

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

**John Day Seniors**

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY — Monday, Nov. 30, we had a really poor turnout for a great snowy-day meal. There were only approximately 25 in attendance for homemade beef stew, biscuits, tomato/spinach salad and chocolate mousse for dessert. It was National Chocolate Mousse Day, hence the dessert. Rick Rhinehart and Ray Rickard delivered 18 meals plus 16 frozen ones for shut-ins. The Mt. Vernon run was canceled due to problems at the center.

Ron Dowse and Marianne Morris greeted us. Dowse led the flag salute and Ben Leuthe asked the blessing. Our servers were from First Christian Church. They were helped by Billie Bullard and Linda Stoltz, who served the milk and juice.

Dowse did the announcing in the absence of Veanne Weddle. The only announcements were for this weekend, so too late to get in the paper.

Jean Thompson won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Nancy Elliott won the free meal.

Thursday, Dec. 3, we had a good turnout for southern-fried pork steak, par-boiled potatoes, gravy, green beans with bacon and fresh whole wheat rolls. For dessert, we had a piece of pie from our donated pies for the pie social. It was fun trying the different pies. The entree was furnished by Ansel Krutsinger. There were approximately 52 diners. Marianne Morris and David Pasko greeted us.

Jim Spell and Shay delivered 27 meals. Our servers were from St. Thomas Episcopal Church. They had a shortage of servers, so some members of the Site Council, plus David Turner, Don and Deda Porter and Linda Stoltz set up the tables before anyone from the church arrived. They also helped the two members of the church with the serving and cleanup.

Tracie Unterwegner led the flag salute, and Jim Spell asked the blessing. Don Caldwell did the announcing in the absence of Veanne Weddle who was absent due to medical reasons.

Don announced there will be an AARP Drivers Safety course on Saturday, Dec. 12, here at the center. To sign up or for more information call Ron Dowse at 541-575-4268. Also, it has been suggested that if you want to be sure to have enough places to sit with your family or friends for the Christmas dinner on Thursday, Dec. 17, and/or the New Years Eve dinner on Thursday, Dec. 31, you need to call ahead and make reservations. The numbers to call are 541-575-1825 or 541-575-2949.

Don Porter won the Chester's Thriftway gift card, and David (Buzz) Harris won the Valley View lunch for two. Lunch on Thursday, Dec. 10, will be chicken Florentine lasagna, and Monday, Dec. 14, will be western scramble, hash browns and fruit. Hope to see you all at one or both of these meals. Good old homemade meals, and they are all good.

*Isaiah 46:9 "And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I am God-I alone! I am God and there is no one else like me."*

**Monument Seniors**

Soo Yukawa



MONUMENT — It has happened to me again. The upcoming Christmas season and holiday are almost upon us! Every year I think to myself I will take our Christmas pictures and have them made into Christmas cards at Costco way before and have a great head start. Yeah, right, that never flies. Sigh. I will probably end up scrambling at the last minute, stressing out, and maybe get them mailed the day before Christmas.

If you are like me, don't feel bad, there are more of us than the very organized and timely person who sends those Christmas cards out weeks in advance. Ha.

Our great chefs Carrie Jewell and Sahara made us some hearty spaghetti, garlic toast, fresh green salad and cookies for our Dec. 1 meal. 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.

Bob Cockrell won the Len's Drug gift card. Betty Breeding and Bruce Kramer both won free meals. We had Clifford and Reba Smith join us from Long Creek. There were 45 guests on the book and three takeouts.

Please make a note that bingo will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. It will, of course, be a potluck. We hope you will join us!

The Monument School will be holding its Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11.

If you are participating in baking cookies for the Christmas Cookie Caper event, please bring two dozen of your cookies to the senior center by 12:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. If you have any questions please call Sylvia Cockrell.

I shall share a humorous story of when I was about 12 or 13 years of age. Whenever we had out-of-town visitors, the Asian thing to do was to take them to the Huntington Library in San Marino, California.

San Marino is next to the city of Pasadena, you know where they hold the Rose Parade every New Year's Day.

The Huntington Library is this vast garden in the heart of San Marino and has many different gardens. It has a beautiful Japanese garden.

There is also a Koi pond and a little bridge. Well, I had gone over to the edge and saw there was this huge frog. I wanted to get a closer look so I got real close to the edge.

My mother yelled at me warning me to not get so close. Of course, I didn't pay any attention to her. The frog kept jumping inward away from the pond's edge. Continued next week.

*Luke 2:30-33 "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."*

**Prairie City Seniors**

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY — Only two weeks until Christmas. Are you ready? We got our first Christmas card from Iowa already. Maybe I'll actually get a letter written for this year.

We had a special business meeting before the meal to ask for authorization to send for the funds to purchase the Grange Hall property. The vote was again unanimous. We want to thank those who donated to the "fund" all those years ago so that we are able to pay cash for the building and lot. It is going to happen soon. All the pertinent powers have given their consent.

We had a special guest during the meal; Prairie City Mayor Jim Hamsher presented a plaque to us for being the organization that raised the most money for the "Lids for Kids" campaign — 41 percent of the total. So give yourself a pat on the back, Prairie City Senior Center.

We only had 67 names on the book, due to the cold weather and slick roads, I guess. It was good to see Nancy Viggers getting out and about again. Wally Weddle found a job in using the mop to keep the melting snow from becoming a slipping hazard.

We called her "the motorized mop." Har, har. The food bank sent over a box of red delicious apples to distribute. Thanks a heap, guys.

The set-up crew was our faithful four: Bruce, Buzz,

Jim and Joe. The delivery drivers were Buzz and Derrol, with Julia and Jim doing the walking. And this is a notice to those of you who get your meals delivered: The price is going up a dollar so we can pay for the extra boxes, etc., it takes to do this for you. We hope you understand. With 30 take-outs a week, it adds up.

Buzz led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Gary Mediger was the winner of the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts. Our meal had grape juice, ham and bean soup, fried potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, corn bread and gingerbread with a lemon swirl topping and whipped cream on top of that. Nice warm food for a cool day.

Helen is still recuperating, so Pam was in the kitchen along with Linda. Fran Bunch, Sandi Rennels and JoAnne Phippen were our servers.

Leone prewashed the silverware while the men swept the floors and washed the table covers.

We made it to Portland to have Thanksgiving dinner with the kids and grands. Only took five-and-a-half hours to get to Biggs.

At least the freeway was clear of ice and snow. Got the "kitchen" finished and delivered to the two granddaughters. There. Now I can think about something else; like the 10-year anniversary rug for Bert and Agata next year. Maybe after the new year.

*2 Peter 3:8 "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."*

**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  
(Corner of Second & Allen)  
Begins at 4:10pm  
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..." I 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

**JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Worship • 9AM  
(541) 575-1326  
johndayUMC@gmail.com  
126 NW Canton, John Day  
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**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**  
Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm  
**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  
Fridays, 6:30 pm  
Jr. High & Sr. High, 7th-12th  
PASTOR SHARON MILLER  
541-932-4910  
www.livingwordcc.com

**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  
& Communion .....4:30 pm  
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.fcjohnday.com