

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

**John Day Seniors**

Nicky Essex



Monday, Sept. 11, remembering this day in 2001. A very hard day for so many still. We have not forgotten, as the wonderful song says, "Where were you when the world stopped turning?" A heart-stopping moment, for certain.

But that day, I was at the greeter's desk, checking in our friends for lunch. Our sweet friends from the Lutheran Church, Bonnie and Francis Kocis, Jeanette Kile, Bobbie and Buzz Gilmore were here to serve us for lunch.

Francis and Bonnie did deliveries in John Day and Canyon City while Marcus Perkins from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. They took 33 regular meals and 24 frozen meals altogether to some very grateful friends. Buzz Gilmore opened our time by leading us in the pledge to our American flag. Don Porter won the drawing for a free meal. Gene Essex won the Len's Drug certificate, and Jeanette Kile won the Harrison Ranch Produce coupon to be redeemed at the Saturday market.

Veanne began announcements, with a big thanks to Mo and Lisa Delano for taking our broken refrigerator to the dump. She also reminded us about the upcoming class. There are still a couple of free spots in "Living well with Chronic Conditions Workshop" to begin in mid-October. For information, call Veanne at 541-575-2949. Also, as you know, Linda has been renovating our library. It has re-opened, and it looks great. Welcome to newcomer, Margot Henniger White.

Thursday, Sept. 14, Drew Harmer and Jeanette Julsrud served as greeters, and our friends from Cornerstone Church were here to serve, including Linda Sprouffske, Zola Pike, Carla Anderson, Donna Mulder and Pastor Levi Manitsas. Brenda and Jay Taramasso made meal deliveries to John Day and Canyon City, and Rodney Bruser from Step Forward did the Mt. Vernon route, altogether delivering 36 meals.

After the flag salute, our drawings went to Jim Stovall for the Valley View meal, Pat Amling got the Chester's Thriftway gift certificate and Jeanne Willey won the Harrison Ranch Produce certificate.

Veanne informed us that it was National Cream Filled Donut Day. She also told us about money available for first-time buyers. And Monument's celebration on Sept. 23 open to all.

Pastor Levi asked the blessing on our meal, and we chowed down. Our entrée, chicken a la king, was sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church. We enjoyed one of my favorites, pea salad, veggies and Lisa's surprise dessert.

Thursday, we'll have deviled sausages with rice (a recipe from Shay's Greek wife, Anna). I can't wait. And on Monday, Sept. 25, linguine with clam sauce, salad and baguettes.

Don't forget bingo on Thursdays right after lunch. The \$200 prize is sure to be won pretty soon. If you want to be certain of bingo, call the center, 541-575-2949.

1 Peter 4:8-10 "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

**Monument Seniors**

Soo Yukawa



The weather sure has changed drastically. Could it be possible that we are heading into fall weather? It would certainly be most welcome since this week we are celebrating the second annual Buckaroo and Fall Festival. Don't forget, this Saturday, Sept. 23, is our great celebration of saying goodbye to summer and enjoying the fall harvest. The much-anticipated day is arriving quickly. Judy Harris gave some people, along with myself, a sneak peak at some of the goodies to be auctioned. My, my, my, they are nice.

The event will begin at noon. There will be a beer garden at the park and other snack and lunch items available. The auctions will be before the dinner. The dinner starts at 5 p.m. There will be pies and cakes to be auctioned off during the dinner time. Be prepared and bring some money with you so you'll be able to get that special item you just have to have. My mouth is watering at the thought of the yummy salmon and elk dinner, and I'm rubbing my hands thinking of some of those auction items. Hope to see you all there.

For our Tuesday lunch, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell prepared for us some very delicious creamy chicken Parmesan noodle dish, with a fresh green salad and brownies for dessert. Thank you, Terry and Carrie, for our tasty meal.

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. The winners of the free meal tickets were Bruce Kramer and yours truly. We had 40 guests on the books and 10 takeouts. We thank all the people who volunteer at the lunch from the board, the cooks, the greeters, the people cleaning and others who work behind the scenes to make our senior center as nice as it is for all the community and surrounding communities to enjoy.

My family and I decided to try and travel to the Tri-Cities area to do our shopping. I didn't really like driving on the gravel road to Sunflower Flats. It seemed to take forever. The stores were a lot easier to get to instead of driving from one end of town to the other and all over like in Bend. We found a Japanese restaurant, and we got our Asian food and sushi fix. It was a bit on the pricey side. We found Costco, Wal-Mart and the Cash N Carry.

We only had one big problem during our trip. I was driving while my hubby was navigating. (I'm directionally challenged, ha.) The two-mile stretch just before getting back to the Oregon border was really bumpy. I commented that the road was horrible. My wise hubby then asked if it was the road or our vehicle? To be continued ...

Ephesians 6:19 "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel."

**Prairie City Seniors**

Rose Coombs



Hey, Friday the 13th came on Wednesday this month. And it was an almost perfect day, weather-wise. We didn't have to turn on the swamp cooler, and we didn't have to run the heater either.

Have you noticed - when the smoke cleared off - that there were two small patches of snow on Strawberry? As Eliza Doolittle said, "That 'ardly ever 'appens." Apparently it was a good year for zucchini. Another big supply appeared from the Phippens' garden with any size or color you might want.

The food for thought from Tom: "No matter how big government gets, and no matter how many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers." - Ronald Reagan. So we thank the volunteers who help make our center run. And we can always use more.

Frances led the flag salute, and Jack asked the blessing. Larry and Ken made the home deliveries, and Ginger and Carla dispensed the juices and milks. Since it was Nancy Vigger's 87th birthday, we sang a rousing rendition of happy birthday to her. Then Tom presented her with a piece of cake with - not a candle - but a lit wooden match. Couldn't find the candles. Oh well. The substitute got the job done in fine style.

Tom and Marjean prepared another lip-smacking feast for us consisting of macaroni and cheese with

hot dog pieces, veggie/noodle stir-fry, coleslaw, garlic bread and banana cake for dessert. Saw lots going back for second helpings. Krystin and Shauntele brought Otho Laurance, Alma Joslin, Marilyn Randall, Joan Metlock and Bud Salisbury from the Blue Mountain Care Center.

The site committee had a meeting after the meal. Brought everyone up to speed on how we got the building and what we are doing to make it as up to "code" as possible. The building is in good shape for its age. After we get the new ramp all situated, we can make a list of the "cosmetic" items that can be addressed.

I spent all morning looking for a certain piece of music in my little studio/office area. I remember the ensemble singing it several years ago, and thought it would be a good time to do it again. Never found it, but did find the accompaniment CD for another one. So guess we'll do it instead. You make do with what you have, right?

Made the trip to La Grande and got the "tube" removed from my left eardrum. Now that hole has to heal up. Shouldn't take very long - the tube was about as big as the point of a pin. My ears still feel like they are plugged, so he told me that any improvement would have to come from thinking "outside the box."

2 Corinthians 7:5-7 "... when we came... (our) body... had no rest ... conflicts on the outside, fears within. But God ... comforted us ... by the comfort you had given ... so that (our) joy was greater than ever."

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. Crabbe, 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**  
 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.fcjohnday.com