

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



My gosh, this sunshine messed with my schedule! How can it change from winter to summer overnight?

On Monday, May 1, Drew Harmer and I had desk duty while the Blue Mountain Hospital ladies, Joyce Nodine and Isa Larkin, served us. Prior to that, Joyce and Isa delivered meals in the John Day and Canyon City area. Marcus Perkins and Travis Estes from Step Forward delivered meals in Mt. Vernon, for a total of 26 meals and 78 (did I say 78?) frozen ones. Well done!

We served 20 diners here and enjoyed a wonderful beans with ham luncheon with cornbread muffins, fried potatoes with onions and a lovely chocolate parfait for dessert. If you can find a meal for \$4 or \$5 for lunch anywhere as good as this, please let me know! Come join us and find out. Best try Monday, because Thursdays could be crowded. Not really, we can almost always make room for a couple more. Please arrive at the center by 11:45 a.m. to eat.

Veanne had news about Ron Dowse; he is scheduled for his bone marrow transplant on May 17. Please bring cards here, and Veanne will send them on. Continued prayers are very much appreciated. Chris Labhart asked for volunteers to help here at the center during the solar eclipse Aug. 18-20. We will host campers here to a brunch each day. Need money takers and help with cleanup. We will have our annual Mother's Day lunch here on May 14.

Joyce Nodine led the flag salute, and in our drawings, Gene Essex won the free meal,

and Bob Larkin won the Len's Drug certificate. Dale Stennett gave the prayer for our meal, our community and our country. Lyle Chesley was a guest of Merry and Ken Henry.

Thursday, May 4, Jeanette Julsrud and Drew Harmer met guests at the front desk. The John Day Church of the Nazarene served us for lunch, led by Trace Andrew, Jessie Elliott, Vickie Harrison, Roseanne Palmer, Dale Stennett and Everett King. Joe and Joan Tayles along with Everett and Dale delivered meals to John Day and Canyon City, while Marcus Perkins and Travis Estes of Step Forward did the Mt. Vernon Route, for a total of 42 meals. We so appreciate our volunteers.

It was the National Day of Prayer. Veanne said that all of the flags here at the center will be replaced with new ones. She had just received news that Ron Dowse is now in remission! There was a vocal celebration, and she added he will still have the transplant as scheduled. What a hallelujah moment!

Everett King led the flag salute, and Dale Stennett prayed for our meal, our leaders and our country. The Valley View meal was won by Nadine Smith, and the Chester's Thriftway certificate went to Janice Hunt.

We celebrated Cinco de Mayo a day early with beef enchiladas, refried beans, Mexican corn casserole, chips with salsa and, for dessert, birthday cake. Thanks to Driskill's (and we licked the platters clean).

Next week, we'll have sloppy joes Monday and chicken Milano Thursday. Don't forget we play bingo at 1 p.m. on Thursday after a great meal!

*Psalm 116:1-2 "I love the Lord because He has heard my appeal for mercy. Because He has turned His ear to me, I will call out to Him as long as I live."*

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell prepared for us goulash (kind of like spaghetti, in case you didn't know), mixed veggies, garlic bread and peanut butter cookies. It was very tasty and satisfying.

I'll admit it, I actually went back for one more piece of bread and a bit more of the goulash, and I think many others did too. It was a hit. Thank you, ladies, for the great meal!

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 counted the money and took care of the attendance book. Pam Callahan and Dan Clifford both won free meals.

Our little community will be truly sorry and sad to say goodbye to Leonard and Vicki Breck. Breck was the Ranch Manager of Longview Ranch. He is retiring and moving to Prineville. He and his wife were strong supporters of the town of Monument and the Monument Senior Center.

They generously supported the senior center with their monetary gifts and auction donations. They also supported the many local events and functions with their attendance.

They truly made a mighty impact on our community and played a vital role in it. We wish them the best of

luck in their new home and ask the Lord to bless them with good health, relaxation and well-earned rest from their hard work.

Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Breck, for your example of good work ethics, generosity and loving your neighbors as you love yourself.

You will be greatly missed, and there will be a big hole in the community.

Monument had a couple of extreme hot temps this past week. When I say extreme, we went from temps in the 40s to 90!

