

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



On Monday, Aug. 6, oh, was it hot. Looking back, it only got worse. Merry Henry and Olivia Cornell were greeting.

The hospital auxiliary ladies, Mary Jones and Gloria Kulis, took deliveries to John Day and Canyon City before serving at tables. David Gill and Rodney from Step Forward did the Mt. Vernon route. Altogether, they delivered 27 regular and 64 frozen meals. Good job to you all. I love our volunteers! Merry opened our time together by leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Yog Harris won the drawing for the Len's Drug gift card, and Roberta Dowse won the two free meals. Dale Stennett gave a lovely blessing on our meal, on the hands that prepared it and on our country. Lisa told me this was National Root Beer Float Day and Wiggle Your Toes Day. I lost to the floats, but I wiggled my toes whenever no one was looking.

We had hamburgers with all the trimmings and BLT pasta salad. We all loved the floats. We had four-plus tables full and welcomed back Darlene Nodine after a year on a mission trip. We also welcomed Carol and Ron Bright from Mt. Vernon. We will be having tai chi here on Mondays after lunch, about 12:30 p.m., and are happy to have Ron Flores as our form leader. He just wants to be one of us, not a teacher, but he really is familiar with a lot of forms and can help us.

On Thursday, Aug. 9, Jeanette Julsrud and Olivia Cornell were at the greeter's desk, and Cornerstone church did our table service. Thanks to Carla and Andy Anderson, Linda Sprouffske, Zola Pike and Henry and Alecia Miller for taking such good care of us. Jeanette and Veanne filled in for our regular delivery folks to take meals to John Day and Canyon City, as David and Rodney from Step Forward delivered to Mt. Vernon. Altogether, they delivered 34 meals. Thank you to all! Zola led us in the salute to the flag, Linda won the drawing for Chester's Thriftway's gift card and Helen Bogart won the drawing for two free meals here. Andy gave a wonderful devotional blessing on our meal.

Everett King sponsored our meal, and Shay made delicious, yummy pork loin with gravy and sweet potatoes, cheesy veggies, dinner rolls and, in honor of National Rice Pudding Day, Lisa made a cinnamon-flavored rice pudding. We filled six tables. Great. We had some of our regulars from Valley View, including Larry and Linda Christiansen who dined with Lynda's dad, Chuck Corwin, Betty Sprague, Norma Ryer-son, Helen Bogart, Lois Bidasolo and their fearless leader, Kim Ausland. It's so nice to see Leone and Bob Meador regularly, too. Welcome, Annette Perry.

We learned that our dear friend Maryanne Morris has passed away. We will miss you, dear one.

*Hebrews 12:14 "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."*

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Well, how is everyone doing? Did you survive the heat wave? It sure was hot and intense. I thought I came here to get away from the hot California sunny weather. Ha. It did make my corn and zucchini plants take off.

My romaine lettuce is now trying to bolt. I am thankful that we got to enjoy fresh lettuce, and I believe we will at least for another few weeks more before it becomes tough and bitter. I did plant the next batch so maybe I will have new lettuce by the time the older batch goes to seed. I am definitely saving this variety of lettuce seeds. Would anyone like some of the seed? Shoot me an email or snail mail me.

Our greeters were Jimmy Cole, Linda Blakeslee and Kristi Guimont. Judy Harris led us in the flag salute and also made the announcements. Yours truly prayed the blessing over the meal. We had 45 guests on the books and four takeouts.

Our cooks, Carrie Jewell and Teawna Jewell, made us a nice meal of tater tot casserole, boiled carrots, cookies and sliced pears for dessert. We thank our cooks for their hard and dedicated work.

We had a few visitors that came to enjoy the lunch with us. We had Tina Allus and Andy Shutz. Tina had her son and his whole family. Her son's name was Matti, along with his wife, Livia. Their kids were Lukas (7 years old) and Nella (4 years old). They

were visiting from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. I hope they enjoyed their stay.

Judy Harris is having a couple of raffles going on currently. She has a quilt and rifle raffle to raise some money. The drawing will be held during the Buckaroo Festival in September. You need not be present in order to win.

The winners of the free meals were Jan Ensign and Matti Allas. The lucky winner of the Len's Drug gift card was Betty Breeding.

So I've been exacting my revenge on the nasty grasshoppers. I think the most I caught was about 100 at one time. I fed them to my chickens, and there was a frenzy. I thought it was an appropriate measure of poetic justice. I found a mother lode of the buggers on some thistle. They had gorged themselves so much on the leaves that they were quite fat and meaty.

I found a way to pick them off without me getting hurt by those sharp thistle needle points. I used my disposable chopsticks. I grabbed them by the head and then I got a good hold of their legs and abdomen.

Of course, I pop them in my cheese jar, and after a while, I take them over to the chickens. When they hear me shaking those grasshoppers in the jar, they come tearing over to wait for their delectable treats. Yes, I have trained them well. Ha. Yes, it gives me quite a satisfied feeling that they are being eaten by the chickens and receiving my just revenge for eating the fruits of my labor.

*Psalms 37:3 "Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture."*

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Old business: FedEx does not do business on the weekend, so the overnight shipment from San Francisco to Oregon City did not take place until Monday. But they said it would be there at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, and it was! PTL. Now they can begin enjoying their time in the USA. If you don't know what I'm talking about, you need to read last week's column — or ask somebody who has.

New business: We went to the Old Mill doctor's office and satisfied them that Derrol's thumb is doing OK. Then to the therapy people and got half of the removable cast removed and got some exercises. 'Twas a long day. Back again in September.

On the next day, we got our semi-annual teeth cleaning done. Wednesday we got to stay in Prairie City for senior dinner! And lots of people signed up for it, too — 73. We had pineapple chicken over rice, kale salad, cantaloupe pieces and a chocolate chip zucchini cake with vanilla swirl ice cream. Delicious.

The flag salute was led by Bob Meador, and the blessing was given by Jack Retherford. The free meal for two, donated by Valley View Assisted Living, was won by Sandra Hawk.

Our summer helper Ellie let us know that she is going to be showing a turkey at the fair. She explained how that was done, and it sounded very interesting. It will be available for purchase, so attend the auction and bid.

Due to the fair being next week, we opted not to have a board meeting on the third Wednesday as directed in the by-laws. We did have a mini-meeting to dispense information on some of the projects that we are pursuing on the hall. The swamp cooler is trying to go on the freezer. That is not good at this point. Always something to take care of, right? Which leads to a big thank you to those who volunteer to help in the kitchen and clean up before and after the meals. May your tribe increase.

Lorna and Shauntele brought Marilyn Randall, Mary Crawford and Sandra Burns from the Blue Mountain Care Center.

I was impressed with Ken Koser's T-shirt: "The Second Amendment — America's Original Homeland Security."

So we went to Baker Thursday. One of the stops between appointments was at the Salvation Army Thrift Store. As we were about to enter, a lady hollered at me from across the parking lot to wait as she had something for me. And I thought, what? A petition, a tract? Neither. She was on a mission to give out a gift package as a random act of kindness to someone each day. And I was the chosen one! I was speechless. She gave me a hug and a "God bless," jumped in her car and drove away. I'm still in shock — the items in the gift package are all very useful, too. Thank you, Lord, for this lady. May her tribe increase, also.

*Galatians 5:22,23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

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. 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

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

**JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Sunday Worship • 9AM  
(541) 575-1326  
johndayUMC@gmail.com  
126 NW Canton, John Day  
Food Pantry Friday 3-4p.m.  
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**St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**  
Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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  
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