

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



I did the greeting on June 5, and our new check-in process worked well. The Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary faithfully performed our table service, but only after they took the Meals on Wheels route in John Day and Canyon City. Kris and Chris Labhart met our needs joyfully and efficiently. Michael Hagopian and Rodney Bruser from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route for meal delivery. Altogether, 33 regular meals were delivered as well as 82 frozen meals, including some that went to Long Creek and some went to Seneca. God bless these volunteers!

Yours truly bungled announcements, but Chris Labhart gave a serious alert regarding a mailer he had received regarding solar info. It may be legit, but may be a hard sell. The "Merkley Town Hall" happens on Father's Day at the airport from 1-2:30 p.m.. The People Mover will help if enough people will sign up; call 541-575-2370.

Don Porter gave our salute to the flag, and Dale Stennett asked the blessing on our meal. Drew Harmer won the drawing for the Len's Drug certificate, and I won the free meal. We dined on roast beef sandwiches, quinoa summer salad with cucumber and tomatoes and lemon juice dressing, bread and butter pickles, watermelon and cherry-apple crisp for dessert.

On June 8, Jeanette Julsrud and Drew Harmer were on greeter duty at the front, and it appeared the new system is going well. We were served by the Cornerstone group: Zola Pike,

Donna Johnson, Carla and Andy Anderson, Donna Mulder, Linda Sprouffske, Alicia and Henry Miller. Henry was very sweet and poured milk for all who wanted it.

Amber Wright and Travis Estes and the gang from Step Forward did our Meals on Wheels entire route: John Day, Canyon City and Mt. Vernon, delivering a total of 35 meals. Well done!

Jeanette gave announcements reminding us of the Grant County Health Fair June 16 — to pre-register, call the hospital — as well as the benefit dinner and auction June 17 for Jessie Elliott and the Harney County Jamboree, June 15-17.

We had several guests, including from Valley View, Chuck Corwin, Linda and Larry Christensen, Randa Persinger, Donna Hindman, Jeffrey Hensley and Dale Morris. My son Shawn was here for a few days to visit from Kentucky; he stayed to play bingo and won two games!

Shawn Essex gave a rousing flag salute, Andy Anderson gave the blessing on our meal and Zola Pike won a free meal at Valley View, with Donna Hindman winning the drawing for the Chester's Thriftway \$5 certificate.

We were well fed on spaghetti with meat sauce, a green salad, veggies, baguettes, and raspberry cream cheese braid for dessert. I want to give special thanks to our wonderful chef, Shay Lewis, for taking a special request for our son Shawn, who suffers from "Alpha Gal," a tick derived allergy that sends you into anaphylactic shock whenever you eat red meat. Sounds crazy, right? Google it!

The Thursday, June 15, Father's Day meal will be beef tips with onions and peppers.

Monday, June 19, we'll have supreme pizza and salad.

Ephesians 6:12-13 NIV "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



We had quite the crowd here at the Monument senior center on June 6. Our wonderful cooks made us nice pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, french fries and brownies with ice cream and fudge for our dessert. Yes, we were spoiled, and we thank our cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell most sincerely.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen and Marva Walker. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and then prayed the blessing over our meal. Marva counted and collected the money.

We had many people visiting for lunch. There was a Grant County Court meeting held right after lunch. Our visitors included Veanne Weddle from John Day, Commissioner Jim Hamsher of Prairie City, Judge Scott Myers of Canyon City, Laurie Wright from John Day, Kathy Cancilla of Mt. Vernon for the Grant County Health Department and Boyd Britton, our other commissioner. We also had guests from Spray, Dick and Pam Wanous. We had a total of 56 guests on our books and six takeouts.

Veanne gave us information concerning the upcoming health fair. The cost for having blood work is \$16. These test for cholesterol and blood sugar. BMI and blood pressure checks are also available. She said there are scholarships available to help with the cost. Pre-registration is available at Blue Mountain Hospital from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Thursday. Please call 541-575-1480 for more information. The actual day for this event is June 16, from 6 a.m. to noon.

