

OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago
Jan. 22, 1943

Sub-zero weather hits Grant County Sunday night

Grant County, like the entire Northwestern states, is getting a taste of real winter weather this week, which started with an unusual cold snap Sunday night. Temperatures of as low as 40 and 50 below zero were reported in certain parts of the country Monday morning. The mercury dropped to 14 below in John Day and 17 below at Prairie City. The coldest spots in the country were Austin, Seneca and Logdell, with the temperature at the latter place reported as 50 below.

The weather modified considerably Monday evening, but it has continued cold through the week with blustery, cold winds, and Wednesday morning brought a snowstorm, which was reported as general throughout the county.

Although at this writing all of the main highways still remain open, traveling has been difficult and stages have had considerable difficulty keeping up with their schedules.

50 years ago
Jan. 25, 1968

Criminal identification speedy with computer

"And it took so little time," John Day police officer Floyd Farley replied when queried about the procedure in identifying a suspect in the recent series of John Day burglaries.

Leroy Clarence Buxton was arrested Sunday, Dec. 31 at Garden City, Idaho, for carrying a concealed weapon — a foreign make pistol. At 5:37 p.m., Garden City authorities inquired of the John Day department by Law Enforcement Teletypewriter on an APB (all points bulletin) to Oregon concerning Buxton, not knowing that the local department did not have Teletype service.

Automatically the request was directed to Salem regarding the serial number of the weapon and its ownership. The information was there, as it had been radioed to Baker to teletype by the John Day office of the Oregon State Police on the morning of the burglary at the request of the local city police.

By 7:01 p.m. the Garden



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From Jan. 28, 1993: Nine students from John Day and Mt. Vernon were awarded checks from the John Day-Canyon City Lions Club at a potluck Jan. 12. The students are local winners in the Lions' Posters for Peace contest.

Front row (from left): Angie Warren, Jennifer Tacy, Lindsay Hunter and Heather Burton. Back row: Kevin Eddy, Charlie Warren, Ami Henry, Michelle Haag and Nicki Paulson. The first place winners from each school will be entered in the state competition.

City authorities had received positive identification back. The John Day department had received a call from Salem at 5:45 p.m. The return of the suspect to Oregon and John Day is a matter of legal procedure and takes time. The important point involved is that in fighting crime, timely information is a most valuable weapon.

In the past the time lag has

been a major deterrent to law officers. With the National Crime Information Center in operation the true identity of many fugitives can now be established in a matter of seconds.

In the case of Buxton the stop of the Autostat computer ended in Salem as the information was programmed there. The west coast operational headquarters is in Sac-

ramento, California. Coastal information is digested there and retained for seven days. Then it goes to the FBI's National Crime Information Center in operation in Washington, D.C.

Records stored concerning stolen property at the center borders on the unbelievable. Vehicles, cars used in the commission of felonies, stolen engines and transmissions, stolen or missing license plates, stolen guns and other items of stolen property, which are serially identifiable. Wanted persons will follow within the year.

The national system is operational seven days a week and 22 hours a day. (Don't ask about those other two hours — you know what they are doing.) With proper teletypewriter encoding the answers are coming back in the average 15 seconds. Utilization of instant information is utopian for those departments which update and have the funds available for conversion.

For John Day's department it was not a matter of seconds, but not a matter of days or weeks — just a "little time."

25 years ago
Jan. 28, 1993

Local students recognized for winning 'Posters for Peace'

The John Day-Canyon City Lions Club recently recognized nine student winners in the Lions "Posters for Peace" contest. Students from Humbolt Elementary, John Day Junior High and Mt. Vernon schools participated in the contest, with the top three from each school receiving a \$5, \$7.50, or \$10 prize. The three first-place winners were forwarded to a district competition. The students were presented with their awards at a potluck on Jan. 12 at the Catholic Parish Hall. The second- and third-place posters were on display, but the first-place posters were already sent to compete with other club winners in this district.

The Humbolt winners: first, Heather Burton; second, Jennifer Tacy; third, Angie Warren. John Day Junior High winners: first, Charlie Warren; second, Lindsay Hunter; third, Kevin Eddy. Mt. Vernon winners: first, Ami Henry; second, Michelle Haag; third, Nicki Paulson.

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Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Oh, dear. I must be getting ready for Darn Silly Time. (It starts March 11.) I am waking up at 4:30 a.m. That way I'll be ready for it, right? Sometimes have to take a nap in the

afternoon or evening, but I've heard that's a good thing. Anyway, I was up and going early for this important day. The 3 Amigas did not get to get together due to circumstances beyond our control. Which was actually a good thing because I was working in my center office until five minutes to mealtime. Whew. Then I took what I had been working on to the corporation meeting after dinner. So it all worked out for the best. Faithful volunteer Ken took care of getting the plates and silverware to the serving table. Larry and Carla Wright and Ken and Harold took care of the home deliveries. Ginger did the announcing, Pam was at the registration desk, and Bruce and Frances helped clear the tables after the meal. Ken even helped dish up the food since Joy was not available today. Thanks to all our volunteers.

Harold led the flag salute and Jack asked the blessing. The gift certificate donated by Chuck's Little Diner was won by Louise LaBaugh. We had 56 names on the book. The Blue Mountain Care Center didn't get to come.

Hopefully next week.

Tom's food for thought: Now and then it's good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy. Right on. And I was happy about our chicken a la king entrée with a green salad and applesauce. Really hit the spot. Then we all wait to see what wonderful dessert Marjean and Tom had whipped up. Would you believe chocolate pudding cake with ice cream? Umm, umm. Was it ever good. One of our tablemates had recently discovered that he was allergic to chocolate. Wouldn't that be terrible? But he could eat ice cream, so all was well.

