

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

**John Day Seniors**

Nicky Essex



On Thursday, Dec. 6, Jeannette Julsrud and I were greeters with lots of things going on. It was a busy day! Our meal was served by the Nazarene Church group, led by Trace Andrew, with Debbie Bloom, Vickie Harrison, Jessie Elliott, Everett King and Dale Stennett. Joan and Joel Tayles did our home deliveries in John Day and Canyon City while David Gill and the Step Forward Crew delivered to Mt. Vernon. Together, these great volunteers delivered 40 regular and four frozen meals to those at home. As always, on birthday Thursdays, Amber and Troy come to help with table service as well as to help celebrate birthdays of the month. They represent Driskill Memorial Chapel, which generously supplies our birthday cake each month for dessert. We also served American goulash, veggies, green salad and French bread, sponsored by Len's Drug, to 49 very satisfied diners.

Hey you guys, I think I am too old for the cold! Maybe I need a new body thermostat. Why is it that 70 degrees is just perfect outside in the fall, but 73 degrees indoors is just too shivery for these bones anymore?

On Monday, Dec. 3, Everett King and I were greeting. We have begun our Christmas silent auction with about 15 items and hope to continue these through the winter. It has been a way to raise some extra funds for the center to keep our meals at their regular very low price. Some of you have gotten great buys on pictures, offered by Linda Stoltz, out of her decorating inventory as well; she has donated most of them herself but has donated all funds back to the center. The Blue Mountain Hospital Auxiliary ladies, Virginia Miller and Chris Yriarte, did our table service after going out on home deliveries in John Day and Canyon City, while David Gill and Rodney from Step Forward took the Mt. Vernon route. Altogether, they delivered 32 regular meals and 40 frozen meals to those unable to come in to the center. Virginia opened our time together by leading the flag salute, Leone Meador won the Len's Drug gift card, Eric Julsrud won the free meal and Dale Stennett gave his devotional blessing on our meal. We enjoyed ham and butter beans with corn bread. We enjoyed a lovely rice salad, and for dessert, we had chocolate chip cookie bars. We served 30 happy diners.

For lunch on Dec. 13, we will have chicken potpie and salad. On Dec. 17, we'll have chili verde. Come join us! Linda's wreath-making group last week included Jeannette Julsrud, Deda and Don Porter, Kay Cotham, Heather Swank, Anne Lewis, Sharon Smith and Maria Struan. Some of those were drawn along with other gifts today. We must accept a temporary goodbye from our dear Olivia Cornell, as she will be going to help with her mother's care. We have enjoyed her help in so many ways, but we will especially miss her friendship!

*1 Corinthians 16:13 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith, be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love."*

**Monument Seniors**

Soo Yukawa



We had a delicious and hearty meal of beef stroganoff, fresh green salad, garlic bread and cookies for our lunch cooked by our Terry Cade and Teawna Jewell. Terry was very happy and proud of me when she saw that I went back for seconds. We thank our cooks for all their hard work and making us our wonderful meals!

Our greeters at the table were Jimmy Cole, Linda Blakeslee and Kristi Guimont. Jimmy and Linda collected and counted the money, Kristi checked in the guests and handed out free raffle tickets, Judy Harris led us in flag salute and made the announcements and yours truly prayed the blessing over our meal.

Jeannie Strange made and decorated each of our tables with her artistic and crafty ideas. Jeannie had also prepared some nice items to be given away for free raffles. The winners of the prizes were Judy Bustardo, Bill Nichols, Linda Abraham and Phoebe Yukawa. We appreciate Jeannie and all her tireless and creative work for our senior center.

There will be a sewing class from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Everyone is invited to come, even if you don't sew. You can bring your knitting or crocheting, or just come to visit. We have a potluck lunch around noon.

The winner of the Len's Drug gift card was Pam Callahan. Larry Vogt and Rusty Baughman were the recipi-

ents of the free meal tickets.

