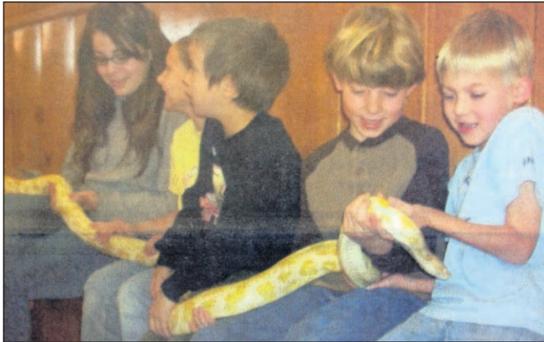


OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago
April 24, 1942Keep Oregon Green;
Watch Fire

This year is a war year. Care in the use of fire for land clearing, slash disposal or other cleanup work is more essential than ever in the interest of our national success. We fully realize that carefully handled cleanup with fire during the next few weeks may prevent dangerous accidental fires later, and we are anxious to cooperate in all ways we can.

The State Forester has authority over all use of fire on other than National Forest land. His authority and your obligations are set forth in a booklet of "Oregon Forest Laws," 1941 edition, which may be secured from the State Forester at Salem. Enforcement of the State Forest laws within the Malheur protective boundary is delegated to the Forest Supervisor and in turn to the Rangers. It is also true this year that military necessity may ban the use of fire to avoid the military hazards caused by smoke.



Eagle file photo

From April 25, 2007: From left, Kaitlyn Harvey, Meghan Rider, Collin Harvey, Eli Carniglia and Bo Olson hold a 2-year-old anaconda at a presentation at Seneca School.

50 years ago
April 27, 1967

GUHS to Renew Expansion Plans

A bond issue for building addition and remodeling for Grant Union High School will be submitted for a third time to the Grant Union district voters in the immediate future, according to the board of directors. The board will meet tonight to set a date for the bond issue election and update the cost

figure of the proposed bond issue.

The new bond issue will be similar to the first proposal presented about a year ago.

A cafeteria, vocational educational facilities, music room, biology room and physical education facilities are included in the new proposal.

The proposal will satisfy the state requirements, according to the board. It will also alleviate overcrowd-

ed conditions at the high school.

At present, there are 307 students registered to attend Grant Union next year. This would be a record enrollment. Existing sub-standard conditions at the high school must be corrected and approved by the State Department of Education or the district faces the possibilities of losing basic school support funds.

25 years ago
April 23, 1992

Meeting to look at options to Harper Creek woes yields both answers and questions

A standing room only crowd in excess of 25 turned out last week at the Mt. Vernon City Council meeting to discuss ways of resolving the ongoing traffic problems in the Harper Creek area and planning for future growth and development along the south side of the valley.

Harper Creek is serviced by a county road that connects into West Riverside Drive, which is a city street.

In addressing the increasing traffic problems of the area, the county has identified four potential solutions.

They include: extending Ingle Street south across property owned by Councilman Dennis Lemons to the base of the hill, turning west to connect into Harper Creek Road; extending Harper Creek Road north to bridge the river and connect with Highway 26 west of the city; widening West Riverside Drive to accommodate the increased traffic flow; and constructing a road on the south side of the river that would connect with Highway 26 east of the city and provide access to areas other than just Harper Creek.

The first three options have been ruled out because of the expense and assorted problems in gaining right of way acquisition. They have also been virtually ruled out because they solve only the immediate problem of Harper Creek. County Judge Kevin Campbell tied the immediate problem of

Harper Creek into a larger economic development plan for the entire county.

The county has timber receipt monies dedicated to the development and maintenance of roads within the county.

Instead of throwing money into projects like Harper Creek on an immediate need basis, Campbell suggested developing a road plan to accommodate strategic development in areas around the county.

"We, as the people of Grant County, need to get our thoughts in order," Campbell said. "The timber receipts will fall, and those funds haven't been spent strategically. The question is how to spend money now to leverage for growth and to gain economic growth."

