

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS



On July 31, David Pasco and I were greeting, and the First Christian Church served us. Pastor Al and his wife, Cathy, and Becky and Rick Rhinehart kept us well fed and with choices of milk, butter-milk, juice and, as always, lots of coffee.

Pastor Al and Rick Rhinehart took meals to our friends in John Day and Canyon City. Michael Hagopian and Rodney Brusser from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. In total, 27 regular meals and 34 frozen meals were delivered.

Cathy Altnow led our salute to our flag to open our time together. Veanne gave some announcements, mainly about our new doors, which need more time to complete installation. Once again, there will be no senior lunch on Aug. 21 because we'll be serving brunch for our parking lot campers for the eclipse. Carl Swank won the free meal. Heather Swank won the Len's Drug gift certificate. The Harrison Ranch Produce certificate went to Becky Rhinehart.

Pastor Al prayed the blessing for our meal of biscuits and gravy, sausage links, scrambled eggs and tropical fruit. As always, Shay and Lisa put out a very popular meal. We served 23 diners.

On Aug. 4, Bonnie Kocis and Jeanette Julsrud manned the front desk, and the Nazarene Church did a great job of serving a huge crowd. Shay, Lisa and Veanne managed to feed an additional two full tables and a couple of "end sitters."

Serving were Trace Andrew and her twin grandsons, Aiden and Elliott, Dale and Corrine Stinnett and Jessie Elliott and grandson, Brogan. Others pitched in to help due to the numbers. Veanne is a regular workhorse. She acted as hostess, emcee, server and, later, mop girl. I doubt those are in her list of duties. Corrine led us in the flag salute.

Lisa Pereira is selling tickets to benefit Lake Creek Camp. Only 250 tickets will be sold for \$50 each, and the winner will get \$400 per month at Chester's for 12 months. That is \$4,800 in groceries. You singles could share a ticket. Just saying. In our regular drawing, Vickie Harrison won the free meal at Valley View, Carolyn Olson won the Chester's Thriftway certificate and Alva Conlee won the Harrison Farms Produce certificate. Dale Stinnett led us in the blessing for our meal, and we dug in. We had roasted pork with potatoes and carrots, gravy, French bread, watermelon for National Watermelon Day and birthday cake donated by our friends at Driskill Memorial Chapel. Our entrée was provided by Mobile Glass. Thank you all.

I do want to mention our unexpected friends. Carolyn Stout brought Carl who tried to pretend he didn't know her. There were Athena and Nathan Moline and their guest, visiting from Wisconsin, Kitty Stark; Chris and Kris Labhart brought their granddaughters, Madison and Lindsey; and a large contingency came from Prairie City, Judy Bracken, Carolyn Olson, Rhonda Bernard and, from Twin Falls, Jerry Williamson, aka "Old Man." Don't call him that here, or you'll probably get 40-50 old men yelling, "What do

you want?" Thanks for playing bingo with us.

Micah 6:8 NIV "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."



Can you believe that we are already in August? To me, this is the last month of summer. Won't be long now before fall and winter will be again upon us. But I guess we still need to get through some events coming up first.

Our cooks Terry Cade, Carrie Jewell and Christy Howell made us our delicious meal of spaghetti, garlic bread, fresh green salad and cookies for our dessert. I was extra hungry from not having any breakfast that morning so I savored every bite. Thank you to our wonderful and hard-working cooks that feed us so well.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Marva Walker. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Bob Blakeslee has stepped down from serving at the greeting table. Thanks, Bob, for all your devoted years of service to Monument and its citizens. Jimmy and Marva took care of the accounting books.

We had some visitors. Charlie Blakeslee, Bruce Strange's grandson Gabe and Veanne from John Day. Veanne pointed out the same concerns about the upcoming eclipse event and to be prepared with extra food and fuel. We had 56 guests on

our books and seven takeouts. Yup, I'd say we definitely had a full house. The free meal tickets were won by Olivia Hood-ennyl, Theda Phelps and Rickie Doland.

We had some incident with our freezer going out sometime last week. We have many to thank for their quick action and help in avoiding what could have been a disaster. We appreciate Betty Richards and her son, Bill Richards. We thank Heather Riggs for noticing the problem with the freezer.

