

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



We have survived Thanksgiving and Christmas. We just need to survive New Year's, then back to school. When we finish that, we can return to our quiet little lives in which we just see doctors, get poked and prodded, buy groceries, convince our husbands they love to cook, do laundry and watch TV. I have skipped some details.

The senior center was closed on Monday, so I only have Thursday, Dec. 28, to report about. Dave Pasko and Drew Harmer were our greeters.

We had a wonderful lunch. Beginning with shrimp cocktail, they even gave seconds to those who wanted them. We ate roast pork with par-boiled baby red potatoes and gravy, creamed spinach and a delicious dessert of pumpkin dump cake. Shay and Anne held down the kitchen, as Lisa and Danny were both home, ill. We missed you both. There were others, including Gene Essex who weren't in their normal posts. I know Gene wishes he could have been here for bingo.

Prior to the lunch hour, our friends from St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Jimmy Maples and David Turner, went out to make home deliveries in John Day and Canyon City, while our friends David Gill and Rodney Brunson from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Altogether, these valued volunteers delivered 39 regular meals

and 45 frozen meals. Thank you so much.

As soon as Jimmy and David returned to the center, they finalized setting up the tables. David led us in the salute to the flag, and after the drawings, in which Dave Pasko won the Valley View meal and Norm Strawn won the Chester's Thriftway certificate, Jimmy shared some of our much loved Christmas scriptures and prayed for our meal.

Don't forget, we host bingo here after our Thursday meals. We usually begin at about 1 p.m. There is news of another bingo gathering on Jan. 7, at the Prairie City School, from 5-7 p.m. I believe it is a fundraiser, and Drew told me to say, "Bring your daubers."

We are reminded to check on our neighbors during these very cold days and nights, especially seniors and those who live alone. There is a lot of illness right now, so it is good to help each other out. I'm glad to hear that friends have arrived home from the valley safely.

If you have been wanting to sponsor the entrée for one of our Thursday meals, to celebrate a loved one or a birthday or your anniversary, call the office here, 541-575-1825, and let Veanne or Shay help you.

We will be serving spaghetti with bread sticks on Jan. 4, with birthday cake. Hamburger gravy with mashed potatoes is on the menu on Jan. 8.

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Happy New Year, everybody. Well, it's not quite the New Year yet, but when you read this, it certainly will be so. According to the Chinese calendar, it will be the Year of the Dog this year, woof. Anybody born this year will supposedly be an earth dog. Last time it was the Year of the Earth Dog was way back in 1958, oh my.

If one is born this year, one supposedly is communicative, serious and responsible in work. Some well known earth dogs are Madonna and the late Michael Jackson. Some other famous dogs were Winston Churchill and Mother Teresa.

We did not have lunch served for Dec. 26. Our cooks had a most deservedly nice day off, so we had to fend for ourselves. Ha. This makes us all the more appreciative of how hard the cooks work to keep us fed with delicious meals.

I finally found the paper where I wrote the names of the nice ladies that came to join us for lunch on Nov. 21 from Condon. Sorry for such a long delay. We were honored to have Mary Bare, Coarnet Bettencourt and Karie Hickerson present that day. I kept finding the paper, then I would put it in a safe place for later and then forget where that safe place was. I think I'm getting old.

There is snow on the

ground, and yes, we had the white Christmas. There were some really cold days where the temperature went down to 5 degrees. It felt so cold that even my chickens didn't want to come out of their house. I like it, the cold and the snow. I am sure that in a couple of months I will be reminiscing about fragrant flowers of spring and the warm sunshine of summer. But that's the beauty of it, the part about looking forward to the next season, you know?

Our little puppies are now six weeks old and so darn cute. I think the novelty of having to clean up after the pups has worn off for my son. It is a good experience for him. They are teaching him to be responsible. I make him go out and walk them to train them to go potty — yes, even in the cold. I also make him clean up the kennel after them too. He is a good little boy and doesn't complain too much. Maybe I can get him to tend the goats later, hmmm?

The passing of time seems to be accelerating. I received a bunch of Christmas cards from my friends down in California, and I just can't believe how all our kids have grown so much. Some of these kids are now looking taller than their parents. I was in utter disbelief.

May you all have a blessed new year and that you may know the joy of the Lord and his perfect love, which casts out all fear.

Psalm 95: 1 "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Did you enjoy the white Christmas? Our grandchildren had a grand ol' time out in the front yard — even managed to make a snowman. A friend in Portland sent a photo with the message: "Sorry you missed the snow." Bert then took a photo of the six inches in our yard and sent it back to him with his message: "No we didn't."

We made a run to Redmond and Bend to see medical specialists the day after Christmas. Now that's a great thing to do, huh? The stores were doing a great business in after-Christmas sales. Didn't have to swerve to miss any deer or other four-legged creatures. Did have to slow down for the flock of wild turkeys in Mitchell going over. When we came back, they were all roosting in the tree tops beside the creek east of town. I didn't know they could fly that high.

Well, we are all prepared for the new year. Someone took care of all the decorations on the walls, and I dismantled the Christmas tree. It was a lot easier to take it down than put up, I know. Wonder who invented it? Thanks again to Frances for doing all that work. I'm not a decorator, so those who want to, I'm happy to let 'em.

Speaking of after-Christmas sales, when we picked up the mail the day after

Christmas, there were eight catalogs and two more calendars in the box. Hmmm. Is the item discounted enough for me now? And "This could be your last catalog." How many times have I seen that? Of course, since I'm not online,

I do have to shop using the catalogs, and thrift stores, and yard sales. Find such interesting items that way. Like the book that I found in the Baker Salvation Army store that had my name in it and a date of 1986. Asked the children if they had taken it when we downsized, but they couldn't remember doing it. And if they had, how did it end up in Baker?

Being it is the new year, it is time to start thinking about what the ensemble is going to do for Easter. And Easter is on April 1 this year. So that only leaves three months to practice.

Due to the fact that we are having difficulty getting people to sit on the boards of our three entities of the Prairie City Senior Citizens, it has been suggested that we revise the by-laws and go back to one board that is responsible for all the activities of the center. Therefore, a revised copy of the by-laws will be available for your inspection in January. A vote will be taken at the annual meetings in late January. There. You have been informed and notified, OK?

1 Corinthians 12:28 "... appointed ... those with gifts of administration. ..."

Ephesians 3:9 "... and to make plain to everyone the administration ..."

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 • 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.....9:30 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
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church
 Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd
 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
 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
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 pm
 Saturday Men's Study.....6 pm
Full Gospel- Come Grow With Us
 541-575-1202 Church
 311 NE Dayton St, John Day
 Pastor Al Altnow
 www.fccjohnday.com