

OUT OF THE PAST

75 years ago
High water causes some damage and stops bus service
 Grant County was not exempt from the flood conditions prevalent throughout the state last week. The most damage was at the Blue Mountain Mills properties in John Day where high water flooded the edger plant damaging two motors and forcing suspension of operations for several days. In the main mill and machine shop water was 18 inches deep.

Some damage to property was reported at Dayville. Mail and bus service for the past week has been hampered due to road conditions. The stage from Condon was unable to get through for a couple of days on account of a washout of the road between Service Creek and Fossil, and there has been no bus service from Prineville all week as several bridges between the Ochoco summit and Prineville were washed out. Bus passengers

have been routed by the way of Burns. The rainfall during the month of December, according to the report of the government weather observer, P.A. Retrum, Canyon City, was 2.86 inches; snowfall 4 inches; there were 13 rainy days, and the coldest day was the 18th when the mercury dropped to 3 degrees above zero. It is interesting to compare this report with that of December 1944 when the rainfall was 1.84 inches, snowfall 2.2 inches, and the coldest day

6 above zero.
50 years ago
Game management program set to embark in new directions
 Big game resources have fared quite well in Grant County this past year. Deer numbers continue to increase. Though official figures are not yet available, it is estimated that hunter numbers exceeded 22,000 people this past fall, and for the first time in history deer

hunting provided over 100,000 man-days of recreation in Grant County.
 Elk numbers appear to be increasing slightly, and this increase is estimated to provide a total of nearly 50,000 man-days of recreation (a total of over 8,000 elk hunters).
 The total harvest in 1970 is estimated to be in excess of 9,000 deer, 900 elk, plus 12 buck antelope taken in Bear Valley.
 Upland bird and waterfowl

hunting has been poor to very good during the year, depending mostly on weather conditions. Early chukar hunting was excellent this year, while pheasant hunting was poor, but better than the past few years. Quail hunting has been good as usual. Duck hunting has had its good and bad days this season, but should be classed as better than average. The first turkey season was held north of Highway 26, and a few hunters were rewarded their first wild turkey.

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS



How is 2021 treating you so far? Well, the weather is beautiful. And it's time to start another year of good food from our chefs. Thank you so much for the good food, and our desserts are delicious.

We are so sorry to hear our friend Helen Bogart is now in a much better and safe place. We send our love to her family and friends.

On Jan. 7, we will have clam chowder, Caesar salad, garlic bread and birthday cake.

On Jan. 11, we'll have pork roast, roasted potatoes, veggies, bread and butter and pear brown Betty cake. Yum yum.

Thanks to those folks that so generously sponsor a meal.

Leviticus 19:18 "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against any of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."



The last meal of the year 2020 was chicken fried steak,

mashed potatoes and gravy, dinner rolls, green beans and yummy and moist chocolate cake. Oh, yes, a very delicious meal cooked by our very own cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell. We thank our cooks for their dedication to all the people they helped to feed this past year and for the years prior. We so appreciate them.

There were 70 meals that were taken out. I would say that it was one of our popular favorites. The paperwork was done by Kristi Guimont. Bob Cockrell and Jan Ensign counted the money. Sylvia Cockrell delivered the meals at the door. A shout of thanks to our volunteers for their endearing faithfulness in their service to our community.

We stand with our neighbors and friends, Lonnie and Roger Lawrence, who recently lost Bo to cancer. They also suffered another loss, their home to a fire. We pray for their sadness in losing Bo and the loss of their home. There will be a shotgun shoot at Brad and Julie Smith's to raise funds for Lonnie and Roger. The shoot will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Let us rally together as a family, as a community and come alongside our friends, Lonnie and Roger, and give them all the prayers, support and walk

with them through this valley.

I cannot say enough and emphasize enough how thankful we are to be living out here in God's country. It's easier to see the handiwork of God out here, looking at the beautiful mountains, the trees, the peaceful John Day River. There is peace living out here. I'm reminded every day that we are so blessed by the Lord to be out here in Monument, Grant County, Oregon. I really, really cannot ever imagine the thought of leaving here or living in the city ever again. It is unfathomable.

The snow has melted and now there are puddles of pure mess. Ha. We have an OCD dog. Seriously, if she hears or catches you splashing in the puddles, she just goes bonkers. We call her the "fun police." She freaks out when you throw snowballs. She does not like the kids going down the sled on the snow. She has a cow if my son is shooting toy arrows in the air. I think she is paranoid that someone might get hurt? But we still love her anyway. She is a good dog, and she loves my boy.