We also thank Terry Cade and her family, Riley and Erica Cade, Mary Cade and Cody Zyph, for the assistance in moving the frozen cases of food from the school back to our senior center freezer. That was no small feat during the extreme hot temps we were having. We appreciate all the concerted efforts of everyone and their help. Again, thank you to all.

We also want to thank David Stubblefield and Bob Cockerell for putting on a new switch on the cooler, which saved us a bundle of money.

Jimmy Cole is now the new chairman of the Monument Senior Center board. Karen Stubblefield is the new secretary. Linda Abraham and Loni Lawrence are also new members to the board. Thank you all for your participation and for volunteering. We appreciate everyone for their dedication to the Monument Senior Center and community.

The eclipse event will be happening in just two weeks. Hopefully, people from the city will learn to appreciate the beauty of the country out here. Maybe, they will get a glimpse of the slow and peaceful life of Eastern Oregon and go back home in envy of our lives out here, just a thought.

Psalm 42: 1-2 "As the hart

panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God."



Signs that you live in a small town: waiting for the ducks and geese to cross the road and avoiding the spooked deer on your walk to the post office. Isn't it lovely? Especially after hearing that a Portland rush hour is now 4-6 hours long. I was driving to meet someone, and they wondered what delayed me. Hmm, had to wait for three cars to pass before I could get on the highway. That's rush hour in Prairie City.

Last week was Larry Wright's birthday, and this week was his and Carla's wedding anniversary. My, my. Also, Clayton and Beverly Curtis celebrated their 50th with an event at the hall. Congratulations all around.

Alaina DeHart led the flag salute, Jack Retherford asked for the blessing and Bob Meador won the \$5 gift certificate donated by Prairie Hardware. The Lakes brought in some zucchini to give away, and our home deliveries were made by Carlos, Larry and Ken.

Veanne made announcements about the eclipse and left some information. The two most important items were prepared and get the proper glasses. So you have been warned. Take heed.

Our meal this warm day had lemonade, iced tea, orange juice, milk and coffee before we got to the Swiss

steak and sauce over noodles, tarragon carrots, rolls and, for dessert, a blueberry smoothie - without added sugar. Mmm, good; 63 people registered for this delicious meal.

Lorna and Krystin brought Marilyn Randall, Otho Laurance, Joan Metlock and Bud Salisbury from the Blue Mountain Care Center. Frances Fannon came to eat with them and friend Bud. Another visitor was Roy Hill who came with Jerry and Evelyn Sheets. Good to see you all. Come back again.

Derrol and I cleaned out the grass and trees in the big hole behind the hall. We did that so that when the contractor excavates for the new handicapped landing pad, he will have a place to put the dirt and rocks he has to remove. You didn't know that we were going to have a new handicapped landing pad? We didn't either until the state of Oregon Building Codes Division said we had to. This is one of those simple projects that turned into more than we had imagined. But when it is done, it will be a great asset to the hall. So Joel came and got the area marked for the pad and the holes dug for the ramp supports. Things are moving ahead. Remember, most things take longer than you think they will.

Don't forget the dance the hall will be open for on Aug. 18, with music by the Copper Ridge Band, starts at 7 p.m. Entrance and refreshments can be had with a donation to the Prairie City Senior Center. What a deal.

When you read this, it will be Grant County Fair time, so get yourself in gear and attend.

Titus 3:1 "Remind the people to be... ready to do whatever is good..."

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 ages9:00 am
 Sunday morning worship10:30 am
 Awana (Oct.-Apr.)3:00 pm
 Youth Group5:30 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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 Meeting every Sunday at Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
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 Sunday Morning Worship...10:50 a.m.
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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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 Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm
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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
 Overcomer's Outreach Tuesday's 7:00pm
 House on the Lawn A Christ Centered, 12 Step Recovery Support Group
 Pastor Sharon Miller
 541-932-4910
 www.livingwordcc.com

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 Sunday Worship Service.....10:45 am
 Sunday Evening Service.....6:00 pm
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 Weekdays: Sunshine Christian School
 Pastor Randy Johnson
 521 E. Main • John Day • 541-575-1895
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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
 Worship.....3 pm
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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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 311 NE Dayton St, John Day
 Pastor Al Altnow
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