Seniors



JOHN DAY — The Senior Center was closed on May 30 for Memorial Day. On June 3, we had mushroom chicken, mashed red potatoes, chicken gravy, peas, wheat rolls and birthday cake. The cake was provided by Driskill Memorial Chapel. The meal was very good, as usual. Shay and Lisa are doing a great job, and we are grateful to Dan Priest for all his help in the kitchen.

Ron Dowse and Margaret Glass greeted us, and our servers were from Church of the Nazarene. Dale Stennett and Gina Leigh delivered 24 meals. Dale led the flag salute, and Bob Douglas asked the blessing.

Bob and his wife, Carol, were here from Sarasota, Florida. Bob is the current pastor at the Church of the Nazarene. Our hostess and decorator, Linda Stoltz, is sure being missed. She is in Florida visiting family.

We had about 60 folks in the center for lunch. Reg Leguieu won the Chester's Thriftway certificate, and Don Porter won the lunch for two at Valley View. Reg and his wife, Carol, are new to the area, now living in Mt. Vernon. We hope to see more of them.

Next Thursday we will have another pie social, so bring your favorite dessert to share. Shay and Lisa will make stuffed pork loin and one of Shay's fabulous homemade soups. Veanne Weddle announced an Alzheimer's Association presentation coming up on Wednesday, June 8. Call her at 541-575-2949, for more information.

The quilt raffle will be going on through Thursday, July 7. Stop by the senior center to take a look at it. Tickets are \$5 each, and the proceeds go to Curt and Lisa Pereira.

"Do not take life too seriously, you will never get out of it alive." — Unknown



MONUMENT — For our last lunch of May, we had a great meal of fried fish, chicken tenders, french fries, cole slaw and birthday cake for dessert. Our chefs were Carrie Jewell and Terry Hamilton. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Andersen and Marva Walker.

Bob led our flag salute, and Bodean made the announcements and prayed over our meal. Charlotte Barker won the Len's Drug gift card, while Max Breeding and Bruce Kramer both won free meals. We had 47 guests and two take-outs.

Kathy Rabey and Becky Maxwell visited us from Kent, Washington. Barbara and Garren McDonald came back for a short visit from California.

We welcome back Jack Cavender after a monthlong absence from being in the hospital. It's good to see you. Senior lunch just GRANT COUNTY SENIORS wasn't the same without Oh, almost fo

you there. Judy Harris, our fundraising director, has started a new idea, the 50/50 Raffle. Tickets are \$1 each, and at the end of senior lunch, the winner will be drawn. The winner gets half of whatever the amount collected was for that day. The other half portion will go to the Senior Center general fund.

We have several raffles going on right now. You have a couple more weeks for a chance to win a nice gift basket for Father's Day. We have a beautiful quilt and rifle raffle, and those drawings will be on Sept. 24 at the Buckaroo Feast and Harvest Festival. The winner of the rifle raffle will get to choose from six different calibers. All raffle tickets are \$1 each or six tickets for \$5. Good luck!

My life here in Monument is getting extremely busy. I'm actually waking up before the crack of dawn most days and sometimes going to bed by 10 p.m. That's early for me. I know some of you all go to bed by 8 p.m. Um, that's a bit too early for me. We have been so busy that sometimes we are having dinner at 7:30 p.m. I know, crazy?

I don't know if I'm going to be able to plant all my stuff this year because I still need to move my pigs to a different area, and I don't have that ready for them yet. I wish I was a really strong girl so I could do things myself, but I am physically limited since I'm a bit on the petite side. Sigh. I hope I have enough time to plant some corn and squash. Oh, almost forgot to mention that Thomas Orchards is going to be opening soon. I'm so excited because they will have cherries this year. Yippee! I am hoping to make some cherry jam this year and can some for cherry pie filling, too. Of course they are delicious fresh. You may call them for more info.

Proverbs 3:7-10 "Be not wise in thine own eyes: Fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."



PRAIRIE CITY — We were all saddened to learn of the death of our dear friend, Larry Blasing. Our condolences to his mother, Dorothy, wife, Vonnie, and son, Loy. He will be greatly missed.

We got our air conditioners put in so we're ready for the hot weather. Also got my little garden bed planted. Now we will see if seeds that were supposed to be used last summer will germinate this year. I see buds on the hollyhocks that didn't get to bloom last year. Hooray!

Our set-up and delivery crews did their job in fine fashion. Everyone took a turn at serving the drinks and food, so I'm not going to list all their names. Many hands make the load light, right? The cooks were especially thankful for Tom Roark in the kitchen doing the heavy dishes. God bless you for your service.

Buzz led the flag salute and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. The winner of the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts was Vivian Rookstool. We had some lovely music before our meal performed by Mr. Secord. Thanks.

A couple of our "snowbirds" came home. Jerry and Evelyn Sheets said that they had to get back in time for Billy Drinkwater's birthday party on May 28, which was well attended. And the cake was delicious.

There were 75 names on the registration book, and we had orange juice, cottage cheese, a relish tray with tomato wedges, olives and pickles, creamed veggies, spaghetti with meat sauce and peach cobbler with whipped cream for dessert. Everyone could be heard saying as they left the building, "I ate too much, but it was so good."

The ladies from Blue Mountain Care Center brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill, Marilyn Randall and Otho Laurance.

The dishwasher project is getting closer. At least it's moving. We don't think it is made in China, so that might help. We certainly didn't think that it would take this long.

We've had Memorial Day with our famous "Avenue of Flags" at the Prairie City Cemetery. Come to find out this is kind of unique to Prairie City. Nancy put the photo on Facebook and has gotten lots of "likes." When the sky is clear with a nice breeze to make the flags wave, and you see Strawberry Mountain in the background and hear Taps being played — oh, my goodness. If you don't get a lump in your throat or a tear in your eye, there's something wrong with your heart.

So next on the agenda is '62 Days. Wonder how long it would have taken non-native people to discover this area if there hadn't been gold to mine?

I am reading a book about a man named Casimir Pulaski — a hero of the American Revolution. I didn't know that when I bought it. I thought it was about the person who invented the firefighting tool called the pulaski. Yes, Mr. Pulaski was from Poland, so that makes it doubly interesting to me since I have a Polish daughter-in-love.

I Corinthians 14:10 "... there are all sorts of languages in the world, yet none of them is without meaning."

Editor's note: The pu-laski tool — with a sharp ax blade on one side and a mattock or grubbing blade on the other — was named after Forest Service Ranger Edward Pulaski, "a descendant of American Revolution hero Casimir Pulaski," according to a 1986 Forest Service publication. Pulaski experimented to create the tool that now bears his name by 1913, the publication states, but a similar tool was actually made by Collins Tool Co. in 1876.

