

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



The John Day Senior Center looks so festive. Linda Stoltz had a "wreath-decorating party" a few days ago, and the beautiful results added to Linda's beautiful Christmas decorations in the hall this week. Two of the wreaths were drawn for at lunch on Thursday, and the rest will be drawn for at the Christmas ham dinner on Dec. 21. Be sure to call for reservations, 541-575-1825. We had to turn some away at our Thanksgiving meal.

On Dec. 4, Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary ladies Mary Lu Horton and Judy Martin were here to serve. They also delivered meals in the John Day and Canyon City communities, while David Gill and Rodney Brusler delivered in Mt. Vernon. Altogether, they delivered 34 regular and 62 frozen meals. Wow. Way to go, and thank you all. Kay Cotham won the drawing for the free meal, and Carl Swank won the Len's Drug card.

After prayer for our meal, we built our own BLTs, a very popular idea, Shay. We also had potato soup and giant cookies for dessert.

On Dec. 7, Bonnie Kocis and Everett King were greeters, and we had the Nazarene folks here to serve. Trace Andrew, Dale and Corinne Stennett and Everett King did table service, and Joan and Joel Tayles made deliveries to John Day and Canyon City. Our faithful guys, David Gill and Rodney Brusler from Step Forward, took the Mt. Vernon

route. Together, the deliveries amounted to 37 regular and four frozen meals. The regular drawings went as follows: The Valley View meal went to Lon Davis, and the Chester's Thriftway card went to Jan Ellison. Then Pat Amling and Vickie Harrison each got to choose a wreath. Don't worry, there are lots left.

We had chicken pot pie, California blend of vegetables and cottage cheese with pears. We enjoyed our monthly birthday cake sponsored by Driskill Memorial Chapel. Thank you for your faithful support of seniors. We served 46 happy diners.

Coming up on Dec. 14 will be beef barley soup and "Turkey Stuffing Meatloaf" and, on Dec. 17, finger steaks and french fries.

We have more thanks to extend: Danny DePriest and Kay Cotham were on hand to help Linda with decorating the hall. And those who helped make the wreaths included Linda Stoltz, who provided all of the materials for us to make the wreaths as well as snacks and encouragement. The crew was Roxie Lissman, Judy Nelson, Pat Amling, Bonnie Kocis, Merry Henry, Kay Cotham, Heather Swank, Veanne Weddle, Zoey Rookstool and myself. We had so much fun, and I appreciate so much that I could include Zoey, my great-granddaughter. I hope my name gets drawn.

*Isaiah 61:3 "And provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."*

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Are you just as surprised as I am that we are in the month of December, and less than 14 days until Christmas, by the time you read this? Yikes. Keep calm, and remember that we live in a county that has only one traffic light. We don't experience bumper-to-bumper traffic for hours in Grant County. No need to get into a hustle-and-bustle mode. Life out here is good, and people take things real slow, thank goodness. Christmas out here in God's country is definitely more low key.

Well, for our first meal for the month of December, our cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell made us some filling hamburgers with all the fixings, macaroni salad (one of my faves), french fries and sugar cookies for dessert. It was quite a satisfying meal. Thank you to our cooks.

Our greeters were Jan Ensign, Jimmy Cole and Debbie Reed. Jan led us in the flag salute and made the announcements. Jimmy and Debbie collected and counted the money. Yours truly prayed the blessing over the meal.

Monument Senior Center received an emergency grant. This is the second grant received. We are grateful for this \$8,000 grant that will be going toward a much-needed freezer and refrigerator unit. Our appliances at the senior center are very old and were refurbished when they were purchased.

There will be a Christmas tip jar out at the greeting table

for our cooks. If you are able to gift the ladies for their hard work, it would be much appreciated. The free meal tickets were won by Rusty Baughman and Vonda Stubblefield. There were 35 guests on the books and four takeouts.

Jimmy Cole, the chairman of the Monument Senior Center board, delivered a prepared speech. He spoke simply and eloquently on praising and encouraging all that are helping and making a difference in our senior center and community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Rose Howe also was in attendance. Since so many in our community and all around the country as well are experiencing many cases of strokes, Rose was asked to come and give us information and educate us on what to watch for in case we suspect someone of having a stroke or if someone had a stroke. Rose emphasized "time is of the essence" when dealing with stroke victims. She also handed out pocket cards for people to carry with the information to help assess strokes and how to deal with them. A shout of thanks to Rose for her time, her dedication in the care of helping people and her wealth of information.

Our prayers go out to Darlene Forrest of Monument, who is currently staying with her son. Darlene fell and broke both her ankles. We wish her well and pray for a speedy recovery.

Don't forget that there will be sewing from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 16.

*2 Timothy 1:8 "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our LORD, nor of me his prisoner: But be thou partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God."*

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Brrr. Baby, it's cold outside. I'm very happy that there is no fog to go along with the chill. Sunshine is nice.

We had "Four Amigas." Eva Harris, after much cajoling, joined Janine and Nancy and me in various Christmas songs. What fun. Anyone is welcome to join the party. "Music is what feelings sound like."

Harold did his last announcing job and then resigned his position as our corporation president. His job of medical transportation keeps him away too much. So, if you always wanted to be president of a corporation, now is your chance. We do want to thank Harold and Frances for the hard work that they put in here the last few years.

Larry, Ken, and Carlos did their deliveries. Sam McMahan won the \$5 gift card donated by the Outpost Restaurant. Del Lake led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. We had 66 names on the book. First-timers were Eva Harris and Thelma Kite. Stan Horrell also returned. Good to see you all.

Marjean and Tom prepared that old Western favorite beef stroganoff in mushroom sauce over noodles, herbed carrots, pickled beets, applesauce, garlic bread and brownies with candy cane ice cream on top. Wow. I didn't even know there was such a thing as candy cane ice cream. You learn something new every day, huh? Did you notice all the different flavors in that meal?

We did have a new person sitting at the registration desk so that I didn't have to. Matt Goodwin "volunteered" to sit there while I joined the Amigas because Pam was home sick with the latest version of the Grant County crud. He got to have two desserts for doing that for me. Thanks, Matt.

Lorna and Christina brought Bud Salisbury, Marilyn Randall, Joan Metlock and Alma Joslin from the Blue Mountain Care Center. And they got to use the new ramp without any obstructions.

Taking the computer and monitor in to the "doctor." From my description, he thought it might be a virus, even though I pulled the plug on the internet a year ago. So I'm getting this typed before I have to disconnect everything.

On a high note, I got some new needlepoint yarn and have been stitching like crazy. Wanted to have this done before Christmas, but I don't think I'll meet that deadline. Oh, well. Such is life in the far, far west.

Derrol is making excellent progress in his recovery. Walked for half an hour in the church hallways, then walked to the post office. Good boy. Said he didn't leisurely stroll either. Really hiked out. Hooray.

The grandchildren are all old enough now that I can buy my favorite gifts for them — books — and read them before I give them away. Am on the last one so when my fingers get tired of needlepoint, I grab the book.

And, speaking of books, the center has a lot of them. If you are out of reading material, we can supply.

*1 Timothy 4:12, 13 "... set an example... in speech... devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture..."*

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 Hoefner**  
 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.....9:45 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  
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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  
 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: Sonshine 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  
 KSPJ 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