

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

**John Day Seniors**

Alma Joslin



JOHN DAY — On Nov. 7, we had approximately 25 diners in the hall to enjoy a fish sandwich with all the fixings served with macaroni salad and cheddar munchers, followed by monster cookies for dessert. An additional 28 people enjoyed the same meal, delivered to them by Mary Lou Horton and Karen Bailey, representing the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary. They also took 47 frozen meals to shut-ins with the help of Veanne Weddle.

David Pasko and Margaret Glass greeted us at the front desk. Karen led the flag salute, and Ben Luethe asked the blessing. Karen and Mary Lou were also our servers.

Veanne announced that Nov. 17 is our Thanksgiving dinner here, and she recommends reservations. We are already over half booked.

On Nov. 18, there will be a women's ministry potluck luncheon from 12-1:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Coffee House located at 139 NE Dayton St. Linda Sprouffske will be speaking about her medical mission to Haiti after Hurricane Andrew.

There will be a community concert and fellowship gathering at 6 p.m. Nov. 20 at Grant Union's old gymnasium. Cookies and coffee to follow. There will be no charge for admission.

On Nov. 24, the John Day Elks Lodge is holding a free community Thanksgiving dinner from 1-4 p.m. at the lodge. Meals also will be delivered. If you need that service, you can call 541-575-1824.

There will be a living with chronic conditions workshop

soon. Please call Veanne at 541-575-2949 to sign up or for more information.

The Len's Drug gift certificate was won by David Pasko, and Ron Dowse won the lunch for two at Valley View.

On Nov. 10, we fed approximately 60 diners at the center. The meal was pork stroganoff with noodles. It was served with pea and pearl onion salad and whole wheat dinner rolls.

It was national vanilla cupcake day, so guess what Lisa made for dessert. The entree was furnished by Mobile Glass.

Greeting us at the front desk were Bonnie Kocis and Margaret Glass. Buzz Glass, his daughter, Brenda, and granddaughter, Lydia, delivered 34 meals.

Our servers were from the Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. They were Donna Johnson, Donna Mulder, Sandy Johnson, Andy and Carla Anderson and pastor Levi Manitsas. The flag salute was led by Donna Johnson. Pastor Levi read a tribute to veterans and then gave the blessing. Veanne announced a lady by the name of Betsy has a glass-topped stove, refrigerator and dishwasher she would like to donate to a senior person.

The refrigerator has already been spoken for, as I write. Call Veanne if you know someone who needs these. We had a few guests for our Nov. 10 meal. I understand these are people new in town, so welcome. They are Steve and Haiping Fletcher, and Jill Reeves and Betty Connor. The Chester's Thriftway gift card was won by Helen Bogart, and Buzz Harris won the lunch for two at Valley View. Nov. 17 will be our traditional Thanksgiving dinner, and Nov. 21 we will have sour cream chicken enchiladas served with Spanish rice.

*John 8:36 "If the son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

**Monument Seniors**

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MONUMENT — We had a full house for our Nov. 8 lunch. There were 57 guests on the books and 13 takeouts, giving us a total of 70 lunches served altogether for the day. Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Andersen and Marva Walker. Bob led our flag salute, and Bodean made the announcements as well as asking for the blessing of our meal. Debbie Reid won the Len's Drug gift card. The winner of the free meal went to Pete Rancher of Monument. Jan Ensign won the Chester's Thriftway gift card. Thank you to all our donors for their generosity. Bodean won the 50/50 raffle.

We had the following guests from Long Creek join us for lunch: Stan Metz, Gaylene Pruit, Troy L. Pruit, Janice Hunt and Nadine Radley.

We also had some other folks too from different areas. We had Marvin and Louise Britt along with Dick and Pam Wanous from Spray. Cristie Hughes also from Spray joined us.

We had Ersela Dehaya from Mt. Vernon, Treva Bradley from Kingman, Arizona. We had Christine Richards from John Day, Sue and Ed Walg of Iowa. Lastly, we have a new couple in the community of Monument, Pete and Linda Rancher, who graced us with their presence.

So, do you want to know what our cooks served this hungry crowd? Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell prepared up a fabulous taco salad bar. We

had the choice of flour tortilla, corn tortilla or tortilla chips for our meal. We had all the fresh sides to make a delicious taco or burrito.

