

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



Happiest New Year yet. It was very quiet at my house, but we did get a pretty big jigsaw puzzle together. It is my wish for you all that this year will be much more peaceful and prosperous than last year. Start by doing something nice for someone before this week is over.

We had a mega shift of labor at John Day Senior Center Thursday. Shay rarely misses a day of work. He is really ill and was home in bed. Little Lisa and trooper Veanne came to the front of the line, though. When I walked in the kitchen to see what was up, Lisa looked like she had put in a full day already. Veanne was in her "uniform" apron, so I could see they had all the duckies in line. I am so proud of our group. When we come up shorthanded, everyone who can help steps up.

Our friends from John Day Church of the Nazarene, Dale and Corinne Stennett, and Everett King did our service with a little help. Joan and Joel Tayles delivered the meals to John Day and Canyon City, while David Gill and Rodney Brunson from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Altogether, they delivered 37 regular and 30 frozen meals.

We enjoyed spaghetti with a fresh veggie medley of Brussels sprouts, green and yellow beans and carrots, bread sticks and, as always on the first of every month, cake for dessert to celebrate everyone who has a birthday in the

month. We served lunch to 45 friends. Don and Deda Porter sponsored our entrée in memory of Jim and Carol McGee.

Everett King opened our time by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Our drawings produced winners: Gregg Starr won the Chester's Thriftway certificate, and Bill Choate won a free meal at Valley View. Dale Stennett gave the blessing on our food, and remembered Shay in prayer for better health.

On Mondays after lunch, Everett will be sharing his game of "Accession" and invites everyone interested to come and play. He invented the game and plays to make it fun. We have played with him at the Train Barn, and it is really enjoyable. I look forward to playing again.

I picked up a card at the center, identified as "Oregon Senior Peer Outreach" with a toll free phone number, 1-833-736-4676, inviting anyone who is lonely, over 55 or disabled and living in rural Oregon to call and connect with a senior peer support specialist for a weekly telephone conversation. This is part of Community Counseling Solutions. I don't have any other info. Free call. Check it out for yourself.

Next week, Jan. 11 we'll have barbecue chicken bites with baked beans and spuds, and Jan. 14 we'll have ham and beans with cornbread.

Isaiah 1:16-17 "Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Our cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell prepared for us some macaroni and cheese with ham, fluffy dinner rolls, a fresh green salad, fruit and cookies for dessert. We appreciate all their hard work and efforts.

Our greeters were Jimmy Cole, Debbie Reid and Judy Harris. Judy led us in the flag salute and made the announcements. Yours truly prayed the blessing over the meal. Jimmy and Debbie collected and counted the monies. The free meals were won by Dennis Abraham and Bob Yukawa. Debbie Reid won the Len's Drug gift card. We had 44 guests on the books and two takeouts.

When we all came into the senior center on the first Tuesday of the new year, we were blinded by the beautiful, shiny floor. They sure looked really nice. The person who donated their time to do this for us wanted to remain anonymous, so we shout a great big thank you to you for your work and generosity. The floors look amazing.

We thank Jeanie Strange for some prizes she made and donated in appreciation for all the generous help and donations for the senior center. The winners were Doug Sweek, Bruce Kramer and Phoebe Yukawa. Thank you so much, Jeanie, for all you do.

There are some resource guides available for four counties on the back table. I was told it has information about "stuff."

We were proud to have

new Marine Jess Hoodenpyl join us for lunch. He had just graduated from Camp Pendleton down in San Diego and had a couple of weeks to come home and be with his family. We ask the Lord to protect him, and we also thank him for his service to our country.

We are sad to announce that Sam Howell passed away recently. His celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Elkhorn tavern. There will be a potluck lunch.

Darlene Forrest, who broke both her ankles a few weeks ago, is staying at The Dalles' care facility and we are praying for a speedy recovery. Her address is available if anyone wants to send her cards. She will be there for awhile. Please contact Judy Harris at 541-934-2244.

Another important announcement is that Brad and Julie Smith of Kimberly have graciously donated their first shoot of the year to the Monument Senior Center. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 20. There will be pulled pork, baked beans, clam chowder, a pie and silent auction. This is to help raise money for the many operation repairs of the senior center and grant fund matching. We are asking for help in the donation of your pies for this event. We thank you and everyone involved in advance. For more information, please contact Judy Harris.

Our sewing class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27. There will be a potluck lunch shared.

Jeremiah 17:10 "I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



And a happy new year to you. We started out this year with a meal to warm your innards after the cold of the holidays: enchiladas, refried beans, rice, chips, salsa and a Mexican cheese cake called sopapilla. Wow, was it good. I'm certain that all 60 of us diners enjoyed it. I usually am unable to eat Mexican food, but I ate all of this meal. Good job, Marjean and Tom.

Carlos, Larry and Ken did the home deliveries, and Joy helped in the kitchen, as usual. Bonnie and Del helped afterwards in the cleanup department along with Ken. Carla and I counted the money. Pam is our "greeter," I guess. She is the first one you see when you enter the ol' hall. Thanks to you all.

The Three Amigas did their thing. We quit at noon, so if you want to hear us, you have to come by 11:30 a.m. Among us we have the joy of making music on piano, guitar, flute, violin, viola, cello and the Irish drum. If you want to join in, feel free.

Lorna and Krystin brought Alma, Marilyn, Bud and Otho from the Blue Mountain Care Center. Our sympathies to the families of Joan and Lois. Also to the family of Bill Palmer. He liked to come to the Sunday afternoon church service and sit by the piano and "direct" me. The music never goes away.

Harold led the flag salute, and Jack asked the blessing. Jean Kline was the winner of the \$5 toward a meal at the Outpost Restaurant.

Remember that later in the month we will vote on the new by-laws.

I am very disturbed and upset that somebody decided that Eastern Oregon didn't need to have Boise TV channels on the cable. To have all four Portland channels is definitely overkill. They all have the same schedule during their news broadcasts (i.e., do their commercials at the same time), put the programs on too late for us early-to-bedders (I never know whodunit 'cause I went to sleep) and I certainly get tired of all the self-advertising. They can't all be "first, live and local." Remember Marty on "Back to the Future" calling out the channels he wanted? You can do that now — if you are connected to the World Wide Web. Since I am not, I complain.

Regarding sexual harassment, I would like to see women learn to dress modestly and decently. Men are dressed fully clothed in most of their activities. Again, who decreed that women can't be? OK, so much for that soapbox.

So the new year begins with a new round of medical appointments. They are going to try physical therapy on Derrol's back pain. He has to see a new ENT in Bend to prove that he needs a new Baha hearing appliance. (One would think that is obvious if he has the stud sticking out of his head, but those are the rules.) Then we will start the process of getting his left shoulder joint replaced. That was what was on the agenda when the stress test "interfered" and a triple bypass was performed instead. Ain't life grand?

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.'"

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 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
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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
 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.....2 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.fcjohnday.com