

## SHOOTING THE BREEZE

## Are turrets worth it?

These days it seems like all the cool kids are using rifle scopes with adjustable turrets for dialing the range. Everyone who is anyone is using them. They really are the most precise way to compensate for longer ranges, but do you need or even want an adjustable scope on your favorite hunting rifle? Adjustable turrets tend to be big and bulky. They stick out and hang on things and jab me in the back when the rifle is slung. Most have an exposed elevation knob, and I get paranoid that it will get turned while I am hunting.



Rod Carpenter

you calculations on settings, but I have never seen one yet that didn't take some tweaking to give the correct information for a specific bullet and rifle. And if there is a big change in weather conditions or elevation, you need to calculate new information.

Secondly, every time you shoot, you need to take that extra time to make sure the turret is set correctly. Of course I have never messed up, but I have seen plenty of other guys get flustered and forget to adjust their turret only to miss by a mile.

And finally, a good quality scope with adjustable turrets is more expensive. Yes, there are some inexpensive models out there, but typically they are more headache than they are worth. The big problem usually is that the



Scopes with adjustable turrets may be big and bulky but can help with long-range accuracy.

turrets are not as precise as you need them to be.

All of that being said, being able to dial your scope to the

exact range you will be shooting beats the heck out of trying to guesstimate a hold over with a traditional scope. It also can help

with your confidence in being able to make a shot, and that is worth quite a bit.

If you do decide that adjustable turrets are right for you, I have two pieces of advice. First of all, practice, practice, practice. It isn't as easy as the advertisements would have you think. And secondly, you need to make a pathological habit of checking your settings every time you set up for a shot. I mentioned this earlier, but literally every long-range shooter I have competed with has at one time or another forgot to check and lived to regret it.

Whichever way you choose to go, I hope you have a fun and successful hunting season this year.

What sighting system do you prefer? Let us know at shootingthebreeze@gmail.com.

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# SENIOR Outlook

## Chester's

### Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. We had our Thanksgiving meal because we will not be open on the 25th, the day before Thanksgiving. We had the traditional turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and bacon, a roll provided by the Blue Mountain Care Center, and dessert of pumpkin pie or apple crisp. The turkeys were donated by Robert Detweiler and Huffman's Market. The pies were donated by Pioneer Feed and 1188. We sincerely appreciate these most welcome donations. Thank you so much, guys and gals and we give grateful thanks to our cooks – Laura, Laura and Tom. We served 54 meals. Our next meal will be on December 2nd.

Have you noticed the new construction on Front Street? I'll bet some of you didn't know that the building has been there for almost 60 years. It was put up after the big shop that was there was moved over to Water Alley for Ingo Wedde's auto repair shop. That's how things go in Prairie City – if it can be used someplace else, we just pick it up and move it! There are several buildings around town that have been moved – some two or three times!

The biggest building moves came when Bates was closed down and all the houses had to be moved off of the townsite. There was quite a parade of houses

being trundled up and over Dixie Pass down to Prairie City. Some of them are great showplaces in town now. They were the original 'Mobile Homes.'

And yes, they even moved the Bates Schoolhouse to Prairie City. Now those buildings had to be built well to stand the move, don't you know!

Quotes from the Founding Fathers on Liberty: "Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people." John Adams.

"Where there is no law, there is no liberty."

Benjamin Rush.

"Guard with jealous attention the public liberty."

Patrick Henry.

And from the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law... abridging... the right of the people peaceably to assemble..."

Let us be thankful for our Constitution. It has been the law of the land since 1787. There have been only 16 amendments in its 233 years. Our nation is only 244 years old. We've gone from the horse and buggy to orbiting the moon and beyond. But can we preserve our liberty? Do you know the definition of liberty? Freedom and independence. Freedom and independence from what? Just ask anyone who has lived under a system that does not have it.

2 Corinthians 3:17 "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

### John Day Seniors

Dusty Harris



It's the day before Thanksgiving, and we had a wonderful holiday dinner on Monday.

I hope you got your Thanksgiving dinner from us. The meal on Nov. 30 will be tuna casserole,

peas and carrots, garlic bread and peach cobbler. I talked to Kris on Thursday, and he said that they have finished the update on the building, not that we were glad to see this virus but it helped to get it done faster. Now it's time to put everything where it belongs. Everybody stay safe through the holidays. God bless you all.

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



We had another great meal prepared for us by our wonderful cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell. They made us

pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, potato wedges, and chocolate cake for our dessert. They even nicely included bbq sauce for us in little containers. Wasn't that thoughtful of them? We thank them for their efforts and appreciate them very much.

Our volunteers were Kristi Guimont who filled out the paperwork. Jan Ensign and Bob Cockrell counted the money and Sylvia handed out the meals at the door. There were 59 takeout lunches served that day. We thank all our volunteers for their help.

Heard that our good friend Bruce Hansen wasn't feeling well, so if you are reading this, was praying for ya! May the Lord heal your body and give you strength to fight off your sickness.

Well, we had a wild and crazy wind storm that swept across this side of the country this past week. We had a dead pine tree that we were meaning to cut down this summer but didn't get around to it. Mother nature decided to do the deed for us. Yes, the wind snapped that dead tree. Thankfully, it was not too big. It did however, busted up an empty dog kennel on its way down, missing a dog house and dog a few feet away. The wind also blew half of a metal roof almost off of an old chicken coop

run. Luckily, the chickens hadn't tried to escape by flying away. Hubby nailed it back down the next day. The chickens were shooed into their coop for the night. Ha.

I am now only having to bottle feed Davey twice a day, thank goodness! Sheesh, it was getting downright laborious and wearing me down to tell you the truth. He is growing wonderfully and so is little Sally. I am mixing a little bit of cow's milk that I get from my neighbor. That powdered animal baby milk is pretty pricey. I am hoping to wean Davey in another week or so, or maybe when I run out of the powdered milk. He is starting to eat more of the hay and digesting it better.

I better band him soon I think. He seems a little stunted than the other little baby goats in that area of his development. Interesting right? Little Davey can squeeze out of the gate underneath when he sees me coming, the little stinker. We have some great big railroad ties that block it and he gets out and hops right on top as if to say, "Look at me!" I sent my mother-in-law some pictures of the baby goats to cheer her up during this lockdown.

I pray that you all have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving! Let us bless the name of the Lord, for He is good and His love endures forever. We still have much to be thankful for. Enjoy every precious moment with your family and not take anyone for granted.

Psalms 56:3-4 "What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. In God I will praise His Word, In God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me."

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