

OUT OF THE PAST

**75 years ago**  
**Grant County swelters in general heat wave**

Grant County is sharing in the excessive heat wave that struck most sections of the West recently. The local weather bureau reports a temperature of 99 above on July 20 and 21. On Monday, however, the temperature dropped back down to 88, with clouded skies. All through June and the first half of July the weather was decidedly cool. The lowest in July, to date, was 43 on the 18th. Precipitation .22; days clear and cloudless.

Haying is in full progress in the river and creek valleys; the cuttings reportedly very heavy. Range is excellent, grass green to the hill tops. There should be a good hay carryover this fall. Creeks are still well up. While this is not strictly fruit country, fruit crops this year in most localities are very good: Peaches, pears and apples promise good quality and abundance. Due to the extended cold spring and late summer, gardens have not done too well in most vegetable. Berries, however, are abundant.



**From 50 years ago: Little League All-Stars, from left, top row, Coach Ralph Denny, Tom Deiker, John McAuslan, John Willey, Scott Denney, Frank Hanson, Tom Edmunson, Coach Ken Ivers; bottom row, Steve Talus, Harvey Askew, Rod Retherford, Monte Simmons, Guy Johnson, Bill Pearce, Monte Sherman and Bill Brown.**

Eagle file photo

**50 years ago**  
**County leaguers advance one rung**

Two successive losses after a first-round victory deprived the Grant County Little League All-Stars of an upper-half finish in last

week's district tournament at Milton-Freewater.

Grant County advanced to semifinal play behind the three-hit pitching of Tommy Dieker as they edged the Triangle entry (Adams, Athena and Helix),

9-4, in Thursday's opener.

They lost their second game to the Pendleton Americans by a 9-1 score Friday, and Saturday the Wallowa Valley nine topped Grant 8-2 for third place in the tourney standings.

**25 years ago**  
**Blaze razes house**

The state fire marshal was en route to Canyon City Tuesday morning to investigate a house fire that did more than \$100,000 in damages and loss. No injuries were reported.

The house, owned by the former Red and Bobbie Hasher, was not occupied.

Canyon City Fire Chief Garth Leighton said the alarm was phoned in at 11:45 p.m. Monday evening.

When firefighters arrived on the scene at 206 S. Washington, the wood frame house was fully involved.

Technically, Leighton said the house is listed as a three-story structure since it had a completed basement and upstairs area.

The cause of the fire should be determined following the investigation; however, Leighton said Tuesday it appeared suspicious in nature.

Twenty-five firefighters and four engines were on the scene. Personnel in Mt. Vernon, John Day and Prairie City were placed on mutual aid alert.

Also assisting were the Grant County ambulance, the John Day Police Department and the Oregon State Police.

"I just wanted to express my appreciation to all the responding agencies," Leighton said. "They did a bang-up job."

**SENIOR Outlook** *Chester's*

**Prairie City Seniors**

*Rose Coombs*



Oops. Another typo. I wrote that I want the north-south border to start on the Canadian boarder at 120 degrees. 20 degrees would be out in the

Atlantic Ocean. What a difference a missing digit makes.

On to better things. PTL for the rain showers! Did a good job of cleansing the air. The contractor is doing a lot of prep work for the new siding. Hope to get that all taken care of then they can concentrate on getting the siding on quickly. All but one window is in and it is already cooler in the old pool room. Amazing! We were commenting on how high the original ceilings are. How come they thought that buildings needed such high ceilings? Would you believe it was the 'State of the Art' for that day - 100 years ago? A 'scientific fact', even, that so much air space was needed for so many people in a stated area. See how so-called science can change, ahem.

Delores Scott was our meal sponsor for this day. We enjoyed tuna noodle casserole, J-ello with whipped cream, a roll, and peach cobbler for dessert.

Thanks to Pam and Laura for this excellent meal. Thanks to Pam for her good work at the registration desk, Carla for delivering the pick-up meals, Ginger and Carlos for delivering the home delivered meals, and Del for his encouragement. We sent out 53 meals today. Remember, if you want a meal, you have to call and let the cooks know. You can even call and leave a message. Just make sure to speak slowly and clearly.

The number is 541-820-4100. Just be sure to do so before 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

We were informed that there is some wrong information on Facebook regarding the opening of our centers. We are not open due to the ridiculous rules that have come down about what we would have to do to open. So, until the powers that be come to their senses, we will still do take-out only. If you want to help, contact your Congressional people to complain.

