

Grant County Historical Museum Director Peggy Murphy demonstrates an antique pump-action vacuum cleaner found among the shelves of implements on display.

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# Museum's 'End of Summer' event offers fun for whole family

Living history, crafts and games featured

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History will come to life at the Grant County Historical Museum's End of Summer Back to School Celebration.

A special event at the Canyon City museum is set for 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, and will provide a fun, family learning environment with living history, games, crafts and ice cream.

Admission is \$2 a person, with ages 6 and under free.

Museum Director Peggy Murphy said one of the museum volunteers will be dressed as Major Magone.

It is said the first fish placed

in nearby Magone Lake arrived in the 1880s when Major Joseph Magone, a former Civil War officer, carried buckets of brook trout from the John Day Valley to the lake.

"Presenting our local history through presentations and enactments with museum volunteers dressed in period costume is a way to bring history alive for both adults and children," Murphy said. "Many of the stories portray character traits of perseverance, hard work, honesty, leadership and building community."

She said that once visitors enter the museum they're surprised by the expanse of the space and the variety of artifacts and history.

People will find a room dedicated to music and a Native American room, as well as period clothing, household implements, tools, horse tack, guns,

photographs and much more on display.

At the front of the museum is a gift shop with books, candy, toys and activities, polished rocks and vials of gold, silver and iron pyrite.

Murphy said she's set a goal of 2,000 visitors for the season, which ends Saturday, Sept. 29 — so far, 1,420 people had been through the museum as of Aug. 11. The museum's regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The regular cost of admission is \$4 for adults ages 17-61, \$3.50 for seniors 62 and up, \$2 for youths 7-16 and free for those under age 7 and Blue Star military families.

The museum is located at 101 S. Canyon City Boulevard, 2 miles south of the stoplight in John Day.

For more information, call the museum at 541-575-0362.

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### Prairie City Seniors

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PRAIRIE CITY — The most important thing to report is that the pros came and checked on the swamp cooler and determined that all it needed was a new filter. Hooray and hallelujah! And since we opened the door to the new library

area, we can plug it in in there and take some pressure off the circuit breaker that's running a lot of other items. So the hall was cool enough for all the new people that appeared. Welcome to all of you. Come back again.

Carla Wright led the flag salute and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. Carlos, Ken and Larry did their home deliveries. Ginger thanked all who donate time, treasure, or talent to the operation of this enterprise. We thank Prospector Ice for their donations of bags of ice for our cold drinks. It has been very helpful this year. The gift certificate donated by Chuck's Little Diner went to Phyllis Schultz. We had 66 names on the book.

A special thanks goes to Ren Kilpatrick for helping assistant cook Joy. Head cook Marjean was ill, but is recovering. And this was Joy's last day, so if you want a small but important job, apply. The particulars are in the paper. And speaking of paper, we used paper plates and cups to cut down on the water consumption during this emergency, if you wanted to know.

So on our paper plates was beef and broccoli, egg flower soup, lo mein (spaghetti and veggies), (are you seeing a pattern here?) rice, fruit cup (mandarin oranges and pineapple). Dessert was a big square of lemon-

zucchini-blueberry cake with frosting. Wow! This was another one of those meals that I have never had. Good job, Joy, Scott and Ren.

Was good to see Betty Elliot. She will be moving soon to be closer to family. The Tuckers had their daughter and grandsons with them. Lorna and Geryl brought Gordon Sindt, Thelma Kite, Carl Lino and Mary Crawford from the Blue Mountain Care Center.

We had a good time playing pinocle. Del and I won — again. Every time I make a fantastic play, I remember that I learned that from my dad. Drew keeps coming up with strange-to-us-rules. We tell him that we are too old to learn anything new. We only know how to play vintage 'Pool Hall' rules.

Bert and family and in-laws made it over the mountain to visit this last weekend. We all had Sunday dinner at Joel's in Canyon City — 15 in attendance. Then on Tuesday they all went up to Magone Lake and fished from the boat. The joke was that since they couldn't have a fire, they would put the grill in the boat and as they caught a fish, they would just put it right on the grill. Eliminate the middleman, as it were. They did manage to catch a twenty-inch trout to take back to Portland. And we made sure that Mrs. Szymt did not lose her passport in the lake.

Joel's next project in my house is to replace the 40-plus year old floor covering in the kitchen/dining room. The top is separating from the bottom. Looks weird...

