

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

**John Day Seniors**

Nicky Essex



These weeks slip by me lately, with my memory letting me down. I forget more birthdays than I remember. Too much going on I guess. We had a good group at the senior center on Monday, April 2, with Olivia Cornell and myself at the greeter's desk. The Hospital Auxiliary was on hand to do our table service, for the second time back to back, filling in for another group on short notice. Thanks to Kris Labhart and her crew for stepping up so nicely. There were 31 regular and 24 frozen meals delivered that day.

Without our volunteers I don't know how the senior center would function. Thank you so much to every one of you who helps us keep things running! Don Porter opened our time together by leading the flag salute, Nadine Smith won the drawing for the Len's Drug certificate and Deda Porter won the free meal. Dale Stennett gave the blessing on our meal, and we seriously enjoyed breakfast lasagna with hash browns and peaches and then to commemorate Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, Lisa made PB and jelly cookies for our dessert. Lisa was off, but prepared them in advance, and Anne Lewis was here helping her hubby, Shay, in the kitchen.

Chris Labhart gave announcements, which included a warning not to be taken in by phone calls saying they are calling because you failed to report for jury duty. They try to get you to send money for "fines." Don't trust anyone who tries to

solicit money over the phone that way. On Thursday, April 5, Drew Harmer and Everett King were there to "man" the desk. The Nazarene Church group, led by Trace Andrew, was here doing table service. With Trace was Vickie Harrison, Jessie Elliott, Dale Stennett, Everett King and Duane Andrew. Joan and Joel Tayles took out meals to John Day and Canyon City, while our Step Forward crew had a new leader, Mariah Boyd. Welcome and thanks, Mariah. They took their regular route in Mt. Vernon. Altogether, there were 31 meals delivered.

Duane opened our time by leading the flag salute, Vickie won the Chester's Thriftway gift and Duane Andrew won the Valley View meal. Everett gave the blessing on our meal, and we held our breath as food came out to the tables. This was advertised as our "April Fools" meal, and we never know what Shay, Lisa, Veanne and Danny might come up with, but there is never a dull moment here. There were different entrées, all sponsored by Pat Amling in memory of her husband, Chuck. Some tables had meatloaf; others had meatballs. There were baked potatoes on some tables, mashed potatoes on others. We had gravy for all and miscellaneous vegetables here and there. But the desserts were all to celebrate the birthday of the month. Our table had cherry pie. Thursday, we'll have beef and potato bake, and then Monday, April 16, we'll have mushroom and spinach quiche. Reminder: The kitchen is a busy and dangerous place. Please don't come in unless you are serving. Communicate through the window. Thanks.

*Matthew 28:6 "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said!"*

**Monument Seniors**

Soo Yukawa



We had a scrumptious meal of beef stroganoff, garlic bread, fresh green salad and chocolate cake for our dessert. Did that just make your mouth water, hmmm? We thank our great cooks Terry Cade, Carrie Jewell and Teawna Conklin for their efforts and hard work.

Our greeters at the front table were Bodean Andersen, Jimmy Cole and Linda Blakeslee. Bodean led us in the flag salute, made the announcements and prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Linda collected and counted the money. Working behind the scenes was Jan Ensign. We thank everyone that supports and volunteers their time and service for our Monument Senior Center.

Judy Harris had a free raffle going so everyone who walked in the door to join us for lunch received a raffle ticket and a chance to win a couple of prizes. The prize winners were Judy Bustardo from Fossil and Teawna Conklin of Kimberly.

Our regular prizes, the Len's Drug gift card went to Pam Calahan. The winners of the free meal tickets were Judy Bustardo and Mia Yukawa.

We had some visitors who came to eat with us. We were glad to have Bruce Hansen come and dine with us all the way from Sauvie Island in Portland. He also brought with him a full trailer and truck with items for our upcoming rummage sale. We thank him for hauling all that stuff for us

and his donations. I saw some items that I think would interest quite a few people. We also had among our guests, Ryan and Nora, our tai chi instructors from John Day. I participated last week, but I had to go home after lunch this time due to a headache. I definitely recommend the class; it was helpful. Our total number of guests on the books for April 3 was 40 and 10 takeouts.

We send our condolences to Jeanne and Bruce Strange. Jeanne's mom just passed away. We pray for the Lord's comfort and peace during this difficult time.

We have some exciting news for the senior center. We received our grant money, and the Monument Senior Center will soon have in working order a new mixer, a new oven and a new dishwasher. We thank all who helped to make it happen. We appreciate everyone's involvement and dedication for the senior center.

Please mark your calendars for the sale of the century! OK, maybe not quite that caliber, but it will still be a great event. You may find your treasure that you've been searching for. The Monument rummage sale will be occurring April 21-22. There will be all sorts of stuff that might entice you to buy something. There is always something great that one always finds at these sort of events.

Lastly, there's an EMT dinner in the month of May. Please come and help support our EMTs.

*1 Corinthians 8:6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him."*

**Prairie City Seniors**

Rose Coombs



Met a fellow pinochle player in the post office after the meal. Her comment: "Where the elite meet." I like that. Come to dinner and hang out with the other "elite."

The local American Legion post held a raffle this spring and the winners are: Iva Gill, \$250 worth of items donated by Better Blooms and Gardens; Jenny Workman, \$100 worth of items donated by Front and Center; and Carl Swank, the wagon full of goodies. Good job, fellas.

Don't forget the bingo party on April 13 at the school.

We were saddened to learn of the death of our friends Amos Cardwell and Joann Wilson. Our condolences to their families. They both were long-time supporters of the Prairie City Senior Center.

Seeing as how it was spring break time in Washington state, Nancy Viggers had her son, daughter-in-law and grandson visiting. And they always come to dinner and help clean up. Nice to see them all. Nadine Smith has also returned from wintering in the south.

Larry Wright led the flag salute, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. The \$5 gift card donated by Len's Drug went to Kathy Lewis. Larry, Ken and Scott made the deliveries. We had 62 names on the registration book.

Ginger announced that if you are able, there is always cleanup work to do after the meal. The Viggers boys jumped right in to lend a hand. Thanks, guys.

We have decided to have pinochle every Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. Still trying to teach the other players how to use the poker chips. Come join us. If you don't know how to play, come and learn. It's good for the brain.

The meal had turkey a la king over pop-overs, savory rice, green salad, peaches and tropical lime cake for dessert. Scrumdiddlyumptious.

Made it to all the out-of-county medical appointments, and Derrol has been pronounced fit as a fiddle. One more this month. Hallelujah. I want to stay home and work in the yard.

There is a fundraiser for the fifth and sixth grades' OMSI trip making the rounds. It's called "You've Been Flocked." Neighbor Marnie has between 30 and 40 pink flamingos in her yard. You pay to have them removed to someone else's yard. I must say that they look better than the purple potty that appeared in my front yard several years ago.

I want to give a hearty thank you to our faithful jack-of-all-trades, Tom Roark. When he learned that the new office needed to have the new sheet rock mudded and taped, he offered to do it for me since I was busy attending to Derrol's medical needs. Thank you so much, Tom. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel now.

*Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."*

**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

**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. Crabbs, 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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**Fox Community Church**  
FULL GOSPEL Pastor Al Altnow  
Sunday Service 3pm  
Fox, Oregon • 541-421-5542

**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 6:30pm  
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  
& Communion .....10 am  
2nd, 4th & 5th 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.fcjohnday.com

**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