Although there remains a segment of the community opposed to growth and developments, it's apparent the area will grow and develop over time. Faced with the inevitable growth, Campbell suggested planning now to meet the future needs.

SENIOR Outlook

Chester's

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



I am pleased to report that we had a great turn out for the community Easter Service at the Prairie City old gym. All parts of the proceedings went according to plan - almost. But what seemed to be a mistake turned out to be a good way to do

that particular part. Son #1 and family came Friday and left Monday. He experienced a flat tire at Indian Creek and had to put on the doughnut to make it all the way into Prairie City. Those things certainly look small compared to the regular tire, don't they? He was able to replace the flat one with a used one on Saturday. And it made the return trip back to Oregon City without a policeman stopping them for having a studded tire on. PTL. We were able to elect a new vice president for the corporation before our meal. We are pleased to announce that Lonnie Hackler has consented to serve as vice president with a 100 percent 'yea' vote. Frances did the announcing today. Del Lake led the flag salute and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Oh, yes, and we did have music before the meal. I even got to play some, too. Along with Jack and Betty were Barbara Pollack and Joan DuBois. Okay, back to the gift certificates. Jim Lunzman got the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts. Carlos Bortel was awarded the \$7.50 toward a meal donated by Chuck's Little Diner. We had 70 names on the

registration book.

The food bank brought over a whole passel of goodies for anyone to take home: potatoes, carrots, beans, breads, onions, cabbage, and more carrots. We did make a dent in it. Thank you so much, Chip and crew.

Due to Iva being indisposed, Donna and Tom were in the kitchen cooking away. And they presented us with juice, scored potatoes, carrot/pineapple/raisin salad, pork loin roast, rolls, and pineapple upside down cake with just-made REAL whipped cream. Can you guess how many calories that contained? But was it ever good! You can always go work it off in the yard/garden.

Lorna and Jaimie brought Marilyn Randall, Otho Laurance and Richard Finley from the Blue Mountain Care Center. Ricky joined his mom Marilyn for the meal, too.

Other guests were Levi Preston and companion and Walt Clark's son, Daryl. Derrol spent the day at Camp El Kanah mowing the lawn before a large group of AWANA kids get there on Friday for their special weekend 15 Section Camp. Spring has sprung. Got out in the garden spot and dug up the volunteer grape hyacinths. There was a flower garden there almost 40 years ago and when I started diffing the weeds out, I kept coming across the little buggers. I guess that was all they needed to start growing again! I didn't realize that they would take over a plot if given a change until I saw the lawn on 3rd St. in John Day. Maybe it's our version of "Blue Grass." Har har.

Ps. 147:7-8 "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills."

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



JOHN DAY — On Monday, April 10, Bonnie Kocis and I were at the front desk to greet our guests for lunch. We were served by members from First Christian Church. Pastor Al Altnow and Rick Rheinart not only served

us, they served lots of others by delivering meals to John Day and Canyon City. Billy Scott Howland from Step Forward did the deliveries to Mt. Vernon for a total of 29 meals. There were 27 frozen meals delivered last week too. You should see the production line in the kitchen with Shay and Lisa getting those very attractive meals ready to go out!

Shay treated us to hamburgers with all the trimmings, fries, pork and beans, and for our dessert, Lisa made us an ice cream cake. Yummm. We had 16 diners here for lunch. Numbers were down. I think everyone ate too much Easter dinner!

Alma Joslin honored us by leading the flag salute, and Pastor Al gave the blessing for our meal. Drew Harmer won the free meal, and Don Harmon's name was drawn for the Len's Drug certificate.

Don't forget: The OTEC annual meeting will be April 29. Bus transportation will be provided by OTEC from the senior center for OTEC Co-op members. Leaving here at 7:30 a.m. and will return at 4 p.m. Sign up here at the senior center. The sheet is on the first table. Call Veanne 541-575-2949 for wheelchair and other info.