Hebrews 1:12 "You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

### John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



JOHN DAY — This week, I enjoyed some volunteer work at the fair in the Right to Life booth, then ate some yummy food and other stuff. (Do elephant ears fall in the food category or the abuse category? Yummy though.) Got to spend a couple of hours at the Old Time

Fiddlers stage too. I miss family at the fair, but a dear friend is probably as close as family these days. While sitting at the music venue, over all of the carnival noise, I heard screams that I recognized and thank goodness her wrist phone worked. I asked if that was her screaming and she said yes, she was fine, and I said, "OK!" That is a great little invention.

The Lutheran Church group of Bonnie and Francis Kocis, Betty Holznelg, Jeanette Kile and Bobbie and Buzz Gilmore served us. Bonnie and Francis first did meal deliveries to John Day and Canyon City while David Gill and the Step Forward Group took meals to Mt. Vernon. Altogether they delivered two regular and 32 frozen meals. Betty opened our time by leading us in the pledge to our flag. Drawing winners were Gene Essex, who won the Len's Drug certificate, and Ron Douse, who won the two free meals. Francis gave our blessing and we enjoyed hot ham and cheese hoagies with potato salad. We also had fresh watermelon and cantaloupe topped off with chocolate chip cookies.

Buzz told us they had been busy moving daughter Levana and her husband Phillip and their sons, Landon and Blaine, here from Alabama. Levana will be our new music teacher. Many thanks to Kim, who catered the bike event last week, for the very generous food donation. We were also recipients of fresh oranges and lettuce, from Lake Creek Camp. Thanks so much.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, Merry and Olivia were on the greeter's desk. Sherry Feiger led the Methodist Church group of Dolores Belden, Isa Larkin, Margie Conlee and Louise Nelson to serve at tables, and Jean Willey did silverware and table set up. Isa led the flag salute, Carol Bright won the Chester's Thriftway gift card and Louise Nelson won the two free meals. Sherry gave an inspirational blessing and then we enjoyed smoked barbecue brisket, baked beans, savory rice salad and cornbread muffins. To celebrate National Rum Day, Lisa served "party animal" ice cream. She is so much fun.

We had special guests Mark and Toni Greer dining with us, visiting from Weiser, Idaho, here for our Grant County Fair. Toni is president of the Old Time Fiddler's Association and was very much a part of the great program at the fair. We also had District 60 Representative Lynn Findley here for lunch. Lots of excitement this week.

Save this date, Sept. 22, for Monument's Buckaroo Festival!

Romans 8:26 NIV "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yuhawa



MONUMENT — Summer is quickly moving along and it sure has been a very busy summer. I don't recall my summers being as busy as this one. I am really looking forward to the slow months of the winter. Yes, I am anticipating the cold winter months, where I will be inside all snug as a bug

in a rug and cozy in my warm home, wrapped up in a fuzzy blanket. Doesn't that paint a nice picture in your mind over this crazy and intense heat? That's the best part about our God-given imaginations, we can dream.

Let's see now, we had our usual greeters for our Tuesday lunch. Our greeters were Jimmy Cole, Linda Blakeslee and Kristi Guimont. Jimmy and Linda 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.

Our cooks Teawna Jewell and Terry Hamilton prepared for us a delicious meal of lasagna, fresh green salad, garlic bread, fruit and cookies for dessert. I think it was a hit and we thoroughly enjoyed the meal. Thank you to our cooks!

The winner of the Len's Drug gift card went to Marilee Turley of Kimberly. The lucky winners of the free meal tickets went to Larry Voght and Bokin Lawrence. We thank all our sponsors for their generous support.

Judy Harris had three free raffle drawings. All who came to lunch received a

free raffle ticket. The three winners were Jimmy Cole, Teawna Jewell and Sylvia Cockrell.

Katee Hoffman from the Veterans Services office in John Day was present and she is available for any assistance for our vets here in Grant County.

Don't forget that we are having the Buckaroo and Fall Harvest Festival next month. You won't want to miss out on the great dinner of salmon and elk with all the fixings. There will be live auctions and other activities as well. Save the date. It is Sept. 22.

Lisa Newburger is running a fundraiser with the assistance of Schwan's to help raise money for the Silent Wave Horse Rescue. You can support her cause by either ordering online or ordering by phone. When you order Schwan's foods by Dec. 22, 2018, a percentage of your order will be contributed towards the fundraising goal. I believe there is a flyer out in the lobby of the senior center for more info, or you may want to contact Lisa for help. Lisa thanks everyone for your support.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Oct. 20. There will be a sewing class for this day and Judy has a special project she wants to share with everyone and help us make it. The class will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and we share a potluck at noon. Can't wait!

We've had a crazy influx of grasshoppers, earwigs, yellow jackets and wasps. Be careful out there, the wasps and yellow jackets are especially active and have been biting!

Galatians 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

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