

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS



John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex

Well, the rain is getting warmer, the promise of summer is showing up in some of my strawberries and flowers. I am grateful for pretty good health for the shape I'm in. How about you?

On Monday, June 12, Merry Henry and Dave Pasco were at the greeting desk. The Lutheran Church group were here to serve us. Buzz and Bobbie Gilmore and Betty Holzmagel did the table service. Prior to that, Buzz and Bobbie did take-outs in John Day and Canyon City while Michael Hagopian and Rodney Brusser from Step Forward covered the Mt. Vernon route. Total regular meals delivered for both routes were 27, and total frozen meals were 40. Wow. Think of the nourishment the shut-ins and disabled folks are enjoying.

Our flag salute was led by Margie Conley, and Dale Stinnett gave the blessing on our meal. The drawings went to Nadine Smith, who won the free meal and Bobbie Gilmore, who won the Len's Drug gift certificate.

We dined on Polish sausage and sauerkraut, baked corn casserole — yum, ambrosia salad and peanut butter cookies for dessert to celebrate "National Peanut Butter Cookie Day." We served 24 diners, including special visitors from Lincoln City, Rod and Marla Kaufman, celebrating their 47th anniversary.

On Thursday, June 15, Jeanette Julsrud and Dave Pasco greeted our friends for our special Father's Day Dinner. Our servers came from the Methodist Church, including Den-

nis and Linda Dickinson, Ira Larkin, Louise Nelson, Marie Conley and Alva Conley. Jean Willey did the table setup.

Earlier, Dennis and Linda Dickinson delivered meals to the John Day and Canyon City route while Amber, Rodney and Dolores from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Thank you all for delivering 40 meals in all.

Margie Conley led us in the flag salute, and Dale Stennett led us in the prayer for our meal and our leaders.

Winning our regular drawings were Maria Strawn, who won the Valley View meal, and Tom Roark, who won the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate. We then had many drawings for oldest dad, youngest dad, most kids, most grandkids and great-grandkids. Then we made up some, so, I think most men won something. Leone and Bob Meador from Prairie City joined us.

We dined on beef tips with peppers and onions, garden veggie pilaf, dinner rolls and a wonderful green salad donated by Lake Creek Camp. In honor of our dads, we all enjoyed rootbeer floats and fudge. Our entrée was provided by Nydams Ace Hardware. Thanks so much. Don't forget. Shay is looking for help during the eclipse, during the brunch each day. Please call him for more information. Thursday, June 22, we'll have Mexican Hat Dance Spuds (potato bar). Monday, June 26, we'll have mushroom Parmesan chicken in sauce. Don't forget, we play bingo every Thursday after lunch, beginning at 1 p.m.

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."



Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa

They're back. The thorns in my side are back. I don't know how they found their way home, and yes, all five of the goats returned.

A neighbor let us know they were heading our way. Grrrr. I must have jinxed it when I was talking about them the previous day. My hubby says they are all going to be taken to be sold. Anyone want to buy a goat or goats?

Our diligent cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell made us some hearty meat loaf, cheesy potatoes, green beans, biscuits and lime Jello cooler cake for dessert. We had a yummy feast. There were 44 lunches served and six takeouts.

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

Here are a few announcements you might want to jot down on your calendar.

There will be no lunch served on July 4, so please don't show up because you won't be getting any meals that day.

Bingo night will be on June 24 this month with a potluck dinner to share. It starts at 6 p.m. Bingo will also be held on July 4.

This bingo time will begin at 6:30 p.m. but no dinner. Hope you got that and are not confused. Read it

again to make sure. Ha.

Well, I got that dreaded cold that I thought I was successfully avoiding. It hit me hard. It started off by a sore throat that progressed to a nasty, stuffy, congested head cold, I think I used up almost two boxes of Kleenex. The most awful part of it was feeling so tired and run down. I hope that the worst part is over and that I'm on the road to recovery.

At the very least, I was able to can some strawberry jam and strawberry rhubarb jam before being completely bedridden.

Bruce Hansen from Sauvie Island brought a bunch of fresh strawberry flats for some of us folks down here. Thank you so much, Bruce, and we all appreciate you driving all the way over here to bring them, your time and friendship. I will save you a jar.

I found this recipe from this lady blogger I follow. I cut the sugar down just a bit from hers, and she cut her sugar down from her grandma's recipe. It turned out quite well.

My kids loved it. One hint she wrote that I have never heard of was putting a tablespoon of butter to keep the foam down.

