

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

### John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



Well, it sure feels like winter is arriving. To me, that is a promise of spring. I love to see the first and last snow, and it does keep things nice and green to have some good rain. So I will be tucked in most days, to just sit and wait for good weather again. It was just brought to my attention that I mentioned the wrong name in last week's paper: Linda Stoltz is our wonderful librarian, hostess, decorator (all volunteer), and in my mind I completely changed it. I'm so sorry.

Lots of ailments already it seems. I hear that Ron and Roberta Dowse were in Hermiston at their daughter's for Thanksgiving when Ron wound up in the hospital for four days with pneumonia. Glad he is better, but now my hubby is spending our 54th anniversary in bed.

On Nov. 27, we had 19 diners in the center, and no one signed up again for the desk. I performed my one-woman show, but enjoyed the service of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ladies who served us very well as usual. Rachel Carpenter and Jolene Floyd delivered meals to John Day and Canyon City, and David Gill and Rodney Brusler from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Total deliveries made: 36 regular and 32 frozen. While they were doing deliveries, Jay Coleson and Tom Roark did table setup.

Rachel Carpenter opened

our time with the Pledge of Allegiance. The drawings went to Jolene Floyd, who won the free meal, and Brad Carpenter, who won the Len's Drug certificate. Then Jolene gave the blessing.

We enjoyed chicken fettuccine with Caesar salad, green peas and monster cookie bars for dessert, and I must say, Shay outdid himself.

On Nov. 30, Bonnie Kocis and Ron Dowse were greeters. The Blue Mountain Hospital guild was here to serve, including Mary Lu Horton, Kris Labhart, Gloria Kulis, Chris Yriarte and Mary Jones. Mary Jones and Sally Dunn made meal deliveries to those in John Day and Canyon City, and David Gill and Rodney Brusler did the Mt. Vernon route. In all, they delivered 39 meals.

Chris Yriarte led the flag salute, and Chris Labhart won the drawing for the Chester's Thriftway certificate. Jan Sheridan won the free Valley View meal. Dale Stennett gave the blessing for the meal. The meal was sponsored by Tootie Cernazanu in memory of Jim. We want to thank Tootie for being so generous to the John Day Senior Center this year. Shay presented beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, refried beans and green salad with chili ranch dressing. Lisa made a lovely peach crisp for dessert.

I hope you enjoy the peace of the upcoming season and remember the reason we celebrate it.

*Isaiah 53:5 "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."*

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



We had a most excellent last meal of November served to us. Through the generous contributions of Clarence and Sharon Harvey, along with Dennis and Linda Abraham, we had a wonderful and delicious meal of prime rib.

Linda and Terry Cade helped to smoke and cook it in the early hours of the morning while the rest of us were all snug in our beds (and the temps were in the low 20s, FYI).

Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell helped serve the food. What a wonderful surprise that awaited us when we arrived to the senior center expecting to be served chicken. Included in the meal with the prime rib were green beans, dinner rolls and birthday chocolate cake.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Debbie Reed. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and prayed the blessing of the meal. The lucky winners of the free meals were Bob Blakeslee and Debbie Reed. There were 66 guests on the books and 14 takeouts. Some of the guests that were present and enjoyed our delicious meal were the school superintendents of Grant County: Robert Waltenburg of Dayville, Julie Guryczski of Prairie City, Curt Shelley of John Day, Kathryn Hedrick of Dayville, Carlyn Sproul of John Day, and our new superintendent, Michael Lane, of Monument.

I and many others are so

thankful and proud of our senior center. We appreciate all the efforts of our old, new and current board members of the senior center trying to serve and do their best in serving the Monument community. I love that our community truly and genuinely cares for the people in Monument. If someone has a need or is in need of help, there are people left and right just willingly coming out to lend a hand. Now that is community spirit and unity.

Our senior center board was able to secure us a grant for a much needed and new convection oven. We should have one by the first of the year.

The senior center board is also having the flooring redone in the senior center. There is a need for moving dollies from Dec. 21-24. If you have one and are willing to lend it out, it would be much appreciated. Thanks.

The senior center's nutrition fund is running short so there is a can out on the greeting table to receive donations. Also, the Harveys and the Abrahams gave us a great example. If anyone would like to sponsor a lunch, it would be much appreciated, and you can notify the board. Jimmy Cole is the president of the board; his number is 541-934-2000.

Some of the future events coming up that you might want to mark on your calendar are as follows: Dec. 10 will be the Christmas Bazaar, and they will have available chili and pretzels. Dec. 12 will be the Cookie Caper. Dec. 16 will be the sewing class.

*Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"*

### Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Got all the leftovers put away? Just remember it is only three weeks until Christmas. Then we get to do it all over again. What fun.

To get away from the holiday meats, Marjean and Tom had Salisbury steak, rice, salad and a spice cake for the last meal of November. Heard good reports about it. We had to go to the last appointment with the ENT specialist in La Grande, so we missed out. But over 50 of you didn't. It was a day of substitutions for personnel. Pam, who is usually at the reception desk, had to go to Idaho with hubby, Jim, for his VA appointment, and I was gone so we had to get someone to do that job. Carla Wright filled in there. Then due to Frances resigning her positions — and me gone — Ginger Kendall took over the announcer duties.

Our home delivery people were present and Larry, Carlos and Ken got that done. We will be losing Ken soon due to back surgery, so if you would like to take on that important task, let us know. Del Lake led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing.

Ginger had to make the announcement about keeping the space clear for the care center bus. Apparently someone blocked the lane again. Come on, people. That cone covers the entire area that the care center bus needs to use to get up to the ramp. 'Nuff said.

Veanne gave information about getting energy assistance. And we want to express our condolences to Darrell Johnson

on the death of his daughter, Wanda.

This was November birthday recognition day. Carlos, Ginger and Gwynne were the contenders, and Gwynne was the winner of the \$10 gift certificate donated by Huffman's Market.

Two of the "Three Amigas" were able to provide music. Thanks, gals. Lorna and Krystin brought Bob Larkin, Lois Hill, Richard Findley and Dick Read from the Blue Mountain Care Center.

I've sure been having a time with my hands since I can't do my needlepoint project. The yarn that I have been using for the last 40 years is no longer being made. Well, phooey. And I only have nine filing cabinet drawers full of it in all different shades of the color spectrum. Hmmm. Have to think outside the box to get it all used up.

And then the computer monitor decided that it should get all excited about the brightness and contrast it is set at. Little pop-up menu really got my attention. Asked four different people about it, and the consensus was that the button needed to be pushed a lot of times. So I finally figured out how to get rid of it. But it keeps coming back. Hard to type or play solitaire with that sitting in the middle of the page. Ah, yes. Electronics. They are fine when they work right, huh?

The only wildlife we saw on our trip to La Grande was a coyote in the field at Austin. But when we got home, there was a whole herd of deer in the yards of our neighbors.

*Isaiah 35:5-6 "Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy."*

# 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 • 541-820-3696  
 www.prairie-baptist-church.com  
**Pastor David Hoeffner**  
 Sunday School (all ages).....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday morning worship.....10:30 a.m.  
 Awana (Oct.-Apr.).....3:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group.....5:30 p.m.

**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. Crabb, 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  
 Like us on Facebook!

**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  
 Holy Days Mass: Noon & 6 pm  
 Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm  
 Anytime by appointment  
 541-974-8638  
**St. Anne**  
 Monument -  
 2nd and 4th Sundays at 12:30 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**  
 KSQL 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