

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

**John Day Seniors**

Nicky Essex



Golly, I think my computer may have outgrown my brain! I am getting messages about "read only" and administrator that I have no idea about. I am the only one who uses it — what have I done? Luckily, I am still sneaky enough to get around this junk that I finally gave up on Microsoft Help and went about it on my own. Wish me luck.

On July 10 no one had signed up for greeting, so I sat down — and along came three people to help. I grabbed Bonnie Kocis, and we had a little catch up visit.

The Lutheran Church was here to serve us: Jeanette Kile, Ray and Verna Maurer, as well as Bonnie and Frances Kocis attended graciously to our needs at the table. Bonnie and Frances had already taken out the meals for delivery to John Day and Canyon City, while Veanne took the Mt. Vernon route on her own. Veanne is our girl "Friday," as well as Monday through Thursday. I hope you all appreciate all she does. I sure do ... mops. The total regular meals delivered were 36, with 50 frozen as well. I know those who receive them really appreciate your coming out.

We want to thank Russell's Custom Meats again for helping us during our freezer crisis. The freezer is fixed now, and our food is safely back. But what would we do if they hadn't come to our rescue?

Jeanette Kile led our flag salute, and Frances Kocis led our prayer for our meal. Verna Maurer won the free meal in our drawing, Pat Amling won

the Len's Drug certificate and Frances Kocis won the Harrison Ranch Produce certificate to be redeemed at the Saturday Market. It was National Piña Colada Day, so we had piña colada cake after stuffing ourselves on Shay's cheeseburger-stuffed French bread. Amazing, do that one again. Green salad and veggies rounded out the meal. We served 25 diners.

We welcomed home Heather (Sheedy) Swank and her husband, Carl. Nice to have you here.

July 13, Jeanette Julsrud and Bonnie Kocis were back at the greeter's desk, and Cornerstone Church was serving at the tables. Zola Pike, Carla Anderson, Donna Mulder, Donna Johnson and Henry Miller took very good care of us. Brenda and Jay Taramarso took out the regular meals in John Day and Canyon City, while Rodney Brusler and Larry Palmer from Step Forward delivered to those on the Mt. Vernon route.

Veanne didn't have much in the way of announcements but had the sad job of telling us about Billy Drinkwater's passing. What a gentle friend he has been to many.

Donna Johnson led us in the flag salute, and Carla Anderson led the blessing for our food. Jan Holtz (aka Kay) won the Valley View meal, Deda Porter won the Chester's Thriftway certificate and Zeke Rookstool won the Harrison Ranch Produce gift certificate. Zeke and his sister, Zoey, joined their great-grandparents, Nicky and Gene Essex, for lunch and planned to play bingo after the meal.

We were treated to grilled pork chops, roasted Parmesan potatoes, spinach pie, apple Waldorf salad and miscellaneous ice cream for dessert. Our entrée was donated by the folks at Malheur Lumber Com-

pany. We served 63 well-fed and happy diners.

July 20, we'll celebrate "Christmas in July" with turkey, dressing and lots of door prizes and fun. You know that Linda works on the prizes all year.

July 24, we will enjoy seafood primavera. Don't forget to be here by 11:45 a.m. so we can serve on time.

*Psalms 127:3 "Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him."*

**Monument Seniors**

Soo Yukawa



My wonderful hubby gave me the report for the senior lunch for July 11. I was gone all week so he was kind enough to take down all the information for my article. I'm very blessed.

Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell made sweet and sour chicken, steamed white rice, a fresh green salad, fruit and cookies for dessert. May the Lord bless the hands that prepared the meal, and many thanks.

The greeters were Bob Blakeslee, Bodean Andersen and Marva Walker. Bob led the flag salute. Bodean prayed the blessing over the meal and made the announcements. There were 41 guests present and four takeouts. The free meal tickets were won by Linda Blakeslee and Olivia Hood-enppl.

