Seniors

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors Alma Joslin

JOHN DAY — On Jan. 2, we had our usual Monday group of approximately 32 diners present for another great lunch. We had German pork chops in gravy (I cut mine with my fork), sauerkraut, black eved pea salad, pasta veggie blend, dinner rolls and lemon bars for dessert.

Greeting us at the front desk were Ron Dowse and our new site council member, Drew Harmon.

Virginia Miller and Mary Lu Horton delivered 25 meals plus 26 frozen meals went to shut ins. These gals were representing Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary and also served us. Virginia led the flag salute, and Dale Stinnett asked the blessing.

In Veanne's absence Ron announced the subzero temperatures, which we experienced last week.

My granddaughter, Kendra Joslin, joined me for lunch. She won the Len's Drug gift certificate, and Darlene Nodine won the lunch for two at Valley View.

On Jan. 5, we fed approximately 50 diners at the center. We had a wonderful lunch consisting of hand-breaded chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and cream gravy, green beans with bacon and onions, whole wheat dinner rolls and birthday cake for dessert.

The entrée was furnished by United Methodist Thrift Shop, while the birthday cake was furnished by Driskill Memorial Chapel. The birthday people for this month were Pat Amling, Gene Essex, Rose-

anne Palmer, Danny DePriest, Shay Lewis and Jeanette Sheridan.

Greeting us at the desk were Ron Dowse and Margaret Glass. Gene Essex led the flag salute, and Dale Stinnett asked the blessing. They represented the Church of the Nazarene who were also our servers. They were assisted by Traci Andrew, Roseanne Palmer, Gene and Nicky Essex and Dale Stinnett. Joan and Joel Tayles delivered 44 meals, and Dale delivered to the Mt. Vernon area.

Veanne thanked Driskill Memorial Chapel for the monthly cakes. She also gave a big thank you to Glenn and Roseanne Palmer for their donations. They always give the seniors a cash donation for the use of the center for their Christmas dinners. Besides that they donated 120 place settings of silverware. And a new 42-cup coffee pot.

There will be a board of directors meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the center. Also at 12:30 on Jan. 12 there will be an annual meeting of all interested senior citizens. The agenda for this meeting will be elections of officers, election of board of Directors, OTECC report on the findings of their study, a financial report, Ansel Krutsinger's report on the trust fund and, last but not least, there will be a few cash drawings.

Veanne is asking for volunteers for the lunch deliveries to the Mt. Vernon area. She said it is 12 miles one way with five stops. Please contact Veanne at 541-575-2949 if you can help her.

Start watching the tables for all Grant County Historical Society newsletters. Linda Stoltz will be putting these under the vinyl table coverings.

They will be dated from 1979 to 1986.

My granddaughter, Kellyn DeRosier, joined me for lunch along with her two sons, Ashton, 1.5 months, and Bryson, 18 months.

Norm Strawn won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate, and Jim Stovall won the free meal for two at Valley View.

Thursday, Dec. 12, we will be having barbecue pork ribs, potato wedges and three bean salad, and Dec. 16 it will be beef chop suey, egg rolls and fortune cookies.

Hebrews 11:6 "Without faith it is impossible to please God.

> Monument Seniors Soo Yukawa

MONUMENT — Monument has been experiencing some crazy weather. We've had frigid temperatures of -22 degrees Fahrenheit in some places, and that snow doesn't seem like it's going to go away anytime soon. This is our fourth winter here in Oregon, and we've not had the same winter twice. Every time we've had snow, though, it only stuck for maybe a couple of weeks at most. I think we are now going into week four of the snow being on the ground. It does make one work harder while doing chores, but on the bright side, I think I'm getting in better shape. I've noticed that I'm not huffing and puffing while coming back up our drive. In fact, I've kind of jogged up and had no problem.

Because of the cold snap and heavy snowfall, I've heard of some crazy things happening. For example, 41 head of elk froze to death while crossing a river that broke. We saw a bunch of elk way down, close to the highway, and they were eating on some old bales of hay and they even ate down thistles to just the stalks. I guess they are very hungry and have had to come down from the mountains in search of food.

Well, for our Jan. 3 meal, we had a small turnout. We had 33 people who braved the cold and snow to come out for senior lunch and five takeouts. Our cooks Terri Cade, Carrie Jewell and Terri Hamilton did a fine job of making some delicious meatloaf served with mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner rolls, green beans and peanut butter cookies. I really wanted to eat more because it was so yummy, but I restrained myself and demonstrated self-control. Actually I don't think I could've eaten another bite without bursting. Ha.

Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute, and Marva made the announcements. Yours truly prayed over the meal. Dennis Abraham won a Len's Drug gift card. Diane Ganger and I both won free meals.

Please keep Ron Odette from Long Creek in your prayers this week for he will be having surgery Thursday, Jan. 12. We pray that the doctors will be able to be precise in their work and remove all cancer. We also want to pray that the Lord would heal Ron's body from the surgery and all cancer in faith, in Jesus' name.

Ladies, hope you all can come down and join us for some sewing and some girl bonding time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. We break at noon to share a potluck meal.

With all this time stuck indoors, I've actually finished

quilting another top. I can't believe I finished it in like three days. OK, my daughter helped me do the ironing, because yes, I hate ironing. Oh, and no, I haven't gotten to bake any bread yet, soon though.

"For the Psalm 96:4 LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods."



PRAIRIE CITY - Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? So we will enjoy the above-freezing temperatures that will replace the below-zero readings of the first week of the new year. Remember "Baby, it's cold outside"?

One time I was all outfitted in my winter feeding-cattle attire and an intrepid cattle buyer drove out to where we were loading the hay wagon. He visited with Derrol for a few minutes, then turned to me and asked, "And who is this fellow?" When Derrol responded with a testy, "That's my wife," the guy just turned around, got in his fancy rig and drove off. There was nothing he could say that would make the situation better. We had a good laugh. Moral of that is always know your customer.

We had another intrepid group come for a great first meal of the new year. There were 59 names on the book. Harold was off on another of his missions of mercy, so Bruce did the announcing since I was already taking Pam's place at the desk. Buzz and Ken did the delivering. Bruce led the flag salute, and Jack asked the blessing.

Was good to have the Brooks and Hacklers join us for the meal. Other intrepids were the Pickle trio. Hey, if Jack can get out, so can you.

Jean Kline was the winner of the \$5 gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware. Even though it was a snowy, cold day, the Blue Mountain Care Center loaded up their contingent of intrepid travelers: Otho Laurance, Lois Hill, Marilyn Randall and Dorothy Blasing, all brought by Lorna and Kendra. We had grape juice, mashed potatoes, green salad, fried chicken breast strips, a roll and chocolate cake for dessert. Yummy, yummy in the tummy.

Then we left for Bend to finally see the neck surgeon on Thursday, Jan. 5. The road was a little worrisome until we got to Picture Gorge and then it was a fine winter drive — plowed and graveled all the way. Not much traffic, which suited me fine

Derrol was "released" from the doctor so he can drive now. Be careful outside at this time of year, so wear the collar then. Otherwise, he can resume his normal activities as tolerated. Been a long haul. So Dec. 6 he enjoyed shoveling snow and driving to the post office.

It's the little things, right? Speaking of the post office, I noticed John Day is also doing what our newly retired postmaster started. And that is making it easy to mail items in your city without them having to make the roundtrip to Portland and back. Yes. Some common sense. Thank you. We could use a lot more of that, huh?

1 Cor. 15: 33, 34 "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.' Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; there are some who are ignorant of God."

Church Services In Grant County

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