Thursday, April 20, greeting at the front desk, were Jeanette Julsrud and Drew Harmer. The Methodist Church group serving us were Margy Conley,

Isa Larkin, Sherry Feiger and Alva Conley. Sherry Feiger and Chet Day delivered meals in John Day and Canyon City, and Billy Scott Howland from Step Forward delivered to Mt. Vernon. A total of 36 meals were delivered.

Veanne wants us to please remember Ron Dowse, who is in Portland receiving a bone marrow transplant. He and Roberta will be gone for about six weeks. I know they treasure our prayers.

She also announced that the price of a head of lettuce has gone up to \$5 each and romaine to \$6. So we won't have green salads for a while.

Drawing winners were Vickie Harrison, who won the Valley View meal, and Buzz Glass, who won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate. There were six other names drawn who won miscellaneous items. Margy Conley led our flag salute, and Sherry Feiger gave our blessing for the meal.

We were treated to a fantastic lunch of baked chicken with dressing, creamed veggies and a beautiful green salad. In honor of Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day, that is what we had for dessert! We had 64 diners, including special guest Belle Walczyk, the Henrys' sweet 3-year-old granddaughter. Kim Ausland filled a table, bringing Valley View residents Dawn Hindman, Sharon Bell, Randa Persinger, Dale Morris and Chuck Corwin. Assisting Kim was Chuck's daughter, Lynda Christianson.

Judy Longo Bennett, who was a long time cook here, has donated some beautiful pictures of whales. Linda Stoltz appreciates all donations of pictures and decorations.

Time for corrections: Last week I misspelled Everett King's name and renamed Yog Harris. My apologies!

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous do not be afraid—do not be discouraged, for the Lord Your God be with you wherever you go!"

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Looks like the rummage sale went nicely. Hopefully they made enough to cover the cost of putting in a cement floor for the storage shed behind the senior center. They also plan on putting in some shelving units to optimize and utilize all the

space available in the shed. Thank you to everyone for all their hours of service and hard work, from going through everything and laying out the items, to the cooking of the lunches and pies, to the sale of goods. We especially want to thank Judy Harris for her visualizing and organizing this event and Bruce Hansen for donating and driving all the way down from Sauvie Island many times to bring us loads of items for the rummage sale. We are all grateful to these wonderful men and women who dedicated themselves to help our little town.

Terry Cade and Christy Howell prepared for us tater tot casserole, corn, dinner rolls, fruit cocktail, and fudge brownies for dessert. Thank you to our cooks who feed us well.

Our greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Andersen, and Marva Walker. Bob led us in the flag salute. Bodean made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Marva collects and counts the money and checks people in. We had 44 guests and five takeouts.

Bruce Kramer and John Yeager both won free meals. Diane Ganger won the Chester's Thriftway gift card. Thanks to all our generous donors.

We had a couple of ladies join us from Long Creek, Elaine Eisenbraun and Kim Ryals. These wonderful ladies came to assess the state of our kitchen and assist the senior center in writing up grants to purchase and install new kitchen appliances and do some repairs, too. Many of the appliances in the kitchen are not working properly or completely don't work at all. These ladies are willing to help the senior center out free of charge. We are so thankful and grateful for their time and generosity. The next day that the foot doctor will be in town to massage and take care of your feet will be May 30. So, mark that on your calendars.

We've been having some nice rain and some gorgeous sunny days in between. I've had a busy schedule, especially during Easter and having company stay over. I think I can finally breathe a sigh of relief and actually not have an agenda. Hopefully I can get a few things done around the house. I need to can some potatoes, do some spring cleaning around the house and prepare my garden. I just planted a bunch of potatoes. They should not have issues of a gopher getting at them. I had some spinach in my little hoop house and they were growing nicely, that is until the other day. I discovered something had gotten in and nibbled them down. Don't know what it is but it will pay with its life if I catch it! Ha.

Psalm 96:8 "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering, and come into his courts."

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