I finally banded Davey. I was almost debating if I should, because Steve, my old billy goat, is getting on in years. I decided I would rather have Davey next to me and

not be stinky. He looks so cute right now; his coat is all fluffy and soft. Squirt is doing well; he is still alive. Ha. Lily is being a very good mama and is taking good care of him. He is now a week old.

Psalms 4:5 "Offer the sacrifices of righteousness and put your trust in the Lord."



So we had our last meal of 2020, and when you get this report we will be enjoying the first meal of 2021. Time marches on ... and on ... and on. Because we did not have a meal the Wednesday before Christmas, I have to fill you in on what happened at our family gathering on Christmas Day. Not very many families would have this experience: After the meal, we all gathered in the living room at Joel's house. We each had a Bible, and we each read a few verses of the Christmas story (I don't like that we call it a Christmas story — it is Christmas fact). Anyhow, what was especially heart-warming was that each person (adult, teen, child) read. (Yeah, what's so great about that, you may ask?) Just

this: One daughter-in-law is studying the Korean language so she read her verses in Korean. The other daughter-in-law read from her Polish Bible. That's what made it super special! And maybe next year Spanish will be added. One never knows what God will provide, right?

Back to the senior meal: We had spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, a green salad, roll and a piece of birthday cake courtesy of Driskill Memorial Chapel. So, Derrol got to have some birthday cake even if I didn't make him one. Ahem. Good meal to have between the holiday meals. Carlos made the deliveries to the homes of those who could not come to the center. Pam did her duties at the registration desk, and Ginger helped wherever she was needed. Laura, Tom and Angie got the meal ready, boxed and bagged.

We want to say very big thank you to those who have donated to our cause this last month of 2020. We appreciate it so much, especially this strange year. Hope we can get back to gathering soon. And one of the people who will be happy to gather is Del Lake. He has made a great recovery from his heart surgery and returned to his home. Thank you for your prayers for him.

Heard one commenta-

tor ask this question: Are you a better person at the start of this new year compared to the start of last year? I don't know if I'm any better, but I know I am a different person. And it only took three years of counseling!

Son No. 1 spent a lot of time trying to get my computer to realize it has lost some important information. Did two years worth of updates (since I'm not connected, I don't get those), but it still said, "Huh?" But he did find out how I can access my voicemail on the cellphone. It had 23 unheard messages. And do you know that they were all unimportant? "Your car warranty is about to expire." I wouldn't be surprised since it's 20 years old! So if you accidentally call my cellphone and leave a voicemail, I can listen to it — a week later.

2 Corinthians 5:17 "... the old has gone, the new has come!"

Ezra 9:9 "... He has granted us new life..."

Ecclesiastes 1:9 "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."

Lamentations 3:22, 23 "... for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your Faithfulness."

Grace Chapel (EMC)
 154 E. Williams St.
 Prairie City, Oregon
 541 820-4437

Pastor Robert Perkins

Sunday School (all ages)
 9:30-10:30
 Sunday Worship
 10:45-12:00

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Come Worship with us at
 627 SE Hillcrest, John Day

1st Sunday Worship/Communion 10am
 3rd Sunday Worship/Communion/Potluck... 4:30pm
 2nd, 4th & 5th Sunday Worship..... 10am
 Sunday Bible Study..... 8:45am

For information: 541-575-2348

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN Community Church

SUNDAY SERVICE 9 am

541-932-4800
EVERYONE WELCOME

3ABN
 Three Angels Broadcasting Network
 24/7 Inspirational Christian Broadcasting
 Tune into KSPL 98.1 FM
 For more information, call 541 620-0340

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

JOHN DAY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 (541) 575-1326
 johndayUMC@gmail.com
 126 NW Canton, John Day
 Food Pantry Friday 3-4PM

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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

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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Prairie Baptist Church
 238 N. McHaley St., Prairie City
 541-820-3696
 www.prairie-baptist-church.com
 Pastor David Hoeffner
 Pastor Keith DeHart

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.

New Life Bible Church
2 Corinthians 5:17

Every Sunday in the L.C. Community Center (Corner of Second & Allen)
 Contact Paster Ed Studtmann at 541-421-3888 • Begins at 4:00pm

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

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church
 Corner of S Canyon Blvd and SW 2nd

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 & 4th Sundays at 12:30 pm
Office Hours
 Monday - Friday 9 am - 12 Noon

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship.. 10:50 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship.. 10:50 a.m.
 No Mid-week Services
 Pastor Jesse Gosnell
 300 W. Main, John Day
 541-575-1355

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

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

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 59357 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
 Wednesdays at 6:30pm
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 Mondays at 6pm at LWCC
 A Christ-Centered, 12-Step Recovery Support Group
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