The Kimberly/Monument Christmas play will be held at the school Dec. 19.

The Christmas bazaar will be Dec. 16, starting at 10 a.m., at the Monument Senior Center. Calling all bakers, we need cookies for the Cookie Caper on Dec. 18. Cookies can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Josh Hamilton wanted to set up an account at the US Bank in John Day for Christmas gifts for the kids of the Monument School. If you would like more information on how you can help, you may call him at home or at the co-op.

Whew, did you get all that? Lots of things going on already. It's looking like the calendar is filling up. Christmas is just around the corner. I am so glad that we got snow! Yay, beautiful, white and cold snow. Yes, the Lord is good!

With all this cold weather and snow, I was a little surprised to find a dead mole in my barn. Yep, it was frozen solid, but it looked like a fresh kill. I tossed it into the road, but my dog probably ate it when I wasn't looking.

I had been looking for a litter of kittens that our mama cat had and hid. Well, I thought they were in the barn because the dogs kept sniffing around. One day, the dog went crazy around an old range stove in there. I heard something, got excited, thinking it might be kittens. Nope, it was a packrat. The dog and I were trying to get it, but the darn thing got away, sigh.

*Revelation 3:2 "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God."*

**Prairie City Seniors**

Rose Coombs



Whew. What a week. We made the rounds of medical appointments in Burns, Bend and Baker. That's a little much for one week. Had to take a day off and just rest. Did work on practicing music for Christmas and the rescheduled YAP concert. Hope all the other participants are using this unexpected downtime to practice.

We have a Christmas tree up, thanks to Tom, and decorated, courtesy of all who wanted to help do it. There were also special table decorations in keeping with the season. Instead of numbers, there will be one figure designated as the identifying piece to indicate that that table will go first through the food line. This time, it was the angel. Who knows what it will be next time? Come and see.

The flag salute was led by Juan Rubio, and Jack Retherford asked the blessing, while Larry and Carlos took care of the home deliveries. We had 63 names on the book. The winner of the \$5 gift card donated by Len's Drug was Nadine Smith. Ginger got all the tables set up with the silent auction items, so take a look and write down your bid. You only have until 12:30 p.m. Dec. 19 to bid. Don't dawdle!

Our delicious meal prepared by Amber, Dick, Margie and Tom was a sumptuous shepherd's pie with green salad, beets, olives, pickles and rye bread. Dessert was cherry cheesecake. Oh my, yummy yummy.

Our Christmas dinner will be on Dec. 19, so bring a pie or other dessert to share. There will be no meal on Dec. 26, but we will have one on Jan. 2.

Shauntele and GERALYN brought Carl Lino, Marilyn Randall, Virginia Moore, Charlene Dean and Mary Crawford from the Blue Mountain Care Center. Don't forget the Christmas party there on Dec. 14.

The pinocle table is getting good use. Some would like to be able to play more. Keep asking if there is another "game in town." If you would like to play at a time other than Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, let us know. The library has received a bunch of new books, and I am thrilled! One of the ways that we are told to stave off signs of old age is to keep the mind engaged. And one of the ways to do that is to read books. We have lots of mystery volumes, romance and historical novels and quite a few non-fiction and biographies. So take your choice.

Numbers fascinate me, too. Found a T-shirt in a computer gear catalog (why I get that, I have no idea!) that displays what happens when you multiply 1x1 and keep adding 1s until you are multiplying 11111111 by 11111111. Try it on your calculator. Remember when doing such a computation would require a room full of computing power? Now you can do it on your phone!

*Luke 1:35 "The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of his Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.'"*

# 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

**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

**MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church**

SUNDAY SERVICE.....9 am  
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....9 am

541-932-4800  
EVERYONE WELCOME

**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.

**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

**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

**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.

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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: 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> Sunday Worship/Communion.....10am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Worship/Communion/Potluck...4:30pm  
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