

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

### John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



My note-taking has failed. Feb. 26, a little over a week ago, I think I remember Olivia Cornell and Bonnie Kocis at the greeter's desk. If wrong, I am sorry.

I will do better. Our service group was from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Suzanne Taysom and Rachel Carpenter did table service after running the 2-hour meal deliveries for John Day and Canyon City, while David Gill and his crew took the Mt. Vernon deliveries.

Altogether, there were 36 regular and 36 frozen meals delivered. Thank you, faithful volunteers.

Suzanne opened our time together by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat Amling won the Len's Drug certificate, and Corinne Stennett won the free meal in the drawings.

Rachel gave the blessing on our meal. We loved the fish and chips with coleslaw, garlic toast and, for "National Pistachio Day," pistachio delight ice cream, of course. We filled four tables with diners.

Thanks to Old West Federal Credit Union for their gift of having our parking lot cleared of snow.

I can't name the angel who did the work for us and other local places, but Tom Roark is a great friend of ours here at the John Day Senior Center.

I also heard that Carl Swank snuck in before we were here to clear the walks. Thanks so much.

Thursday, March 1, found Jeanette Julsrud and Everett King at the desk. Our service group was from the John Day Church of the Nazarene, led by Trace Andrew. With her were Dale and Corinne Stennett, Vickie Harrison, Everett King and Pastor Randy Johnson. Joan and Joel Tayles made deliveries to the John Day and Canyon City area, while the Step Forward crew, led by David Gill, made the deliveries to Mt. Vernon. Hot meals delivered totaled 38. I know that every single one was appreciated.

Dale Stennett led us in a rousing Pledge of Allegiance to open our time together, and our drawing produced winners, David Turner (Chester's Thriftway certificate) and Carl Swank (free Valley View meal).

Pastor Randy led us in thanksgiving for a wonderful meal. We ate hand-breaded chicken fried steak with mashed potatoes and cream gravy, veggies, whole wheat dinner rolls and birthday cake, thanks to Driskill Memorial Chapel. Per Lisa: It was "National Dad Gum It's Good Day," and we all agreed.

March 8, we'll have spaghetti, and March 11, we'll have chicken and white bean chili. Come play bingo every Thursday after lunch.

Chef Shay Lewis is finally going to see a doctor (an endocrinologist) who could uncover the mystery of all of those broken ribs he has been having. Please pray for him.

*Psalm 84:10 "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."*

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



For our last meal of the month of February, our cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell made us some nice hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots and cooler cake for our dessert.

They did a great job of feeding a hungry crowd.

Our greeters were Bodean Andersen, Debbie Reid and Linda Blakeslee. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and prayed the blessing of our meal for us. Debbie and Linda collected and counted the money.

Rusty Baughman was the fortunate winner of the Chester's Thriftway gift card. Ed Falls and Donna Campbell both won free meal tickets. We thank all the generous sponsors.

We had Trisha Davis of Mitchell join us for lunch along with Mark W. and four students from the Portland area. These students came with the teacher from Skills USA to do some welding at Monument School.

Lonnie Lawrence had a call from Katee from Canyon City regarding help for any of our veterans. Please contact her for assistance.

Jan Ensign made the announcement that the grant for a new mixer and dishwasher for the senior center has come in. We thank the Lord and all who made it possible.

Mark your calendars. The rummage sale will be held on April 21. I'm sure that you will find that "special treasure" you've been looking

for. Donations are now being accepted. These include gently used clothing and working appliances and the like. Drop-off days would be Tuesdays.

The snow is slowly melting here in Monument. There's lots of patchy snow areas still in the upper elevations. I won't complain; we sure need it. I think many of us were a little shocked that we got so much snow all of a sudden. Because of some sunny days we've been having, the snow has become more wet. Well, this called for some snowmen making and, yes, most definitely some snowball fights.

My little "kids," aka the baby goats, are romping and jumping around in the snow. I let them out of the shed since we've been having some very gorgeous sunny days. They love to jump around and play. They have untied my snowshoes and have nibbled or tried to nibble on my clothes and gloves. They are quite curious little creatures.

