

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



We missed our gang here on Memorial Day weekend. It is good to be back. We are trying a new check-in "system" for a while. Let us know what you think. We like it so far. You have to come for lunch Monday or Thursday to find out what it is.

A big thanks to Darlene at Key Farm & Nursery for the donation of a variety of garden starts; Linda Stoltz also brought in some plants for us, and the Grant High Nursery donated some as well. I know I will enjoy watching a few of them grow in my garden.

Thursday, the first day of June, found Jeanette Julsrud and Drew Harmer at the greeter's desk. We will be missing Bonnie Kocis for a while; they are doing a "drive about." Travel safely, friends.

Our regulars from the Church of the Nazarene were serving us, led by Trace Andrew, Duane Andrew, Vickie Harrison, Dale Stinnett and Everett King. Joan and Joe Tayles did the Meals on Wheels deliveries in John Day and Canyon City, and the Step Forward gang, Amber Wright, Michael Hagopian and Rodney Bruser, took care of the Mt. Vernon route. A total of 35 meals delivered in all. I wonder how they liked them. I sure gobbled mine up. We're pretty spoiled here.

Everett King led us in a very meaningful flag salute. Our drawing produced some special winners: Bonnie Pickle won the Valley View gift certificate for a free meal, and Greg Valentine won the

Chester's Thriftway gift certificate. Dale Stinnett prayed the blessing over our meal and our country.

Veanne told us there will be two Alzheimer's classes at the Department of Human Services building, behind NAPA, tomorrow, June 8, beginning at 10 a.m. Call for other times. NORCO is advising everyone who is on oxygen to stock up on bottles for the eclipse. Those who usually deliver could have trouble getting them to you. Don't forget the health fair, June 16. Veanne said there are still plenty of scholarships for seniors who need blood tests — pre-register.

We dined on sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice and egg rolls and luscious birthday cake to celebrate June birthdays for dessert. It was a real treat to see Stephen and Janet Pang, who joined us at our table. I tried to get Stephen to put on an apron and go help in the kitchen, but he said, "I'm retired now." They said it was very good, and they will be back.

Helen Bogart's daughter Susan and her husband (AKA ornery) Jim Kirkwood joined her for lunch as they usually do when they come through town.

It is so nice to come here and be loved by our gang. Don't be shy; come make some great friends.

We play bingo every Thursday after lunch, at 1 p.m. Come and join us.

Shay is still looking for volunteers to serve for the three days of our eclipse breakfasts. Sign up for one, two or three.

The sun is out. I need to go get some. See you on Monday and Thursday for lunch. Be here by 11:45 a.m. so our

servers can start lunch on time. On June 8, we'll have spaghetti and baguettes. On June 12, we'll have Polish sausage and kraut.

*Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Can't believe we are now in the month of June. Yes, really. Weather has been better, that it has been possible to transplant some tomatoes and pepper plants. I got lucky and got a couple of plants each of Armenian cucumber, yellow straightneck squash and a couple of Korean melon that came up from seeds. Many, including myself, have had issues and difficulties germinating and starting plants from seeds this year. It probably had to do with the weird weather and sudden fluctuations in temperature changes.

Our last meal of May was prepared by our dedicated cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell. They made us a new item of Hawaiian barbecue chicken over rice, a very fresh and green salad and birthday cake for dessert. I think it was a hit.

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 collected and counted the money.

Mary Cade and the kids of Monument school planted pumpkins and sunflowers in the

garden behind the food bank. Their plan is to have pumpkins for sale in the fall for Halloween.

Both Judy Cavendar and Jimmy Cole won free meals. We had a total of 48 meals served and six takeouts. Bodean made the announcement that there are many rattlesnakes slithering around so please be very careful out there.

Our one mama cat that had kittens caught a furry creature the other day. I didn't know what it was. It looked like a giant mouse but with a long and furry tail. I asked my hubby to look up the image of a pack rat on the internet. My fears were confirmed. Mei had caught a big fat pack rat. She wanted to feed it to her kittens. They each got a turn to gnaw on the pack rat. I hope they will learn to be good mousers. She's been bringing them "treats" to try. The other day, it was a fat gopher. Good to know that there is one less gopher that could get in my garden.

Summer will be in full swing very soon, if it hasn't already. I figured out how to utilize all those rocks that I dug up. I am going to lay down gardening fabric around my fruit trees and then lay down rocks in a circle around them. I will put down bark inside the circle of rocks to stifle weed growth and promote moisture retention. Now those are the ideas in my head, don't know if they will work in reality. I will let you know.

Monument is still a beautiful green. The grass and other vegetation are growing like crazy. I actually got to use the weed whacker. Hmm, I think I need to work out my arms.

*Jude 1:20-21 "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God,*

*looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."*

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Well, looky here. Remember the grape vine that I transplanted from behind the church a few years ago? The vine has started growing again there — out from under the cement. If you want a tough vine, I think that is the one to get. Maybe I can get another start from it and put it on the south (read "sunny") side of the house so it can cast some shade on the big picture window.

OK, back to business. Lonnie and Naomi Hackler helped Bruce Kaufmann do the set up; Larry, Carlos, Ken and Marjean did the deliveries; and a whole host of people helped with getting the dinner on the table and cleaning up afterwards. Thank you all for your service. We're glad to have Jerry and Evelyn Sheets back with us, so Jerry led the flag salute, and Evelyn helped me count the money. Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Frances announced the workshop that the Alzheimer's Association will be giving on June 8 at the DHS office. There was an eclipse meeting after our meal, too.

I could only find two people who had a birthday in May: Frances Preston and Marilyn Randall. Marilyn had her "button" drawn for the \$10 in trade donated by Huffman's Market.

The gift certificate of \$5 donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts went to Lonnie Hackler. Assistant cook Tom thought that the big, blank white board should have something written

on it, so he found a quote in one of the new cookbooks: "Food for thought: friends are the chocolate chips in the cookie of life." That's a good one.

We had 68 names on the registration book. We welcomed a first-timer in the person of Bonnie Taylor to our gathering. Lorna and Shauntele brought Dorothy Blasing, Lois Hill and Marilyn Randall from the Blue Mountain Care Center. We had a picnic for our meal: orange juice, "pre-eclipse" macaroni salad (Tom thought the egg slices looked like an eclipse), pork and beans, pulled pork, rolls and a very chocolate brownie. And we were all still eating and visiting at 12:45. Hurray. That's what this is for. We're not a fast food joint to just grab, eat and run. Take a break. Have a face-to-face conversation with a real, live human being. Set an example for the young ones. OK, I'll get off that soapbox now.

The memorial for Buzz Harris was uplifting and enlightening. I found out a lot of things that I did not know about our friend. And I was so pleased to hear the "congregation" sing the chosen old hymns with gusto. Good job, people. We have been gifted with a new-to-us 100-gallon hot water heater. That should eliminate the problem of running out of hot water. Thanks to the John Day Senior Center for that donation. We are looking forward to getting the new exit doors and ramp installed in June. Then we will be ADA and fire code compliant. Hooray.

And isn't it strange that with all the rain we had that the ground is so dry? Went out to dig more in the garden plot and good grief. Where did all the moisture go?

*Job 37: 11, 13 "He loads the clouds with moisture ... to water his earth and show his love."*

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

**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

**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

**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

**MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church**  
 SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am  
 541-932-4800  
 EVERYONE WELCOME

**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

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 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 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  
 Midweek Service  
 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  
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**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.fcjohnday.com