I hope you all are preparing for the upcoming Monument Buckaroo Fall and Harvest Festival on Sept. 23. It was a huge success last year, and everyone who came had a great time and enjoyed a wonderful meal. We are going to have three grand marshals this year, Betty Rich-

ards, Donna Campbell and Tom Campbell. There will be silent and live auctions, music in the park, food booths and games.

The salmon and elk dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Monument Senior Center. The cost of the dinner is a suggested donation of \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Children ages 6-12 years are \$7.50, and 6 and under are free. There will be door prizes drawn during the dinner event.

The many different auctions occurring will include the silent auction, pie auction, live auction and raffle drawings for the rifle, and a hand-made quilt by Judy Harris. I am looking forward to this coming dinner and many others are too. Hope to see you all again this year.

Well, I was gone all of last week because I went with my two little ones to Camp Elkanah near La Grande. I had volunteered to be a counselor and along with my co-counselor, we were in charge of nine little girls. I didn't know what the Lord had in store for me. I had no expectations. Wow, these little girls will forever live in my heart. All but our own (mine and the other counselor's) girls came from broken homes.

These beautiful little girls were so precious. Each one of them were so different and unique. It was a privilege and an honor to serve them. It was a wonderful time of worshiping the Lord and taking care of them. I got to tell them Bible bedtime stories and pray over them. I told them the story of Samuel, and I embellished the story a bit. I had to stop in the middle because it was late, and they protested to my amusement. They were devastated when they thought I wasn't going to finish the next night, ha.

Of course I couldn't disappoint the little dears. I pray that

these little darlings would grow up knowing how much the Lord loves them.

*Matthew 19:14 "But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."*

**Prairie City Seniors**

Rose Coombs



Did you know that July 3 was "Air Conditioning Appreciation Day"? And do we ever. These triple-digit temperatures really make you appreciate the AC. Though, I have noticed that the 90-degree temps are more bearable. We're getting used to them, right?

The combination of hot weather and little water does make it more difficult to keep the garden growing. I hate to report that if I had to depend on what I hope to harvest from my little patch, it will be mighty slim pickings this winter. The bugs had made severe inroads before I finally woke up to where the insecticide was stored. Oh, the trials and tribulations of growing a garden in Grant County.

Tom's food for thought: "To stay youthful, stay useful." And someone named Perianer stated, "the useful and the beautiful are never separated." Chew on those for a while.

Larry, Ken and Carlos took care of the home deliveries. I had to do double duty at the registration desk and announcing. Fran Bunch has been cleaning out good and brought several boxes of cookbooks to give away. We still have some goodies displayed on the stage that you

can give a good home to.

We made out like bandits with all the donations toward our meal. We thank the family of Dorothy Blasing for the food and flowers that we got to enjoy that were left from the memorial dinner. Thank you so much. So we had orange juice, ham with pineapple sauce, mashed potatoes, several delicious salads, watermelon and vanilla ice cream with fresh cherry pieces on top. Mmm, good. Thank you, Tom, Julia and Marjean.

Helen Emmel made an appearance — yay! — with Vonnice Blasing and her daughter Cindy. The flowers that were on the tables were designed by Helen's daughter, Denise, who has a flower shop in Baker City. Each bouquet got to go home with someone. And Vonnice won the \$5 gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts. She went to find something that she could take back to South Dakota on the plane.

Larry Wright was sporting several large bandages on his arms. That's what happens when you trip and fall on cement. So, you all be careful out there. Lorna and Krystin brought Marilyn Randall, Joan Metlock and Otho Laurance from the Blue Mountain Care Center.

For you trivia buffs: The threads of a screw slope at a 60-degree angle. And Henry F. Phillips was the inventor of the Phillips screwdriver and its matching screw. They were first used on the 1936 Cadillac. Within two years, all car manufacturers had switched to this new and improved design.

*Ezekiel 43:11: "... make known to them the design of the temple ... and all it's regulations and laws. Write these down ... so they may be faithful to its design and follow all its regulations."*

**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

**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  
 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  
**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