We had fresh lettuce, cheese, sour cream, sliced tomatoes, salsa, onions, along with Spanish rice and beans as well.

Our cooks outdid themselves. Thanks to Terry and Carrie for their hard work and dedication.

Monument School Superintendent and Principal Earl Pettit had invited everyone for a free lunch on Thursday, Nov. 10, to honor our vets who so bravely serve and served our country.

It was held at the Monument school gym. Mr. Pettit also gave a wonderful and insightful speech concerning the recent presidential election. We send our thanks to Mr. Pettit, his staff and the beautiful children, who sang patriotic songs celebrating the occasion.

The next women's sewing class will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Senior Center. Bring your sewing machine and a dish to share in our potluck lunch, and be ready to have some fun.

I can't believe Thanksgiving is next week already. Eeks! Hope everyone has a place to go and get together to enjoy and reflect on the many blessings that we have with friends and family.

I am very thankful for so much that I can't even name them all. It's always good to remember all that the Lord has done for us over the course of our lives.

*Psalm 92:1 "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High."*

**Prairie City Seniors**

Rose Coombs



PRAIRIE CITY — It is certainly hard to believe it is the middle of November when the thermometer reads 70 degrees. Neighbor had to mow her lawn. People are picking strawberries, grasshoppers are wandering about, lots of weed seeds have sprouted. Indeed another aspect of our unusual year. I took the last bag of tulip bulbs that Mary Brown dug up so now I have to get them in before the nice weather goes away. But where?

Decisions, decisions. Iva made the decision to have "Breakfast for Lunch," apple or orange juice, scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, plus a large and flattened cinnamon roll. And I kept hearing comments that it was a really good coffee.

And only 58 names on the book. But Jack Erickson has his seat staked out. He was the only one at his table, so Tom sat with him during dinner so he didn't feel too lonesome. Better get here early Nov. 16 to get your seat for our scrumdiddlyumptious Thanksgiving meal. Bring a pie to share.

Since chairman Harold was off doing a good deed, Bruce took care of the announcements. The winner of the \$5 gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts was Lois Bidasolo. The best announcement was limited to those of a "senior age": You can buy a load of firewood at the reduced price of \$100 a cord, mixed species, split and delivered, by calling Kelly at 541-620-1317. Buzz led the flag salute, and Jack asked the blessing. Was

good to see Capt. Bill Campbell again. Also Chris Labhart and Helen Bogart.

We managed to get the front door repaired, so it will close gently and without a lot of hefting. Whenever they put these new doors on, they did not make allowance for some new pieces behind the jam to hold the hinges securely. So after all these many years, the screws gave up and the door leaned away from the jam.

Dave Gray put a piece of the old Prairie Hotel oak in and it snugged right up. The plumber is also doing some repair work, so things are getting done ... eventually. Come to the Comfort Station on Nov. 19 and browse through the building. Iva will have goodies for your sustenance.

The Derrol report: nasal feeding tube is still in, but have reduced the amount of liquid so he can eat more by mouth. Haven't had to use the powerful pain killer lately, so that's what he wanted to start with.

The speech therapist gave him some special exercises to get his throat muscles to be more willing to chew and swallow, and that is going quite well. Had a few snags hither and yon, but he's making progress.

Thanks to all for your concern and prayers. One person, who shall remain nameless, asked him about all the paraphernalia hanging off his nose. I commented that he must not have read my column in the paper. Silence. Then "Oops." So Derrol told him all that had happened. We won't have a meal on the day before Thanksgiving, Nov. 23. But you are invited to a free meal at the Teen Center at 1 p.m. And you don't have to bring anything. What a deal!

*Psalm 146:7 "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry."*

**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 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**  
2 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 ..." 1 John 5:12  
Sunday School 9:45 am • Sunday Preaching 11:00 am  
Junior Church 11:00 am • Sunday Evenings 7:30 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 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 5:30pm  
Kids Classes 0-6th grade  
Midweek Bible Study  
Thursdays 6:30pm  
Kids 0-6th grade  
YOUTH GROUP  
Fridays 6:30pm  
Jr Hi & Sr Hi 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  
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 .....10 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  
Visiting Pastors  
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  
541-620-0976

**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