Judy Harris was out in the foyer of the senior center with a table selling raffle tickets for the rifle and beautiful quilt. You still have ample opportunity to purchase your tickets for a chance to win until Sept. 23.

I was out weed whacking where I was going to have a garden. Umm, no. I have changed my mind. I don't think I will be able to get it done in time to plant. I guess no corn again for me this year. I only got maybe 1/5 of it whacked down. The rye grass in there was well over 7 feet tall! It kept getting tangled and took a long time, what little I managed to cut down. Sigh, I will just have to utilize and maximize the space I currently have. I've been fighting not getting sick with a cold, and I got tired and had to stop. Apparently there is a nasty virus or cold going around.

We've been having some temps here in Monument down to the 30s. Makes me wonder if many of us are going to have any luck with the peppers and melons this year? It's been really wet this year. I wonder if that is why I haven't seen much of the lamb's quarters or "pigweed"? I have been on the prowl looking for them to make a Korean side dish. It is very high in vitamins and consid-

ered a "superfood." Be on the lookout; they are good for you in salads too.

Philippians 1:21 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



To celebrate these last few days of "spring," Tom brought a selection of cut flowers from his yard way up Little Indian Creek Road. And what a selection it was: iris, bachelor buttons, lupine and a few that I didn't recognize. Iva's granddaughter Ari helped get them arranged in the vases and on the tables. A very nice display. And given the changeable weather this "spring," it was nice to see any flowers!

There was also a lot of prepared rhubarb and bags of iris bulbs from Buzz's yard that anyone could take home. Livy and Alan were not helping Iva in the kitchen because Alan got a job (yeah!), and Livy went to prepare for the soon birth of her baby. I didn't realize she was that close! And there she was chugging around in the kitchen for hours. Wow. One tough lady.

We had a slew of "long time, no see"-ers in attendance: Bill and Sandi Newell, Jack Erikson, Storie Mooser and Nancy. Welcome back. Lorna and Kyrstin brought Dorothy Blasing, Marilyn Randall and Joan Metlock from the Blue Mountain Care Center. That made a total of 62 names on the book. Newcomer Drew Harmer won the \$5 gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts.

Taci from Prairie City City

Hall came and presented a lot of information about the big happening in August. She used my needlepoint and latch hook solar eclipse representations to illustrate her talk. It was very informative. Thank you, Taci. Royce Dotson led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Harold and Bruce did the table set-up; Larry, Carlos, Ken and Marjean did the deliveries. Our delicious meal had orange juice, marinated veggies, baked potatoes, rolls, chicken breast patties (have to find out where Iva got them!) and upside-down banana coconut cake for dessert. Great meal!

Tom's food for thought: Consideration for others may mean taking a wing instead of a drumstick. As for me, forget the wing and the drumstick; give me that breast patty any day!

Read a book by the Duck Commander. He kept using a word that I had never seen: lagniappe. And he used it like those who read it would know what he was talking about. So I looked it up and Webster's said it refers to "a small gift added to a purchase by a tradesman as a favor to customers; a gratuity or tip." It is derived from French, Creole, Spanish and Quechuan languages and used chiefly in the South. Aha. Now I get it. Reminds me of our Polish friend Marek the first time he heard the expression, "It's not my cup of tea." Have to ask if he got it yet.

Time to start thinking of a float for the Fourth of July parade. Theme is easy: Spirit of '76. Anybody have any fifes and drums?

Eph. 5: 19-20 "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

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
 (1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays)
 Eucharist & Sunday School.....10 am
 (2nd & 4th 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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 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

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 Sunday Worship • 9AM
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 johndayUMC@gmail.com
 126 NW Canton, John Day
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 Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd
 Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm
 Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm
 Sunday Mass - 9:00 am
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 Anytime by appointment 541-575-1459
St. Anne
 Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm
St. Katherine
 Dale
 1st & 3rd 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 Recovery 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
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 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
 1st & 3rd Sunday Worship & Communion10 am
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship10 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
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 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
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 Pastor Al Altnow
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