The garden report: The volunteer potato has blossoms. The volunteer sunflowers have exceeded 7' in height (one of them grew through the square opening in the little fence I put around them when they were only 4 inches high, so I'll have to wait to remove it!) The peas have blossoms. Hope there are some bees around! The experiment with the carrots did not fare so well. Out of the 300 seeds that I put in only 6 germinated. Don't know if I had too much soil on top of them or it was just too hot and I couldn't keep them moist. Such a disappointment. So the squash that neighbor Vicki gave me has lots of room to roam in that space. The beets did a little better, but I planted 3 rows and got maybe 3/4 of a row. Guess I'm not a good gardener... Meanwhile Derrol is having great success at keeping the cemetery green and mowed!

*Genesis 1:30 "And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground - everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food." And it was so.* *Genesis 1:31 "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good..."*

**John Day Seniors**

*Elise Huskey*



Tomorrow, Thursday July 29 lunch will consist of Teriyaki pork, Lo Mein noodles with veggies and Peach pie bars for dessert. Too bad I will not be here to share in this

meal. Thank you Shay and Kim.

Monday August 2 (Can you believe it is August already, goodness!) the menu is not available yet due to Angie changing office locations. We will be working on that and have them available again soon.

The news is reporting that now there are 4 new variants of the covid in the US. We know about one for a few weeks and all of a sudden there are 3 more. If people do not step up and get the vaccination against this thing, we are never going to get back to normal. I know that sounds negative but as humans we can get really discouraged when people around us do not care enough for everyone else to do the right thing. There is still talk about opening for lunch in person at the

Center, but many want to be like normal sitting arrangements and not just 4 people to a table. Most of us come to see others, and visit as well as have nourishment.

Angie will not always be at the senior center as has been the normal, she will be sharing her time with the state offices up the road. She is in such great demand. They need to get her some help. She is spread too thin.

As we pick up our lunch at the back door, there are a few that linger to chat, some with and some without masks. It is really nice to be able to talk to others again. I for one have lots of catching up to do.

If anyone has something they would like others to know or some news to share, please call me and I will be sure to add it here. 541-792-0202

We are so grateful for Chesters donating things each week so some can get a few specialties, not normally afforded, possibly. Thank you Chesters for these donations. Chesters has always been there for us when we needed things hard to get.

The Bible tells us that Jesus told us to give and it shall be given unto us, seventy times over. God bless all who give to others.

Elsie

**Monument Seniors**

*Soo Yukawa*



Looks like the month of July is coming to an end soon, so quick right? Summer is just breezing by in a hurry. Our cooks Terry Cade and

Carrie Jewell prepared for us hamburgers, french fries, cole slaw, and a berry cake for our dessert. I sure was hungry and devoured my lunch real fast. We thank our cooks for their efforts.

Our volunteers at the senior center were Kristi Guimont, who filled out the paperwork. Bob Cockrell and Jan Ensign counted up the money. Sylvia delivered the meals to the waiting patrons at the door. We appreciate all our volunteers and their service.

I have great news to share! Our very own Monument Senior Center will be reopening on August 3. There are some guidelines that will be put in place.

Anyone entering the building must be in good health. The tables, chairs, sign-in table and restrooms will be sanitized by staff prior to the meal site day.

There will be seating configured a certain way and outdoor seating will also be available. Table numbers will be called to accommodate social distancing in line. The cooks will be serving the food and the drinks will be served by gloved volunteers.

If anyone is uncomfortable with these guidelines, please use the takeout service. Masks will be available for guests and volunteers.

In-house dining will begin at 12 Noon. For those wanting

takeout meals, you must call before 10:30AM. Takeout pickup from 11:30AM-12 Noon. Please adhere to this schedule. This information will be available to all patrons so they can make informed decisions concerning mealsite attendance.

It will be so good to be able to see everyone again and to partake in a meal together as a community. May we never take for granted our freedoms and rights as we live in this country. I pray for the Lord's blessing and protection over our community.

I have been picking raspberries like crazy. Unfortunately, I had competition. In one week, I got stung by wasps twice. Ouch! I hate those wasps. They are just devouring the sweet raspberries and I don't like having to share it with them. I have been giving away raspberries to friends and freezing a whole bunch of it as well. I thank the Lord for this bountiful harvest. I am already seeing new flowers that are getting ready to open for the second harvest.

I have some zucchini and lemon cucumbers that are growing. Yay, I am so excited to see the fruit of my labor coming along. I have been going out to water around 6AM in the morning. I am hoping to be harvesting a zucchini in the following week or so.

Our young adolescent kittens have been frolicking in the gardens and doing mischief too. I found their poop in a couple of my beds and I've also stepped on their surprises too while watering. Grrr. I don't like that at all. I will have to get a big giant box of plastic forks to stick in the ground.

*Psalms 91:1-2 He who dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, in Him will I trust.*

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