I know this may sound a little weird, but I don't know why I love to watch the animals chewing and chomping on the hay and grass. I find it totally fascinating and relaxing to watch them eat. I mean, I could sit there for hours and just watch them eat and eat. Of course, I wonder what the grass tastes like and other such thoughts. Do they "enjoy" it? You know, kind of like how some of us love to eat and food tastes so good to us.

Hopefully in a month or two, I can start to think about planning my garden for the summer. I hope I get to plant lots of different veggies.

*Proverbs 10:27 "The fear of the LORD prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened."*

### Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Ah, the last day of February. Only three more weeks till spring. And if you have lived in Grant County any length of time, you know that the date on the calendar will probably not mean a thing. We just hope it gets here by May 1. So it was our February birthday recognition day. Ginger found three February celebrants. And it was Ken Koser's birthday. He tried to wiggle out of acknowledging it, but it was kind of hard to do when Marjean was letting everyone know. One of the others was on Feb. 29, so we celebrated hers, too. The winner of the \$10 gift certificate donated by Huffman's Market was Jimmy Lunzmann. So we all sang Happy Birthday to all three celebrants. Juan Rubio led the flag salute, and Carla Wright asked the blessing. We were sorry to hear that the Retherfords have been ill with the Grant County crud. Get well soon, OK? We miss you.

Larry, Ken, Carlos and Scott took care of the home deliveries. Pam was at her post at the registration desk. Leone, Bonnie and Del helped with the cleanup afterward. Carla and I counted the money. There were 58 names on the book. And we ate baked pork chops with cheese, rice, coleslaw, fruit cocktail and German chocolate cake for dessert. Wow, was it ever good. We also have mango and grape juice, milk and buttermilk, coffee, decaf and tea for your drinking enjoyment.

Lorna and Krystin brought Thelma Kite, Marilyn Randall, Bud Salisbury and Gordon

Sindt from the Blue Mountain Care Center. Other first-timers were Elsie Huskey and Mike Rose. Welcome and come again.

The pet peeve of the day is the ubiquitous phone tree used by most businesses these days. It might be handy for the business, but it sure raises the blood pressure for the poor soul who is trying to reach a live person, especially if you are not expecting it to be a phone tree. Called a medical establishment (who shall remain nameless) to inquire about a future appointment. Was dismayed to encounter the dreaded phone tree. But I listened and did as instructed and left a message. No call back for 24 hours. So called again and got an expanded message: In an emergency, call these numbers for the doctor. All right. That's good to have. So left another message. Still no word. Two hours later, I tried again. After another two hours, I called the doctor's cell number. A very quizzical voice answered. Told them who I was and what the problem was and they were very surprised. But, lo and behold, the IT guy was there so he put me on speaker so he could hear my unhappiness with this "modern" convenience. They had all kinds of reasons why my message never got through. Not my problem. So the doctor answered my question and I left them to their head-scratching. Why can I call big companies and get a live operator, but little businesses think they have to "keep up with the changing times?" There is a happy medium between old and slow and new and fast. End of rant.

*Ecclesiastes 7:10 "Do not say, 'Why were the old days better than these?' For it is not wise to ask such questions."*

# Church Services In Grant County

You are Invited

## CALVARY CHAPEL

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

John Day, Oregon

WWW.STRAWBERRYFELLOWSHIP.ORG  
170 SE DAYTON ST. JOHN DAY, OR 97845  
541.406.0277

### 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

### 3ABN

Three Angels Broadcasting Network

TV & Radio Networks  
Tune into KSPL 98.1 FM  
Valley View Broadcasting  
PO Box 540 John Day  
Antenna: Digital Channel 15  
Blue Mountain Cable Channel 2

### 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. Crabbe, 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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### Living Word Christian Center

Celebration of Worship  
Sunday - 5:30 pm  
Bible Study Thursday - 6:30pm  
Overcomers Outreach Friday - 6:30pm  
Hwy 26, Mt. Vernon 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

### 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.fccjohnday.com