# **OUT OF THE PAST**



From 25 years ago: Raft racers at the Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous steered wide on the first curve, sending them crashing into a tree.



From 50 years ago: Mrs. Dean Rogers (left), Mrs. Etna Boe (center), and Mrs. Elmer Johnson.

## 75 years ago Searchers again fail to find body of little

girl believed drowned An exhaustive search was made of the John Day River from John Day to Cole Bridge near Mt. Vernon, by boat Monday, by state police, sheriff's office and city police of John Day for the body of the little 4-year-old daughter of the Hinley family of John Day who was, in all probability, drowned in Canyon Creek a few weeks ago.

It was hoped that the body, if in the river,

might be found lodged in brush or pools along the river. The officers report no results. It was thought for a few moments the body had been found, but it turned out to be a part of an animal. Hope is about abandoned that the little body will ever be found. There was, about a week ago, much agitation that the little girl was seen, by another child, climbing into a car at the Hill auto court: in other words an abduction. But, investigation by a representative of the Eagle-Ranger developed no dependable data in that story.

### 50 years ago **Memorial Poppies Sold**

Chester's

Mrs. Dean Rogers of Mt. Vernon purchased a Memorial Poppy on Friday from Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Mt. Vernon, a past president of the Ellis Tracy Unit No. 77, American Legion Auxiliary, as Mrs. Etna Boe watched the proceedings. The Legion ladies moved the poppy sales inside Chester's market when chill winds made street sales difficult. Girls Staters assisted with poppy sales later in the day.

### 25 years ago Raft race adventures

One of the more exciting events during this past weekend's Cinnabar Mountain Rendezvous Celebration in Mt. Vernon was the first running of a raft race that started behind the WR 2 small sawmill in John Day and continued down river toward the finish line Mt. Vernon. Several crews of adventuresome rafters took to the water, and some were luckier than others.

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Rose Coombs



Good ol' Grant County weather! 80 degrees with bright sunny skies so we opened the foundation and attic vents on the

house. So what happens? 45 degrees and clouds with rain! Which reminds me of the mandate for our area: never leave home without a jacket. But the rain is most welcome. Got the garden all weeded, but needed to do some leveling. Seems to be more dirt in the center for some reason. Need to do some equalizing there. But dirt doesn't move easy when it's too wet, so that will have to wait a bit.

On a related note, we just used the last frozen packages of beets and carrots from last year's bounty. Have to make some changed there to. Put too many in each container. When there's only two people, don't fill the container for 6!

Had to make a run to get my glasses straightened out. Tripped or slipped some how on the back step and fell on my left side and the glasses frame got bent. Anyhow, while I was waiting for the technician to fix them, I saw this saying: Bifocals are God's way of saying 'Keep your chin up!' (Ahem.) Then I had to go back for the special dry eye test later on. The lady tried to get a salty sample

from the outside corner of my eye, but no luck. Then they wanted to get a picture of the inside of the upper eyelid. No luck there, either. My eye lashes were not long enough for her to get a grip to roll around a Q-tip. Not a good testing subject! Then I have to go back and discuss all this with the doctor. Found out that it is a normal result of growing old and women have a worse time than men. Well, that's not equality!

On to good news! We had a wonderful meal on Wednesday. Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, pickled beets, a roll, and cottage cheese with pears for dessert. Pam H. took care of the registration book, Ginger and Tom did the home deliveries, and Mary helped get the bags of meals to the diners who came to the center. Thanks to all who help to get the meals prepared and out the door. Next week will be spaghetti, salad, and birthday cake!

The Grant County Senior Advisory Council will be meeting at the Prairie City Center on June 2 before the meal deliveries. If you have something that you think the County Court needs to know about, come and have your say. Then the Senior Co-ordinator Angie Uptmor will let the court members know. It's your chance for input, so have at it!

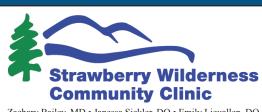
2 Corinthians 8:14 "At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality..."



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Elise Huskey

Weeks go by quickly when we are looking back, but when we go forward, the things we are waiting for seem like they will

never happen. That is just weird, but that is how it is. My household has been vaccinated for the covid 19 prevention. We will continue to wear our masks when away from home, partly to be an example and partly to do like everyone else.

Tomorrow, Thursday May 27, Shay and his crew are making cranberry chicken, rice, french bread, and

cheesecake for dessert. This meal sounds really good to me. Yum. Then on Monday, May 31, the menu for lunch will be: hamburger and potato salad, and cupcakes for dessert. We could have a picnic. I am sure ready for one.

This will end all information for May and Tuesday, June 1 will be here. Can you believe it? When I think of June, I think "summer." It sure doesn't look like summer yet, here.

Psalm 139: 17,18 "How precious are your thoughts about me, oh God. They cannot be numbered. They outnumber the grains of sand! And... when I wake up, you are still with me."

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What did ya'll think of the crazy weather we've been having? First it got so hot that I got sun-burnt. Then it got so cold

that there was snow falling from the sky. Notice, I did not say the ground, because the snow did not make it to the ground. I don't know about that global warming mantra when the weather feels like winter in the middle of May. I was pelted in the face with sleet when I was helping my son run the dogs with the four wheeler.

Our Tuesday lunch that we had prepared for us by our cooks, Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell, were beef tacos with all the fixings, refried beans, pasta salad, and peach cobbler for our dessert. We thank our cooks for the yummy meal. It is always a treat not to have to cook something and eat someone else's cooking, ya know?

Our volunteers were Kristi Guimont, who filled out all the paperwork. Bob Cockrell and Jan Ensign counted the money. Sylvia Cockrell collected the money and doled out the to-go containers of food to the patrons at the door. We thank all our volunteers for their time and work. We appreciate everyone's dedication and support of the Monument Senior Center.

Praise the Lord for the rain we received! Keep up the prayers, Prayer Warriors. The Lord is hearing and

Don't forget about the Bingo night on Saturday, May 29. It is a potluck dinner and the seating is limited to

50 people. You can read my previous article from the week before for more information.

Another reminder, the Monument rummage sale is going on the same upcoming weekend, May 28, 29, and 30th. I believe there are lots of things that are going to be available for sale and you never know that you might find that treasure you have been searching for.

Remember that tub that I tried to use to plant some tomatoes? Well, it did not work, possibly because I used green tomatoes that did not have mature seeds. I will try again in the next week or so when the weather is supposedly going to get a little warmer. Maybe the dirt was too hot? I don't know but it was worth a try.

We had our friends come to visit from the Portland area with their two little daughters. They loved my goats! Their younger daughter especially loved that she got to pet Darla. Darla is so precious. She really is a very very friendly little goat. There are some goats that are just ornery and some are just so friendly and loving. I guess that is the same way with people. Ha.

I have been prepping Darla to get used to me touching her bag and scratching her there. She seems to like it for she stands still and lets me scratch her. I am really hoping to milk her one day. I just have to keep petting her and loving on her.

Proverbs 22:9 "He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; For he giveth of his bread to the poor."



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