It was crazy. I had to dig out a tank top to wear outside and actually got a little sunburned, if you can believe it. Of course, we all had to go outside and enjoy the sun. The bad side, I got two mosquito bites, one on the back of each shoulder. The bright side to that, you may ask? At least I'm not swelling up like a balloon from the bites now.

I started up some cucumbers, watermelon, cantaloupe and yellow squash seeds. I'm keeping my fingers crossed and hope they will be OK. I got some raspberry canes from a friend and was digging to put them near my hoop house. I just kept clanking the shovel, rocks, rocks and more rocks. Anyone need any rock? I've got plenty, it seems. The dirt looked good, just need to sift through the rocks, that's all.

Happy Mother's Day to all you mamas out there! Call your mama if you can and tell her you love her.

*Proverbs 31:30 "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised."*

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Things were a little topsy-turvy, but it all came out OK. Tom and Carlos did the set up; Livy and Alan were assisting in the kitchen when Iva made an executive decision that she needed to seek medical attention. So Tom and his helpers continued to do what they were supposed to do, and we had our meal on time, and it was delicious! We offer prayers for Iva's complete recovery. Larry, Carlos, Ken and Marjean did the home deliveries. Mayor/Commissioner Jim Hamsler led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. I did the announcing. Frances introduced our new Prairie City Ranger Steve Guzman. Mayor Jim announced the upcoming Prairie City city-wide clean-up day on May 25. That's just before Memorial Day weekend. If you can contribute a rig to haul garbage away, please let Jim or the ladies at City Hall know. The winner of the \$5 in the trade gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts was Tom Roark.

Lorna and Krystin brought Dorothy Bishop, Lois Hill, Marilyn Randall and Otho Laurance from the Blue Mountain Care Center. There were actually two other helpers, but they didn't stay to eat. What happened was that the four residents formed a wheelchair brigade to come to the hall so two of the pushers had to go back to their place of employment. The bus came after the meal and took them on a little tour on this beautiful day. Our meal had orange or

cranberry juice, red cabbage/pickled beets slaw, roasted potatoes and carrots, roast beef and gravy, rolls and peach/mango cobbler for dessert. Great meal for 67 people registered.

Saw lots of sunburned skin in the evening. The people explained that they were getting their vitamin D. Derrol had to see the dermatologist about a little spot on his ear. One of the questions he was asked was how many times he had been sunburned. We figured at least once a year, ahem. So he's keeping busy mowing the lawn at Camp Elkanah. Take a big sun hat and also a rain coat - just in case: 80 degrees one day and a chance of snow two days later. Isn't it fun living in Eastern Oregon?

My three transplanted poppies have done a great job multiplying. Now if I could find a ground cover that would choke out the weeds and be tough enough to grow on the gravel pile this house and lot are situated on, I would be happy. Did you know the lawn mower was invented by an English engineer named Edwin Budding? He was inspired by the revolving-bladed reel he saw trimming fabric in cloth mills. Would you have thought of that? Anyway that made having a lawn the thing to do for all people, not just the rich. A lawn 50 feet square can produce enough oxygen to meet the needs of a family of four. Some people are allergic to the smell of newly mown grass. Tell you why next week.

*1 Peter 1: 24, 25: "For all the men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever."*

Church Services In Grant County

**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

**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.

**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 • 541-932-2861

**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)  
 Contact Pastor Ed Studtmann at  
 541-421-3888 • Begins at 4:00pm

**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. Crabbs, 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 3:30 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**  
 Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm  
**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  
 Youth: 0-6th grade  
**Healing School**  
 Thursdays 6:30pm  
 Youth: 0-6th grade  
**Overcomer's Outreach**  
 Saturday's 8:00am  
 House on the Lawn  
 A Christ Centered, 12 Step  
 Recovery Support Group  
**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  
**Pastor Randy Johnson**  
 521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895  
 www.johndaynazarene.com

**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

**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**  
 KSP1 98.1 FM  
 Blue Mountain Cable, Channel 2  
 Antenna; Digital Channel 15  
 & UHF Channel 8

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School..... 10 am  
 Church.....11 am  
 Afternoon Service..... 1 pm  
 No Mid-week Services  
**Pastor Jesse Gosnell**  
 300 W. Main, John Day  
**541-575-1355**

**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