## **Seniors**

## **GRANT COUNTY SENIORS**



JOHN DAY - On Aug. 22, we had a small group of approximately 28 diners for a time of enjoying good food and fellowship. We had goulash with Capri-style mixed veggies, green salad, grilled garlic toast and spumoni ice cream.

Suzanne Tayson and Ineta Carpenter delivered 33 lunches plus 28 frozen meals to shutins. They were representing The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and also served our meal. Margaret Glass and Merrie Henry greeted us, while Suzanne led the flag salute and Ineta asked the blessing. There were two new Site Council members present: Chaplain Richie Colbeth and Jeanette Julsrud. Thank you to Jimmy Maple for all the veggies we are enjoying from his garden.

The Saturday night fundraiser for the Ministerial Association was a huge success. There was one silent auction so it became a raffle item. It is an 18hole golf game with cart. There will only be 20 tickets sold at \$10 each. A small update was given on the fires.

Included in our drawings was a \$25 gift certificate from the Outpost donated by Richie. It was won by Jeanette Julsrud. Karen Barrietua won the Len's Drug gift card, and Roberta Dowse won the free meal.

On Aug. 25, we had a good turnout of approximately 56 diners to enjoy a meal of Swiss steak with noodles, green peas, Caesar salad and dinner rolls. It was all topped off with banana split parfaits. Add juice, coffee, iced tea or milk, and you can't



## beat it for \$4. Jim Maple and Joan Vetter

delivered 37 meals to homes. Bonnie Kocis and David Pasko greeted us and our servers were Jim, Walt and Agnes Hall, and Jean Madish from St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. Walt led the flag salute, and Jim asked the

blessing. Veanne Weddle announced there will be an AARP driving class from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 10, here at the center. Bring a lunch as there will just be a short break for lunch. She also announced the Alzheimer's Association will be hosting a session on understanding and responding to dementia-related behavior. It will be held from 1:30-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the DHS office at 725 W. Main St., Suite E, John Day. The class is free, but registration is required. To register, call 1-800-272-3900. Dodie Mell, from Boise, joined her mother, Jessie Lewis, for lunch. We also had a visit from Warren and Dorothy Broemling.

Chaplain Richie Colbeth donated a \$25 gift card to Chester's Thriftway for the drawing, which was won by Karen Barrietua. Jerry Sheets won the regular Chester's Thriftway gift card, and Walt Hall won the Valley View lunch for two.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, we will have chicken with lemon basil cream sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, veggies and a dinner roll. That will be our September birthday recognition day, so we will be having birthday cake as well. On Monday, Sept. 5, we will be closed for Labor Day.

John 14:21 "Those who obey my commands are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my father will love them, and I will love them. And *I will reveal myself to each one* of them.'



MONUMENT - I was not present for the Aug. 23 lunch at the Senior Center. We went to Bend to do some shopping. I got an earful when I didn't write my column last time because I had gone into town for some shopping, so I thought I had better do my column even if I wasn't present. I had my trusty friend Jimmy tell me the stats of the day — well, most of it anyway.

If I don't have all of it right, you can blame him. The greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Andersen and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute, and Bodean made the announcements and prayed the blessing over the meal. Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell cooked up some sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice, a fresh green salad and brownies for dessert. Jan Ensign and Debbie Reid both won free meals. Bob Cockrell won the 50/50. There were 30 guests on the books and four take-outs.

I'm chomping at the bit here for the Buckaroo Feast and Fall Festival to arrive. I can't wait for it to start. The festival will begin at 1 p.m. Sept. 24 in the park in Monument, and the dinner will be held at the senior center. I can't believe that the summer has just been zooming by. We are expecting lots of people.

The evenings here in Monument have been beautiful. The sky has been showing lots of stars and the Milky Way. The crickets here are really loud too. It's been quite peaceful. Haven't heard any howling of coyotes, but I did see one about a week ago.

All has been quiet at the Yu-

kawa farm. No real drama happenings. OK, I was wrong. I just remembered that I had to block off the small entrance to my orchard. The little rambunctious kittens were in there and had chomped or broke one of my precious, everbearing raspberry bush canes. I about had a heart attack.

You know how I am about my beloved garden. So I spent a little time trying to block it off from these mischievous kittens. I had to spray them with water because they all kept running in or trying to get in. I cracked up when I saw the confusion on their little faces! Ha. The one good thing they did was keep the birds away from my raspberries. I'll let them in again later. But for now, they are banned from going in there.

We finally got to grill some food on our barbecue the other day. It was awesome.

I can't believe we hadn't done it sooner. It made life so much easier and less mess to clean up afterward. I barbecued Korean kalbi.

I got some beef sirloin steaks from Costco and marinated them. It came out pretty good. I will share the recipe, but I don't measure, sorry. It just calls for soy sauce, sesame oil, fresh minced garlic, sugar, onion, black pepper and green onion. I marinated the meat for one whole day, and it was great with steamed white rice and wrapped with fresh lettuce and topped off with Korean chili paste.

Hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer. Fall is fast approaching.

Revelation 1:5 "and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.



PRAIRIE CITY — It is less than one month from today that the second Alleluia concert will be put on. We had such a good time last year, and we hope that you will join us this year at the Prairie City Community Center. It will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24. Donation proceeds will benefit the Prairie City Ministerial Association and the Prairie City Community Center building fund. There have been lots of changes to the building since last year, so come and check it out.

The centerpieces at each table today at the senior hall were miniature roses brought in by retiring assistant cook Helen Emmel. They were so cute! Thanks for sharing.

Ron Dowse brought some more of his home-grown peaches to share. And someone snuck in some zucchini to "share" too. The food bank did a great deal of sharing due to the fire camps coming and going. We were the beneficiaries of lots of goodies, and we just pass it on to our diners. Certainly helps out on the food bill!

Our faithful four did the table prep, and the other faithful four did the home deliveries. There were 81 names on the registration book. Buzz led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. We partook of grape juice, green salad, baked potato, meat loaf, cottage cheese, a large croissant and Helen's North Dakota salad for dessert. Lots of diners made use of the iced tea dispenser. We also had milk, buttermilk, hot tea, water and coffee.

As we ate, we were serenaded by Mr. Secord on the piano, guitar and recorder. Made you feel like you were in an outdoor cafe in Europe. Very enjoyable. Krystin and Kendra brought Ralph Wilson, Lois Hill, Otho Laurance, Marilvn Randall, Helen Ricco and Dorothy Blasing from Blue Mountain Care Center.

We had a double winner today for our drawing and raffle. Chester Willis won the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Drug and Hardware, then his number was drawn as the winner of the 50/50 raffle, also. How often does that happen?

Have you made any plans for next year's eclipse? I am working on a needlepoint and a latch-hook project for the occasion. Quilts and Beyond is sponsoring — I don't know what to call it, a contest? exhibition? display? — quilts that have to do with the eclipse. I don't quilt, so I asked if I could do what I do and still qualify, and they graciously said yes. So, you know what I'll be doing with all my spare time.

More presidential trivia: John Quincy Adams went skinny dipping every morning.

Thomas Jefferson hated dressing up so much that he sometimes wore his bathrobe and slippers to dinner parties. Calvin Coolidge was the only president — so far — to be born on the Fourth of July. His first name was actually John.

Jimmy Carter was the first president to be born in a hospital, Oct. 1, 1924.

Luke 5:31-32 "Jesus answered them, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

