "salad," cran/apple juice, pickles and olives, cranberry sauce, rolls and all the pie you could eat with just-made whipped cream if you wanted it on it. Truly a meal to be thankful for.

We have two new helpers in the take-out delivery department: Ginger and Julia. Thank you, ladies for helping in this endeavor. Buzz got back in time to lead the flag salute and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Our volunteer servers were Marjean Koser, Julia Davis,

Joanne Phippen and Sandi Rennels.

The Prairie Hardware & Gifts \$5 in trade went to Kathy Kuhl. Betty Retherford gets to go have a meal at Chuck's Little Diner. We could only find two birthday people for November: Ken Kulis and Rene Theile. Ken won the \$10 in trade donated by Huffman's Market. Thanks to our faithful prize givers, too.

The Blue Mountain Care Center ladies, Lorna and Shauntele, brought Lois Hill, Dorothy Blasing, Marilyn Randall, and Donna Cox. Have you seen the big air-filled flag on the southwest lawn at the Care Center? Looks great!

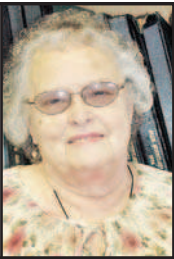
Thanks also go out to the Prairie City Food Bank who brought over a whole lot of frozen vegetables and pie cherries. Those who like cherry pie were delighted! The veggies were corn and peas and mixed. And would you believe that the mixed did not have any green beans in them? Hallelujah! So that largesse was dispersed to those who wanted some and still left enough for Iva to work with for a future meal. Thanks again, Chip.

In the "Have you ever wondered?" department, I give you this: In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence – "Good night, sleep tight."

2 Cor. 9: 15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

John Day Seniors

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY – Monday, Nov. 16, we had our usual turnout of diners. There were approximately 32 diners plus my great-grandson, who talked through the whole meal. Of course his 4-month-old vocabulary isn't big but he sure helped pledge allegiance

to the flag. Again, I'm a proud grandma; hope he didn't disturb anyone.

We had bacon cheeseburgers with tomato, onion, lettuce and dill pickle slices. On the side we had oven steak fries with ice cream for dessert. Besides the people who attended, there were 20 meals delivered by Pastor Al Altnow and his sidekick, Rick Rinehart. There were also another 20 frozen meals delivered to shut-ins.

Susan Fowle and Margaret Glass greeted us. Roberta Dowse led the flag salute and Ron Dowse asked the blessing. The servers were from First Christian Church.

Veanne Weddle extended a big "thank you" to David Turner for helping out in the kitchen last Thursday.

Remember to bring your favorite pie to share on Dec. 3 for our pie social. Saturday, Dec. 12, is Ron Dowse's AARP Drivers Safety Course. Bring a lunch as it will be from 9 am to 4 pm here at the Center.

Helen Bogart won the Len's Drug gift certificate and David Turner won the free meal.

Thursday, Nov. 19, we had our Thanksgiving dinner, which consisted of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce and cheese log with crackers and dinner rolls. For dessert, we had the standard homemade pumpkin pie. It was all delicious and we had a full house. We fed approximately 108 in-house diners plus Ken and Sharmayne Boethin delivered 32 lunches. Veanne also helped and four frozen meals

were sent to shut-ins.

The staff at the Center would like to apologize to anyone who was turned away or didn't get enough to eat. We only stretch so far and strive to do our best. Please come back, all our meals are special and we would enjoy your presence.

The entree was furnished by Blanche Lundbom in memory of her late husband, Don. Blanche was present with a table full of her family. Marianne Morris and David Pasko greeted us, with Susan Fowle and Billie Bullard selling raffle tickets. The servers were from the United Methodist Church. Jean Willey led the flag salute and Sherry Feiger asked the blessing after having everyone join in and sing the old Johnny Appleseed blessing. Boy that sure dates a lot of us.

Veanne announced the Carrie Young Memorial to be held on Dec. 4, at the John Day Elks Lodge. The proceeds from this dinner and silent auction go to the elderly of Grant County exclusively. On Dec. 10, at Valley View Assisted Living, the Blue Mountain Hospice will put on their Light Up a Life program. The public is invited to both of these programs.

There is another IRS scam going around again. Please don't fall for it. Report it to your local law enforcement.

I know I probably missed getting the names of a lot of newcomers but couldn't get around to everyone. I did see Jan Ellison had her granddaughter with her, Shay Moles. Good to see you.

The Chester's Thriftway gift certificate was won by Norm Fowle and the Valley View meal for two was won by Betty Starr. The wreaths that were raffled were won by Janice Hunt, Billie Bullard and Trace Andrew. Extra drawings were won by Helen Bogart, Dave Traylor, John Englehart, Norm Straw, Kim Cheslea and Nancy Courier. Congrats, everyone.

The Center will be closed Thanksgiving Day, but the following Monday, Nov. 30, we will again be open serving beef stew and homemade biscuits. Sounds like a good winter meal.

Psalm 26:7 NLT "Singing a song of Thanksgiving and telling of all Your miracles."

Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute and Bodean made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. We had Alma Joslin and Ron and Roberta Dowse from John Day join us for lunch. Ron will be giving an AARP driving class on Mar. 15, 2016. David Stubblefield won the Len's Drug gift card and Betty Breeding and Jack Cavender both won free meals. We had 58 guests and twelve takeouts.

Our lovely, generous, and oh so creative, Ms. Judy Harris, has made and donated a beautiful 30" Christmas Wreath to be raffled. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. All proceeds will go to the Senior Center Operation fund. The drawing will be held Dec. 8, at the Senior lunch. You do not need to be present to win. Just put your name and phone number on your tickets so we can contact you if you win.

Judy Harris led our sewing class again this past Saturday. We had a lovely time. The crazy quilt pieces we made are going to help make a couple of quilts to be auctioned off for the benefit of the Senior Center and EMTs. We will have another class in January. All are welcome, you don't have to live in Monument to join us!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful and memorable Thanksgiving! May the Lord keep you all safe, as some of you travel, and bless you and your family.

Proverbs 9:9 "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: Teach a just man, and he will increase in learning."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yuhawa



MONUMENT – Things have definitely slowed down a bit, but then on the other hand, there seems to be busyness in other activities and goings on. We have some friends coming to join us

for Thanksgiving and I have been on a cleaning frenzy. That means I have to clean about a couple of weeks before the guests arrive. Yup, my house is very lived in. I wish I could keep it neat and tidy all the time but that just isn't an option with little kids around. I seem to clean up an area and they move in right behind me and make another mess. If it doesn't get completely done, oh well. I will try not to lose sleep over it, both mentally and literally!

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, our fabulous cooks served a delicious Thanksgiving meal. We the citizens of Monument are very thankful for our cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell. We had turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean casserole, dinner rolls and oh so yummy pumpkin pie with whipped cream. There are times when food tastes so good to me that I wish I could eat another bite but my tummy says, "Uh, NO! You will just pop!" Our greeters were Bob Blakelsee,

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