

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

### John Day Seniors

Nicky Essex



Just so you know, Gene and I had the first snow in our yard on our 55th anniversary! We also had the first snow on our 53rd and 52nd anniversaries. For all I know, it may happen every year. I just recently realized this monumental piece of news.

On Monday, Nov. 26, Ron Dowse and I were greeting, and we were also trying to close out our second silent auction. As promised, if you didn't pay and pick up your items by the deadline, you lost out, and someone else got a chance to take them. We are setting up our next auction, and you are welcome to begin bidding. Pay attention to the closing date; you need to make arrangements to pay and pickup within one week of the auction close date.

Our service was provided by Darlene Nodine and Ineta Carpenter from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They began their day by delivering meals to our friends in John Day and Canyon City while our friends from Step Forward, led by David Gill and Rodney, delivered to those in Mt. Vernon. Altogether, these wonderful volunteers delivered 32 regular meals and 52 frozen meals. Because of the loss of Lisa's assistance to Shay, his wife, Anne, is helping as much as possible as well as Dick Field and Marge Walton, on loan from the Prairie City Senior Center, who dug right in taking up the slack. Wow, what friends we have! We ate

biscuits and sausage gravy with potatoes O'Brien, fresh grapes and "better than anything cake" for dessert. This was the best yet; I can't wait to try it myself. We served 24 diners and had great visiting and fellowship. After lunch, our regular tai chi group finished their last session until after the first of the year; new sessions will be announced. Thanks so much to Crish Hamilton for her faithful leadership.

Thursday, Nov. 29, it was the ladies from the Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary who provided deliveries and table service. Chris Yriarte and Judy Martin took the John Day and Canyon City route while the Step Forward crew, led by David Gill and Rodney, delivered to those in Mt. Vernon. Together, these volunteers delivered 38 regular and four frozen meals. I believe we are averaging 400-plus meals per month delivered to those at home. You can add your name to the list by contacting Shay or Veanne, at 541-575-1825, no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day of delivery. Marylou Horton and Virginia Miller joined Chris and Judy to serve our lunch of macaroni and cheese with ham, green salad, three-bean salad, dinner rolls and Shay's own recipe of peach cake. Next Thursday, Dec. 6, we'll have American goulash and birthday cake!

Weekly bingo on Thursday after lunch starts at about 1 p.m. Join us to win!

*Ephesians 2:8-9 "For it is by Grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the free gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."*

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



Our last meal for the month of November was some yummy chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, dinner rolls and chocolate cake; it was all very delicious. Terry Cade and Teawna Jewell did a great job; I really would have eaten way more, but that morning I was starving and had to eat some breakfast before coming to lunch. I did eat two pieces of chocolate cake though. The moist cake was too good, and it was beckoning me to eat more. Ha. We thank our cooks for a job well done.

Our greeters were Jimmy Cole, Linda Blakeslee, Kristi Guimont and Jan Ensign. Jan led us in the flag salute and made the announcements, and yours truly prayed the blessing over our meal. Jimmy and Linda collected and counted the money, and Kristi checked all the guests in.

There were 45 guests on the books and three takeouts. The free meal tickets were won by Charlotte Barker and Karen Stubblefield. Linda Blakeslee won the Len's Drug gift card.

Betty Richards came home after a fall she had and had gotten a fractured pelvis. Her daughter Elaine is going to have her for an extended visit in Pendleton. We will miss Ms. Betty and are praying that she will have a full and quick recovery. Donna Campbell is back at home, also, from her stay at the hospital. We pray that she is back to her old self and will join us for lunch on

Tuesdays.

Since Betty Richards will be out of commission, Kristi Guimont will be taking over the scheduling of the rooms for rent at the Monument Senior Center.

We regret to inform everyone of the passing of Carol Williamson; she was the sister of Joanie Howell. We pray for Joanie and the rest of the family for their loss. May the Lord bless them with his peace and comfort them in this difficult time. I don't have any further information as to when the services will be held. I will have to get back to you on that.

We are calling on all bakers in the area; the Monument Christmas Cookie Caper will be taking place Dec. 18 at 12:30 p.m. They are requesting two to three dozen cookies to be brought to the senior center on Dec. 18 between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon. The cookies will be wrapped and delivered to those who live by themselves or have special needs to brighten this time of the year.

Well, we finally got some snow to go with the month of December. Yay! The Lord is so good. He gave us some rain to quench the dry ground first, and then the good Lord gave us snow. Yes, it is a white winter wonderland. My dog likes for me to make snowballs and throw them for him to run after. The other dog has the herder instinct in her and doesn't like him to chase them. So one dog chases the snowballs while the other chases the dog chasing the snowballs. They are silly.

*John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."*

### Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Today was November birthday recognition. There were four people who vied for the \$10 gift certificate donated by Huffman's Select Market: Gwynne Wilfert, Carlos Bortel, Ginger Kendall and Carole Garrison. Gwynne was the winner. The flag salute was led by Carole Garrison and Jack Retherford asked the blessing. We had 59 names on the registration book. Larry, Carlos, Ginger and Carla made the home deliveries.

Ginger announced that we will begin a silent auction on Dec. 5 and end on Dec. 19. If you have goodies to donate to the cause, contact her or bring them to the hall on Dec. 5. This will be a good way to get some gifts!

Amber and Dick fixed a delicious lasagna for us today, along with green salad and bread, with or without garlic on it. I even went back for a second helping of the lasagna; it was so good. Then came the dessert: pineapple upside-down cake. And was it ever good! Scrumdiddlyumptious! Derrol, Del, Tom, Carole and others handled the cleanup after the meal. Lorna and Trena brought Marilyn Randall, Thelma Kite and Charlene Dean from the Blue Mountain Care Center; don't forget their Christmas party on Dec. 14.

We had our monthly board meeting after the meal. There will be no meal on Dec. 26, but we will have a meal on Jan. 2, so mark your calendar. There will be more silent auc-

tion items available then too.

Thank you to those who are bringing in new books and taking them out. Books don't do you any good sitting on the shelf, you know. I have at least six books on my chair-side table in various stages of perusal. John 21:25 "If every one of the things that Jesus did were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." So be sure you are reading good books.

I did see a study once comparing learning from books to viewing on an electronic device — they both have their place. How many times have you heard, "I watched them do this on YouTube."

Then there is the resurgence of the vinyl 33-rpm record, and some people prefer an old-fashioned typewriter to a computer keyboard. The best thing about a "word processor" is you don't have to use a correcting device. Just backspace!

To those who complain that there is nothing to do in Grant County, I urge you to read the coming events column. There are only so many days in a given week, month, year — many good causes have to share their dates. Do try to attend those you care about. At least one time conflict has been resolved, though, as the YAP concert has been postponed because of illness. That frees up the evening of Dec. 7 for more time at the Carrie Young Memorial dinner!

*Eph. 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*

# 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 **KSPN 98.1 FM**  
Valley View Broadcasting  
PO Box 151, Mt. Vernon, Or 97865  
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

**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.  
Like us on Facebook!

**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: Sonshine 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  
Fox Community Church.....3 pm  
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

**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