

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



What a busy week. We start out in our friendly, peaceful senior center on July 2, with Olivia Cornell and Ron Dowse at the greeter's desk. Our table service was provided by Isa Larkin and Chris Yriarte from the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary. Isa and Chris began their day with two hours of delivering meals to John Day and Canyon City, while David Gill and Rodney from Step Forward took out meals to Mt. Vernon. This faithful group of volunteers delivered 25 regular meals and 66 frozen meals altogether. Thank you all.

Isa opened our time together by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The drawings produced winners Ron Dowse, for the Len's Drug gift card, and Pat Ameling, for the free meal. Ron gave a warm blessing on our meal. We enjoyed shrimp lo mein, egg rolls, Asian slaw and fortune cookies for dessert. Mine read, "Do not look for wisdom here — for I am just a cookie."

We welcomed new guests Carol and Reg LeQuieu.

Tai chi went well. Come and join us right after lunch on Monday. No charge.

On Thursday, July 5, Everett King and Jeanette Julsrud had greeter duties, and John Day Church of the Nazarene was here to serve us. Joan and Joel Tayles took out meals for homebound friends to John Day and Canyon City and the Step Forward Crew took the Mt. Vernon meals. Altogether

er they delivered 31 meals. Trace and Duane Andrew, Everett King, Jessie Elliott and Roseanne, with a couple of "step up helpers," served us barbecue pork ribs, cheesy new potatoes, corn bread muffins, green salad and corn on the cob. Our meal was sponsored by Claws and Paws Pet Sitting, Chris Labhart. The dessert celebrated "July Birthday of the Month" with a much larger sheet cake than usual. Yummy. This is always sponsored by Driskill Memorial Chapel. Troy Hanson with Amber Wright representing Driskill's were here to have lunch as well as to step up and help serve. Thanks so much. Troy said the regular size cake made servings too small. A man with a heart for sure.

We welcomed guests Burrell Moulton, Tom Grimsley, Vivian Rookstool and Louise LaBaugh. Come again soon. We had 44 diners and good food as well as fun with friends.

Duane Andrew led us in the flag salute, and drawings produced winners Dusty Harris, who won the Chester's Thriftway gift card, and Janice Hunt, winner of the Valley View meal. Trace Andrew prayed for our meal. We have much to be thankful for on this celebration of our country's birthday.

I have to tell you I won the very special handmade gift, donated by an anonymous friend. I will love cuddling up in my red, white and blue crocheted afghan. Thank you so much.

Ephesians 5:1-2 "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Hope everyone had a most wonderful Fourth of July. Monument had a very busy day with the jubilee going on at the park, food, games, auctions, merchandise sales and, of course, the fireworks finale at 10 p.m. I just love living out here in this little town. It just feels like everyone is family. In the big city, people literally are complete strangers, but out here, you meet someone, and that someone knows someone you know, you know? Did you get that? Ha.

We had yet another great crowd come through the senior center lunch, 66 guests on the books and three take-outs. It sure kept our cooks Carrie Jewell and Teawna Jewell busy feeding the hungry lot. We thank them for their tireless efforts and hard work.

Our greeters were Jimmy Cole, Linda Blakeslee and Kristi Guimont. Jimmy and Kristi collected and counted the money. Judy Harris led us in the flag salute and made the announcements. Yours truly prayed the blessing over our meal.

The free meal tickets were won by Max Breeding and Megan (a visitor — I won't even try and spell her last name, as I'm sure I'd botch it up). Jan Ensign won the Len's Drug gift card.

We had lots of visitors join us, which included Betty Breeding's family. She had nieces, grandchildren and brothers and sisters. We also

welcomed back the Williams/McDonald family. They came to help celebrate our Independence Day festivities.

Well, it looks like the heat is on. We've had a couple of days so far over 100 degrees. Yup, I'd say that summer is definitely here now. I think I prefer the winter. I don't like to get sweaty and melt. We try to go out early in the morning when it is still cool out and do our chores. When it is hot, it's nice to not have to walk up and down our long driveway and take the ATV. I must remember to keep my mouth closed at all times when riding on the ATV. I've almost ingested some bugs, but thank goodness, I had my mouth closed.

We are raising a couple of pigs this summer. My son named them Porkchop and Applesauce. They are getting nice and plump. They are a little weird. They like to hide under the prickly thistle and sleep there too. I don't know how they can stand getting all poked by the thistle. I find it fascinating that they can grow so quickly and be ready to be butchered in six months. Yes, we most definitely like to eat pork chops, yum.

We moved our goats back to their goat pen. The weeds and grass in there got out of control. I hope they eat it down. I need to tame down Bonnie again. I'm afraid I've neglected her, and she has forgotten me. Maybe I can coax and bribe her with some grain? Goats are kinda picky about their treats, too. It's kind of a myth: They don't eat anything and everything.

Psalm 25:14 "The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him."

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



What a great day the Fourth of July was. Not too hot, not too windy and lots of people on the parade route. Thanks to all for joining us on this Independence Day. We found out one thing: 6 pounds of candy does not go very far. But others made up for it. I'm curious when it became the fashion to throw candy during a parade. Do the big ones in Portland, Pasadena, Chicago and New York do it? I don't remember seeing candy thrown from those fantastic floats. So why must we?

In case you didn't get to see our float, we had two tables on it. One was for the pinochle players and one represented people eating the Wednesday meal. And it was really nice to have something to do while waiting for the cannon boom. And would you believe that Delores and Carla got another 300 pinochle?

Son Joel and family were in the crowd, but I didn't see them until we had returned to the hall to un-decorate. That's the thing about being in the parade rather than watching. You don't get to see the rest of the entrants except the ones in front and behind you. Kudos to the committee who put it all together.

Heard once that there was a reading of the Declaration of Independence by some group somewhere. (Now there's a great factual statement.) Anyway, I thought that those who read it would be surprised and/or shocked by some of the reasons given in the document for our declaration. Most of us can

agree with the taxation-without-representation part. But what about some of the things that were important then, but not now? Remember that the ultimate authority at that time was the king of England, so the items listed were directed to him.

"He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

"He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable and distant from the depository of their public records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

"He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness, his invasions of the rights of the people.

"He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries.

"He has erected a multitude of New Offices and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People and eat out their substance.

"He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

"He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns and destroyed the lives of our people."

Fifty-six men signed this document. The last line read, "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Revelations 12:11 " ... they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

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

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

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
 Sunday Youth Group 3 pm
 Thursday Celebrate Recovery 6 pm
 Pastor Levi Manitsas
 cornerstonejohnday@gmail.com
 ccfjd.org

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 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

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 Sunday Worship • 9AM
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 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
 Jr./Sr. High
 Youth Connection
 Contact the office for current schedule
Overcomer's Outreach
 Fridays 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 & 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

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
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 541-575-1202 Church
 311 NE Dayton St, John Day
 Pastor Al Altnow
 www.fcjohnday.com