

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



Welcome to Grant County's new game show, "What Season is it? And What Shall I Wear?" New rules every week.

On Monday, May 22, greeting us at the front door were Merry Henry and Drew Hamner. Our friends from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints took good care of us as always. Darlene Nodine and Ann Huffman served at the tables, after having delivered meals to John Day and Canyon City, while Marcus Perkins and the Step Forward Crew took the Mt. Vernon route — in all, delivering 29 regular meals and 28 frozen meals. What would our community do without the caring volunteers who step up to see to all of the daily details that are needed to keep our "village" working? Thank you for your services.

Veanne shared that it was National Vanilla Pudding Day. Also she said that the Health Fair is going to be held on June 16. Ann Huffman led us in the flag salute, Lyle Chesley won the drawing for the free meal

and Dida Porter won the Len's Drug gift certificate. Darlene Nodine prayed for our meal and those who prepared it.

We ate BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, creamy coleslaw, potato chips and, you guessed it, vanilla pudding. We left the table stuffed. There were 29 diners.

Thursday, May 25, Bonnie Kocis and I staffed the greeters desk. Our friends from St. Elizabeth Catholic Church were here to see to our needs. Walt and Agnes Hall, Jimmy Maple and Dave Turner had the duties. Beginning with Dave Turner and Jimmy Maple doing the meal deliveries in John Day and Canyon City, teaming up with the crew from Step Forward, who take the Mt. Vernon route. Delivering 40 regular meals, and because of the holiday on Monday, they also delivered 32 frozen meals. Busy day. Thanks for your great efforts.

It was only appropriate that Walt Hall opened our time with a salute to the flag, as only he can do it.

Veanne announced we should watch our debit cards. We are advised not to use them online. There are plenty of senior scholarships available through Veanne or at the hospital. Be aware that the

hospital will be doing "disaster practice drills" this week. Don't freak out.

Another reminder, continue to keep Ron Dowse in your prayers. They could be coming home pretty soon.

Maria Strawn won the Valley View meal, and Nadine Smith won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate. Jimmy Maple shared out of the Holy Bible, and led our table grace. What a group of sweet spirits in our midst. We celebrated with fantastic fried chicken, macaroni salad, corn on the cob and watermelon. We had 59 diners.

Thursday, June 1, we will have sweet and sour chicken. Then Monday, June 5, we'll have garlic beef sandwiches. Please arrive at the center by 11:45 a.m. so the servers can start on time. Don't forget we play bingo at 1 p.m. on Thursdays after a great meal.

Please let Shay know if you can help serve brunch each morning (three days) during the solar eclipse in August. The parking lot will be closed that Monday due to the eclipse campers.

Psalms 5:3 "In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Look. That big, bright object in the sky. Hooray, the sun is out and warming up our county. Finally got out to do some yard work. Oh, does that ever hurt. But it does look nice — for a while. Neighbor Vicki said that she has some ground-covering plants that I can get some starts of and may-be my gravel patch will look better — when I get around to it. The weeds do have pretty little flowers on them, but they are so sharp and sticky. We'll see how far this plan gets in the days to come. The wild roses and transplanted poppies are in bloom now. Don't have to worry about them, anyhow.

Larry Wright led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Our table decoration was in honor of Memorial Day — little vases with flowers and a flag. Larry, Carlos, Ken and Marjean did the deliveries. The gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts went to Nadine Smith. It was good to see Jerry and Evelyn Sheets back from

their winter refuge. Frances did the announcing and had a lot of them: Clean-up day, Buzz's service and reception, eclipse projects and Bruce completing his service on the Senior Advisory Board. Then we ate our Memorial Day meal and was it ever good. A more-than-green salad and dressing, TGIW cheesy baked potatoes with all kinds of toppings for them, pork loin roast, rolls and a rhubarb custard bar for dessert. A wonderful meal from Iva, Tom and helpers Livy and Alan. And the liquid refreshment was overflowing (oops), too: Coffee, tea, water, orange juice, milk, buttermilk, chocolate milk and iced tea. Whew. There were 56 names on the book. Lorna and Shauntele brought Otho Laurance, Marilyn Randall, Dorothy Blasing and Dorothy Bishop from the Blue Mountain Care Center.

Made the trek to see the ENT man in La Grande. He said that my ears look good and the hearing level I have now is probably as good as it will get. So when the Eustachian tubes "pop" open, I inquired, why don't they stay open? He said that he had been asking that question for 40 years, and so far, no one knows. Hmmm. OK, every-

one. Google it. And let me know.

Derrol was all set to get the lawn mowed up at Camp Elkanah until he discovered that the three-bladed lawn mower that he uses was missing a blade. Hmmm, again. Nobody knows what happened there either.

To complete your education before Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners come around again, here with the lowdown on sweet potatoes and yams. Sweet potatoes belong to the same family as morning glories, while yams are related to lilies and grasses. So do sweet potatoes grow on vines above ground? And yams below? Mysteries abound again.

And according to somebody's almanac, June 1, 7-9 and 12-14 are poor planting days. Maybe that's why I couldn't get the carrots to sprout last year. Not going to bother with them this year. Try beets instead.

Gen. 1:10, 11: "... God called the dry ground land ... Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so."

Third book in Strawberry Mountain Series released

Blue Mountain Eagle

The third book in the Strawberry Mountain Series, "Eddie," is now available.

Jane Meador Nagler, who writes historical fiction as Jae Carvel, uses the upper John Day Valley as the setting for the series. Her writings are inspired by her Prairie City ancestors.

Readers of her first two books, "By the River" and "Secrets from the Little Red Box," often asked what happened to the character Eddie, she said.

Believing he had killed a school teacher after a fight, Eddie saddles his horse, leaves the ranch and rides into the rugged Strawberry Mountain country. He believes the sheriff is searching for him so he vows never to return to

his beloved valley. Eddie never realizes the teacher did not die and spends his life looking over his shoulder as he grows to be a man of whom his family would have been proud, had they only known.

The author's books are carried at Roan in Prairie City, Twisted Treasures in Dayville and Betty's Books in Baker City.



Author Jane Nagler of East Wenatchee, Washington, welcomes visitors at the Grant County Art Show Saturday, as her husband, Skip, in back, chats with Tobe Zwegardt of Prairie City.

The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

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 Preparing for Jesus to come
 Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange
 Sabbath School.....9:30 am
 Church Services.....11:00 am
 541-620-0340

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 Morning Prayer.....10 am
 (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
 Eucharist & Sunday School.....10 am
 (2nd & 4th Sundays)
 139 S. Washington, Canyon City
 541-620-1436

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 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

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship
 139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY
 541-575-2180
 Sunday Worship Service 10 am
 Pastor Levi Manitsas
 cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com

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

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 SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am
 SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am
 541-932-4800
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 Anytime by appointment 541-575-1459

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St. Katherine
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 Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

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 Youth: 0-6th grade
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 1st & 3rd Sunday Worship & Communion10 am
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship10 am
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 For information: 541-575-2348

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 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
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 Church.....11 am
 Afternoon Service..... 1 pm
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 Pastor Jesse Gosnell
 300 W. Main, John Day
 541-575-1355

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