

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

### John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



enough to eat, you have a problem.

Thursday, Aug. 31, Drew Harmer was at the desk greeting, and the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary was here to serve us. The crew included Virginia Miller, Mary Lou Horton, Kris Labhart, Mary Jones and Jayd Roba. Jayd helped set the tables and serve. Thanks to all. Virginia and Mary Lou delivered meals to John Day and Canyon City while Rodney and his crew took the Mt. Vernon route. Total meals delivered were 31 and 20 frozen. Virginia Miller did the flag salute, and drawing winners were Ronda Barnard, Valley View meal certificate, Leona Meador, Chester's Thriftway certificate, and Drew Harmer, Harrison Ranch Produce certificate.

Veanne shared that Larry Schmitz has passed away. His service will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Elks Lodge. Larry's son Joe has gifted the senior center with some of Larry's possessions, some of which were spoken for quickly. Thanks so much, Joe.

We had Hawaiian BBQ chicken with steamed rice, sunshine carrots and banana monkey bread for dessert. Yummy as always. Thursday, Sept. 7, we'll have Salisbury steak and birthday cake, and Monday, Sept. 11, we'll have ham and scalloped potatoes.

I know others here will miss our sweet friend Carman Gomez-Pascual (Balbina Escudero's niece) as she has returned home to Spain. She so generously stayed through three days of eclipse brunches to help us.

*Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



We've been having scorching temps here in Monument. But hey, on the bright side, I've got tomatoes ripening on the vine, and that is worthy of praise. To combat this nasty hot weather, our cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, served us chef's salad for our Tuesday lunch. There was a choice of turkey or ham meat or both for your salad. The other sides included olives, cheese, tomatoes, celery, boiled eggs, croutons and other such items. It was quite refreshing having something cool to eat to offset the very unrelenting heat outside. Thank you to our chefs, and we are also grateful for our senior center that has air conditioning. We are very fortunate to have such a nice facility.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Linda Blakeslee. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Linda collected and counted the money. Ron Odette of Long Creek and Charlotte Barker of Monument both won free meals tickets. We had visitors Dennis Dice and Joe Hitz join us for lunch. We had 48 guests on the books and four take-outs.

A local supporter has generously offered to match all the money we can get donated toward the purchase of new appliances for our senior center kitchen, up to \$1,500. We need everyone's help to make this happen and a great

opportunity to make your donations count. We have a jar at the greeting table. Everyone pitching in will all add up and everyone's help will be much appreciated. The board of the Monument Senior Citizen's Association thank you all for your support and contributions.

Hope you all have marked your calendars for the upcoming Buckaroo Fall and Harvest Festival. Remember that it will be on Sept. 23. Many donations are coming in for both the live and silent auctions. There will be a beer garden again this year, compliments of Jordan and Brittany Desadier. To go along with that beer, Jay Jay Snackfoods, has donated 400 handmade pretzels for purchase.

If you would like more information, you can find the Monument Buckaroo Festival and Harvest Auction on Facebook. There you will find items that are being donated, auctioned and other pertinent information. You can get a sneak peek at the items up for auction.

I don't know about you all, but I sure am ready for summer to be over and would love to welcome fall with open arms. The long, consecutive and hot days makes it a little difficult to do much outside. Hot temps, you will definitely not be missed in the least.

Taking a siesta during the hot afternoon is my best solution to keep busy, ha. Well, actually, after lunch, I sit down at my couch and I can instantly fall asleep in 15 seconds. The sofa must give off a sleeping pill or something.

*Psalms 119: 2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."*

### Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Our food for thought: "If you can smile when something goes wrong, you are either an optimist - or a repairman." So I'm smiling. We thought that Derrol would be having his shoulder surgery in early September, but the anomaly on the EKG got everyone excited so we have to have consultation with the cardiologist first. And unless the surgeon can get it moved, that won't happen until October. So Derrol found another rock/dirt project to work on for the interim.

We took a tour to Greenhorn and Olive Lake. The roads were interesting. Seemed like the ones in Grant County and on the Malheur forest were not as well maintained as the ones in Baker County and the Umatilla forest. Came back by Indian Rock Lookout, and that road is a road in name only. Whew. Lots of archery hunters out there, too. My personal opinion is that if I had a tag for the Desolation Unit, I'd give it back. As the Harney County buckaroo was heard to say: "Hell of a place to lose a cow." But we survived the journey. Tried to come back by way of Lick Creek and over the top to Dixie Creek, but we took a wrong turn due to no signpost. Try again from this end. Ain't life fun in Grant County?

And can you believe 300 people on top of Strawberry for the eclipse? Now that is really standing room only. But what a view.

We were happy to welcome several new faces to our meal, one of which was Cliff Marsh,

who Frances asked to lead the flag salute. Del Lake was the winner of the August birthday \$10 gift certificate donated by Huffman's Select Market. Since the closure of Prairie Hardware and Gifts, we have only one other gift certificate to give every month, and that is from Chuck's Little Diner. Anybody got any bright ideas for this endeavor? We really appreciate the donations of all three businesses through the years. Thank you much.

