

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



On Monday, July 24, I was at the desk and had Ron come along to help greet. Our friends from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Ineta Carpenter and her daughter-in-law, Rachel, as well as Barb Pollock and Darlene Nodine, served us, and we so appreciate you all. Ineta and Rachel also took out meals to the John Day and Canyon City folks, while Rodney Bruser from Step Forward delivered to the Mt. Vernon folks. Altogether, they delivered 29 regular meals and 34 frozen meals. What a wonderful service you are doing.

Rachel Carpenter led us in the salute to the American flag, and Darlene Nodine said the blessing for our meal. Pat Amling won the drawing for the free meal, Roberta Dowse won the Len's Drug certificate and Jan Ellison won the Harrison Ranch Produce certificate. We served 22 diners and had two takeouts. We ate seafood primavera (to die for), baked potatoes, homemade bread and luscious apple crisp.

Veanne wants us to remember there will be no senior lunch served here on Monday, Aug. 21. We will be having "Eclipse Brunch," served mainly for our campers in our parking lot, but the public is welcome as long as the food holds out. The cost will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 and under. This will happen Aug. 19-21. On Thursday, July 27, Jeane

nette Julsrud and Bonnie Kocis greeted guests for lunch.

Our friends Donna Wilson, Jimmy Maples, Walt and Agnes Hall and Joan Vetter from St. Elizabeth Catholic Church were here to serve us. Walt and Jimmy took meals to those folks in John Day and Canyon City, and Michael, Rodney and Ronald from Step Forward took meals to Mt. Vernon.

Walt Hall opened our time together with his very passionate leading of our Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag, and Jimmy Maples gave the devotion and prayed for our meal. Our drawings went to Jeannette Julsrud for the Valley View meal, Agnes Hall for the Chester's Thriftway certificate and Larry Palmer for the Harrison Ranch Produce certificate.

It was National Milk Chocolate Day. Our entrée was sponsored by Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church. We dined on meatballs marinara, bowtie pasta, veggies, French bread and, to honor this special national holiday, we had a luscious chocolate surprise for dessert. Oh my gosh, I felt obligated to eat all of mine — and would have felt obligated to eat all of the leftovers too! Someone took pity on my tummy and removed the leftover crumbs.

Veanne has eclipse information on the table closest to the greeter's desk. If you can't find it, ask and she'll make more.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Summer is whizzing by quickly. This hot weather is producing some tomatoes for me. I can't believe that I am harvesting tomatoes at this time where I live. I usually don't get ripe tomatoes. Instead I have to pick them just before the frost comes, and they ripen in my house. Yay for us! I have found at least half a dozen pickling cucumbers from my volunteers plants. I got to harvest some Armenian cucumbers, and oh, it was so crispy and sweet. Gardening gives me such satisfaction when I get to eat the fruit of my labors.

Well, let's see now, our cooks Carrie Jewell and Christy Howell made us some delectable baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls, carrots and cake for our dessert. We thank our cooks for our very yummy meal.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Linda Blakelsee. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Diane Gianger and yours truly won free meal tickets.

We give a shout of thanks to David and Karen Stubblefield, along with Bob Cockerell, for their help in fixing things around the Monument Senior Center and their concerted effort to help keep everything running in good order.

Not a whole lot of things going on in small town Monument. Now, that's OK because that means everyone is busy

and staying out of trouble. Ha.

We were gone a couple of days to Seattle to help celebrate some big birthdays for my in-laws. I stocked up on some Korean food stuff at the Korean Market over there. We also went to this store called Daiso. It would be your Asian Dollar Tree store but with way better stuff! Cute stationary, little kitchen knick knacks, cute notebooks and other miscellaneous items. If you're ever in Seattle, you have to check out that store.

While in Seattle, we talked to an old friend of my hubby's. This will give you a perspective on people's thoughts on the upcoming eclipse event. This friend said they were coming out to Eastern Oregon to see the eclipse. They were going to stay one night in Portland, and the rest, they were going to "wing it." They planned on stopping on the side of the road somewhere to see the eclipse and pitch a tent and camp wherever they ended up. Hmm.

I think many people with that mentality will be coming out to Grant County. So, be prepared by having some extra food and fuel, for yourself and family and maybe some strangers. I don't think they realize just how far out we are. Maybe they think they can just go and get a meal anywhere. I think they fail to realize also that they won't have the convenience of having their cellphones working in case of an emergency. We hope and pray that everything will go smoothly and be uneventful.

Revelation 14:12 "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



By the time you read this, it will be only two and a half weeks until the big blackout. So be prepared. Watch it on TV! That way you won't have to buy special glasses or make a trip or get a place to stay. Save you and the "path people" a whole lot of trouble. Then you can start preparing for Labor Day weekend — but first is the fair. I want to see the dogs go through their routines.

It was July birthday recognition day, and would you believe that there were eight names! Last month there was only one. So I had Joan Metlock draw the button from the cup and she drew number one: Larry Wright. So we all sang Happy Birthday to him because it really was his birthday, his 82nd. How about that! Thanks to Huffman's Market for the \$10 gift certificate for the monthly birthday drawing. Tom Roark got the \$5 in trade donated by Prairie Hardware & Gifts. Bob Meador led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. We had 74 names on the registration book overseen by faithful volunteer Pam Howard. Or big announcement is a big thank you to Ye Olde Thrift Shoppe for their donation of \$500. That will certainly help with the upgrade to the building. I managed to get our street number attached to the building, too, so we won't have any more difficulty with people looking for us. I hope.

Drinks included lemonade, iced tea, milk, buttermilk, coffee and orange juice. Food was pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw, baked beans and grapes. Dessert was a cit-

rus-flavored cake with a squirt of whipped cream on top. Marjean and Julia were the cooks with Veanne helping out. Did good, gals. The nice ladies from the Blue Mountain Care Center (sorry, I didn't get their names) brought Otho Laurance, Lois Hill, Marilyn Randall and Joan Metlock.

Made the trip to central Oregon twice this week. First went to Redmond so the urologist could see that Derrol's waterworks work well. Then two days later went back to Bend for the MRI on his other shoulder and consult with the surgeon about its repair. Wait until after the big blackout to have the surgery. Hope there won't be any weird complications like last year!

Since the moon is making news these days, do you realize that it has been a long time since humans first walked on the moon? 1968. That's almost 50 years ago! Do you remember all the things that were supposed to happen due to that feat? Can you name one that did? The last mission to the moon was in 1972 — 45 years ago. And we're still working getting to Mars. So what's the hang-up? Man managed to work his way around the earth. But leaving the earth presents a problem. You have to take air and water with you along with food. Or send a "creature" that doesn't have need of those items. But man is a curious being. Where does that road go? What is on the other side of the door — moon — solar system? What is inside the atom? Why is it so powerful? How did I get here, and where am I going? These age-old questions still are relevant today. So where are the answers? In your mind, in the stars, in books?

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

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
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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
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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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 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

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 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
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 House on the Lawn
 A Recovery Centered, 12 Step
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 Pastor Sharon Miller
 541-932-4910
 www.livingwordcc.com

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 Sunday School.....9:30 am
 Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am
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 Pastor Randy Johnson
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 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
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 KSP1 98.1 FM
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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
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 Pastor Al Altnow
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