After Ginger and I counted the money, we had our meeting to discuss the new by-laws. They were approved with a couple of additions and corrections. We will have them available for you to read through before voting on them on the 24th. So be sure to be here. If you happen to see something wrong with any of the various accouterments in the building or the surrounding grounds, please be sure to make us aware of it. It may already be on the list, but it's good to have a second opinion, OK?

Since we do not have a gift certificate for the week of the 24th, we will be drawing for a free meal for someone in the building that day. This will only happen when a month has five Wednesdays. Next one will be in May.

Proverbs 16:3, 4 "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. The Lord works out everything for His own ends..."

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



We are sure loving the spring-like weather these early days of the new year. Chatter says it won't last but it's pretty nice while it does. Merry Henry and Everett King were at the greeter's desk on Monday, Jan. 15. Table service was

provided by Al and Cathy Altnow, Karen Barrieta and Ron and Roberta Dowse from the First Christian Church. Al and Cathy had done the meal deliveries to John Day and Canyon City, while David Gill and Rodney Brunson from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Total deliveries made were 30 regular and 36 frozen meals. Great job, everyone. Lately, we have enjoyed the volunteer services of Jay Colson and Tom Roark, who have done setups. It makes me think of the scripture about many hands making fast work. I love our team.

Cathy Altnow opened our time by leading us in the pledge to our flag. The drawings went to Pat Amling, for the Len's Drug certificate, and Dale Stennett, who won the free meal. Pastor Al gave the blessing and we ate a great meal of navy beans and ham, hash browns, corn bread, carrot and raisin salad with strawberry ice cream for dessert. We had 28 diners.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, Merry Henry and I were greeters. Our friends were here from "Ye Old Thrift Shop" and the Methodist Church.

Sherry Feiger, Isa Larkin and Dolores Belden did table service. Ken and Shermayne Boethin did meal deliveries in John Day and Canyon City, while the guys from Step Forward, David Gill and Rodney Brunson, made deliveries to Mt. Vernon. Altogether they delivered 36 meals. Veanne also delivered 20 frozen meals.

It was our annual meeting, led by chairman Chris Labhart, and was begun with the flag salute led by Isa Larkin. We had our regular drawings in which Billie Bullard won the Valley View meal and Angela Binschus won the Chester's Thriftway certificate. Chris then announced that tickets handed out earlier would be drawn for "Grant County Bucks" in denominations of \$25 each. There were ten winners: Billie Bullard, Betty Starr, Drew Harmer, Shay Nelson, Isa Larkin, Norm Strawn, Balbina Escudero, Lisa Pereira, Dolores Belden and Pat Amling. They will be shopping in Grant County businesses to spread the good around.

Sherry Feiger said the blessing for our meal and we enjoyed a meal of corned beef hash, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, dinner rolls and chocolate pudding for dessert. We served 53 diners. Lon Davis brought his son Brian as a guest. Welcome, Brian.

Join us after lunch at 1 p.m. on Thursdays and play bingo. The big prize is going to be won any day now. On Thursday, Jan. 25, we'll have honey mustard chicken, and on Monday, Jan. 29, taquitos with chips and dip will be on the menu.

Psalm 116:1-2 (NIV) "I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. 2 Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Is everyone out there enjoying this crazy weather? I'm a little baffled with the ups and downs, but if we get any kind of moisture, I'll take it. We've had some very thick foggy days, some beautiful sunny days with a cold crisp chill, some

rainy and wet days, and a wee bit of snow. That all happened just this past week, seriously. Carrie Jewell and Christy Howell prepared for us one of my faves for our Tuesday meal. We were served up some hearty spaghetti, garlic bread, fresh green salad, and chocolate pudding with whipped cream for dessert. I was starving so I totally pigged out. We thank our cooks for a fabulous meal. Terry Cade was out with a bad back; we pray for a speedy recovery.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole, and Debbie Reid. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements, and prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Debbie collected and counted the money.

Olivia Hoodenpyl won the Len's Drug gift card. The free meal tickets went to Rickie Doland and Phoebe Yukawa. We thank all who support and sponsor these free prizes. The number of guests on the books was 44 with two take-outs.

One announcement was made by Lonnie Lawrence. Tai Chi is coming to Monument. Many have expressed interest in this class. It is going to be offered at NO CHARGE right after lunch on Tuesdays. An instructor from John Day will be coming out to give the class. The class is beneficial in gentle stretching and good for your general health. When we get the start dates, I will let you all know. Don't forget that our sewing class will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27. We start at 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We sew, some like to crochet, we visit, we laugh, and share a potluck meal at noon. Hope you can come and join us; we'd love to have ya.

Well, I was correct in my assumption that Dolly was preggers. Dolly gave birth to... drum roll please... twins! Yes, she had twins on Jan. 20, Saturday. They are cute. I named them Bonnie and Clyde. Bonnie looks just like her mama, a dwarf Nigerian, and dark with a white spot on her head. Clyde is mostly white with a few black spots. I'm really going to try and pet them more so I can tame them down. She probably didn't get pregnant for the last two years from all that stress from the nasty billy goats. I believe she is much happier now. Jill looks like she will be giving birth soon too. Uh oh. My goat numbers seem to be multiplying. I hope she doesn't have twins. That would send my poor hubby over the edge I think. (Laughing out loud.) Well, at least I'll have some "brush mowers."

Jude 1:14 "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints."

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