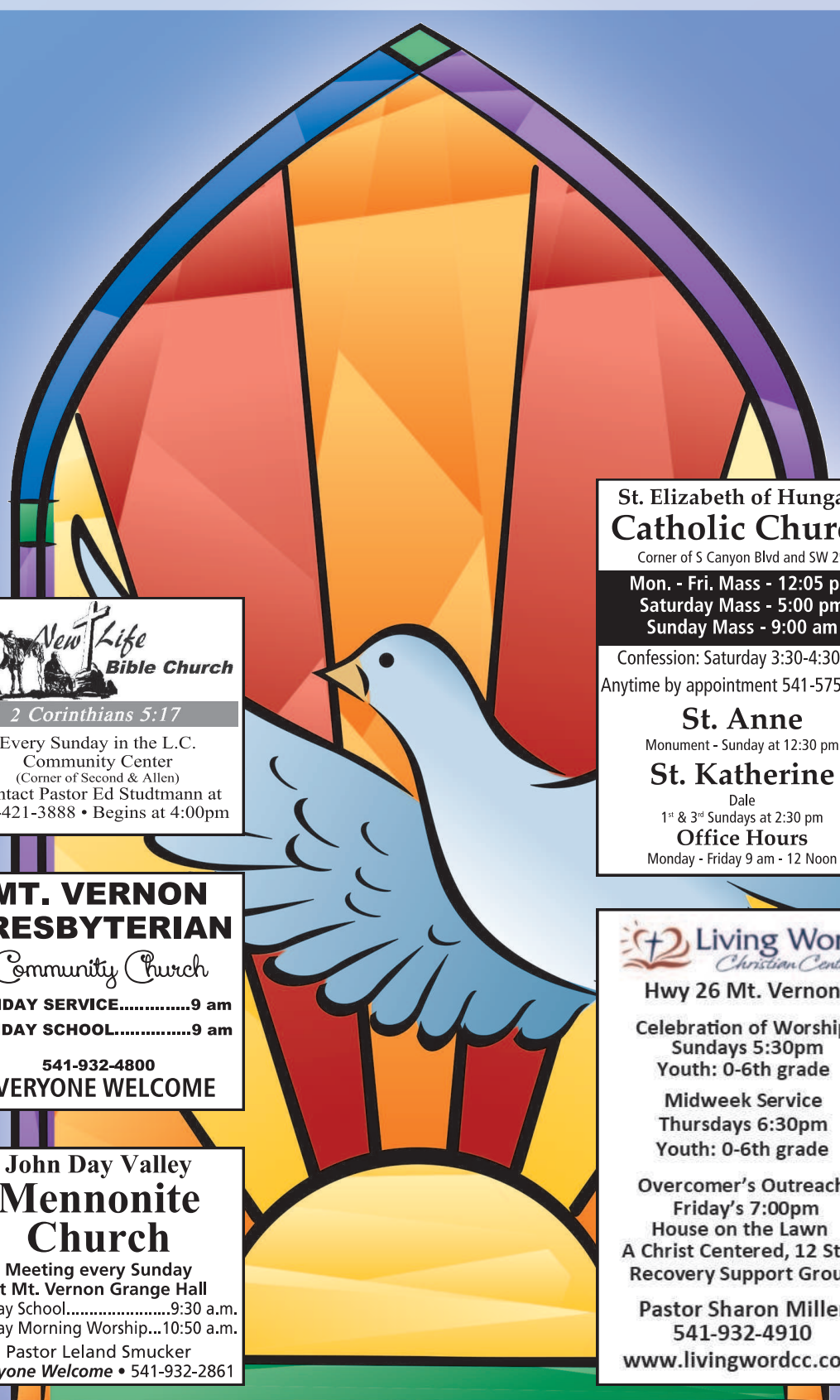
Tom announced that the zucchini monster was on the loose so you should lock your car doors and roll up the windows. He brought a large sack of yellow and green zucchini, and Del Lake brought some from his neighbors, sized from small to humongous. Most of them went to new homes. Good deal.

So after Jack asked the blessing, we had orange juice, couscous with hamburger sauce, corn on the cob, fresh green beans, rolls and a cream puff for dessert. Now there are two items in that list that I don't remember eating before: the couscous and the cream puff. But I am here to tell you that they were both delicious. And I am sure that the 56 diners listed on the book would agree. And so was the corn on the cob. Yum, yum, yummy.

Did you know that when our presidents and congressmen "retire," they receive a salary of \$174,000 to \$223,500 (depending on their office) for life? Gee, wouldn't that be nice? Is this what the founding fathers desired? I think not.

*Eccl. 5:10 "Whoever loves money never has enough money; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This ... is meaningless." 1 Tim: 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil."*

# 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 Friday's 7:00pm  
 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**  
 KSPL 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.fcjohnday.com