It really worked.

There was just a little bit of foam, and I didn't have it boil over like usual. I got some pints and some jelly jars, in all 30 jars altogether. I think cherry jam will be next.

Habakkuk 2:1 "I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and I will watch and see what He will say unto me, and what shall I answer when I am reproved."



Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs

The "food for thought" for Father's Day: a great father is he who does not lose his child's heart. (Mencius — whoever he is.) Anyway, it is a good thought.

Buzz's hens are producing, so you could get a dozen of their eggs for a \$2 donation to the center. Since I'll have another egg-eater in the house soon, I got a dozen. You just never know what will be available here.

Andie Moles from Bank of Eastern Oregon presented information about the new crop of phone scams making the rounds. The simple thing to do is just hang up when the caller starts asking for personal information. Another case of "don't believe everything you hear."

Del Lake led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Our faithful four did the home deliveries. There were 61 names on the book. Marnie Mediger brought Wanda Madsen. Another visitor was Cheryl Berry. Good to see you all. Ginger Kendall was the winner of the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts.

Our Father's Day meal had orange juice, scalloped potatoes, ham with pineapple sauce and cottage cheese with pineapple and a cherry cobbler with ice cream for dessert. Mmm, good. So, I finally got the sand and potting soil with fertilizer mixed into the soil in my garden bed and managed to get the seeds in the ground on Flag Day. I get tickled reading the seed package notice about last and earliest frosts in our area. Some years those dates

are the same. As I've said before, July 4 does not guarantee a summer-like day. My dear mother-in-law planted peppers in her garden back in the '70s and then took a vacation to Calgary in July. We were supposed to tend to the garden. But a frost came, and that was the end of the peppers. And I know a lot of you remember the time that it snowed on the Fourth of July parade. Which is why you always take a jacket when you leave the house, no matter what the calendar says.

We made another trip to Bend to see medical professionals. Derrol's knee had to have some attention. They tried an injection, but that didn't work. So now have a knee brace that seems to be keeping the pain in check. Hooray.

Then we were supposed to see the shoulder doctor in the late afternoon — in the Old Mill district. But the knee man called the shoulder man and got us moved up to late morning. PTL.

So we had two hours to find the place. Took us an hour and a half. And that was only because we finally stopped and asked a workman (who was also from out of town) for help. He, naturally, whipped out his smartphone and got us on the right path. PTL again. And the doctor decided that the problem is either a torn rotator cuff or torn tendon. So have to have a special CT scan in order to determine what the next step will be. Hoping that the scan will be on the east side of Bend. We were certainly glad to be heading east after lunch instead of after supper. And don't you know, the farther east you get, the lower the blood pressure.

Ps. 103:11, 12: "... so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

Church Services In Grant County



Historic Remnant Church. Preparing for Jesus to come. Meets Saturday at Mt. Vernon Grange Sabbath School... Church Services...

St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Morning Prayer... Eucharist & Sunday School... Contact Pastor Ed Studtmann at 541-421-1436

Prairie Baptist Church. 238 N. McHaley St. Prairie City. Pastor David Hoeffner. 541-820-3696

Cornerstone Christian Fellowship. 139 N.E. DAYTON STREET, JOHN DAY. 541-575-2180

New Life Bible Church. 2 Corinthians 5:17. Every Sunday in the L.C. Community Center. Contact Pastor Ed Studtmann at 541-421-3888

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church. SUNDAY SERVICE... SUNDAY SCHOOL... 541-932-4800

John Day Valley Mennonite Church. Meeting every Sunday at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall. 541-932-2861

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH. Independent Fundamental • Premillennial. 108 S. Washington Street, Canyon City

JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Sunday Worship • 9AM (541) 575-1326

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church. Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd. Mon. - Fri. Mass - 12:05 pm

St. Anne Monument - Sunday at 12:30 pm. St. Katherine Dale. 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:30 pm

Living Word Christian Center. Hwy 26 Mt. Vernon. Celebration of Worship Sundays 5:30pm

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE. Sunday School... Sunday Worship Service... 521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895

Redeemer Lutheran Church. Come Worship with us at 627 SE Hillcrest, John Day. 541-575-2348

Seventh-Day Adventist Church. SATURDAY SERVICES JOHN DAY. 110 Valley View Dr. - 541-575-1216

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Sunday School... Church... Afternoon Service... Pastor Jesse Gosnell

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH. Sunday School... Sunday Worship... 311 NE Dayton St, John Day