

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



is why people are allowed to go to the cafes and dine but senior centers can't do the same. And the senior citizens are patronizing the cafes with no problems. What's the difference? It is just so frustrating to have gone through almost two years of this mess and no end in sight. Oops, there's that soapbox again ...

The holidays — that word is a corruption of holy days, did you know? Anyhow, the days begin with Thanksgiving, which is self-explanatory. Then came Hanukkah. Always wondered what that was all about, so I looked it up in my new book, "Essential Judaism." And I quote: "Hanukkah is a celebration of the Maccabees, Jewish warriors who fought a lengthy civil war ... until they drove the Syrians from ancient Israel. ... When the Maccabees retook Jerusalem, they demolished the now polluted altar of the Temple and built a new one. ... They found a small quantity of consecrated oil for use in the sacred lamps, but not nearly enough to use for the (required) eight days. ... The priests lit the oil for the first day ... and miraculously there was enough for

the second day. And so it continued until the entire eight days of worship had been observed. (One commentator said that the real miracle was the faith of the priests who knew they didn't have enough oil for eight days but who lit the lamps each day, trusting that God would provide.) ... Today Hanukkah is a home-oriented holiday ... with the singing of a special hymn and readings taken from the story of the dedication of the Tabernacle and of course the lighting of the candles."

So, now you know. Our Thanksgiving was different this year: Son No. 2 and his family came to our little abode and brought the meal! Turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, and dessert. I set the table and gathered the chairs, and a good time was had by all! Since we have no TV, we didn't even have to watch a football game! Thank you, son and family. It was really nice not to have to do anything!

Colossians 4:6 "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone."

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Crazy that it is now the month of December, and crazier even still is the fact that Christmas will be here in, like, three weeks! What? I don't know how that happened. I never have ever gone to a Black Friday shopping spree. Standing in line and spending the night waiting for the so-called "hot deals" in the cold is just not my cup of tea. As I am getting older, the material things just don't mean much in light of Jesus. He is my treasure.

Speaking of treasure, we sure have one in the town of Monument! We are so blessed with our senior center and our fabulous cooks. All the volunteers that put their heart and soul to help keep our facility going are all loved and appreciated.

Our cooks made us a nice meal of pork roast, carrots, dinner rolls and scalloped potatoes, with chocolate cake for our dessert, yummy deliciousness. We thank our

cooks Terry Cade and Carrie Jewell for their fine work.

Our volunteers at the front table were Jimmy Cole and Kristi Guimont. They checked in all the guests, collected and counted up the money. Kristi led us in the flag salute and made the announcements. Yours truly prayed the blessing over our meal. Shirley Johnson of Spray won the free meal ticket. Sharon Falls won the Len's gift card. Judy Harris won a turkey from the turkey raffle.

I also made an announcement. This was concerning the so-called "Vaccine Passport" that our state of Oregon wants to pass. To me it does not matter whether you are for the vaccine or not, but I believe that this infringes on our medical rights and our constitutional rights when, unless one can prove that you have been vaccinated, you cannot enter into business establishments or other facilities. We should be able to choose what we want to put into our bodies. Where will they stop if they are allowed this control? No thank you.

One of our Founding Fathers, Benjamin Franklin, put it this way, and I

quote, "Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty or safety." Food for thought. This great nation and our freedoms were purchased with blood and sacrifice. I pray that we remember and fight for what is good, and right, and true.

On a lighter note, I think I like Scotty better than Belle. You know how when you look at the eyes, whether they are human or animal, you can see the intelligence behind it. Not only that, you can see gentleness, sweetness there too.

Scotty has just the sweetest and gentlest eyes! I don't know how to describe it better, but Belle has "bratty" eyes. Ha.

She is highly more intelligent than her brother, which makes her more cunning, and clever. She is just not sweet! She is mischievous and a bit of a troublemaker. Scotty knows his name now too and just loves to be petted; Belle, not so much.

Psalms 26:8 O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

OUT OF THE PAST

75 YEARS AGO

Long Creek couple purchase well-known ranch property

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chapman, formerly of Long Creek, have purchased the Carl Jensen Ranch, one-half mile north of Pilot Rock on the 395 highway. For the past three years they have farmed the ranch and operated a dairy for Jess Foster who had the place leased. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman sold their house and lots in Long Creek to Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Chapman of that city.

50 YEARS AGO

Paulina rancher gets 50-year pin

Melvin Weberg, a Paulina-area rancher with holdings in Crook and Grant counties, was welcomed into the 50-year circle of Canyon City Lodge No. 34, AF&AM, at a dinner at the Ye Olde Castle, John Day, Tuesday evening.

Weberg, a Crook County commissioner, joined the lodge March 10, 1917. He received his 50-year pin from Ray Brisbois of Canyon City, past district deputy, and Dick Duckett of Bates.

Two other 50-year members of the lodge were present for the rites. They were Harry Allen of Canyon City, who became a 50-year member in 1963, and Leo Gunther of John Day, whose 50-year anniversary was Nov. 12 of this year.

Following the dinner, lodge members adjourned to Fraternal Hall, Canyon City, to elect officers.

Chester Bennett Jr. was elected lodge worshipful master in the elections. Three other new officers are Joseph H. Parsons, senior warden; Floyd Bliss, junior warden; and Oliver Campbell, treasurer. Re-elected secretary was George Benson.

25 YEARS AGO

Prairie City grad to play in NAIA nationals

A former Prairie City student will be competing at the NAIA Division II Volleyball Nationals Dec. 4-7.

Michelle Burge, who graduated from Prairie City High School in 1994, is starting for Northwest Nazarene College, which advanced to the

final round of volleyball playoffs Nov. 23.

Northwest Nazarene defeated Western Washington at Willamette University in Salem to take third at the Pacific Northwest Regionals Championship Nov. 22-23. Burge was named to the all-tournament regionals team.

Burge's team advanced to the regionals after defeating Western Oregon State College at the Conference Tournament Nov. 16-17 in Monmouth.

Nationals will be held at Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego. This is the farthest Northwest Nazarene has advanced in its playoff history.

Burge transferred to Northwest Nazarene College this year after playing two years in Pasco, Wash., at Columbia Basin Community College. There she set team career and single-season records in kills and was named to the all-star first team both years. She was selected to the All-Cascade Conference first team this season after Northwest Nazarene College captured the Cascade Conference championship.



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Receiving his 50-year membership pin from Ray Brisbois (second from right) is Melvin Weberg. Looking on are two other 50-year members of Canyon City Lodge No 34, AF&AM, Leo Gunther (left) and Harry Allen (right). Lodge members made the presentation in 1971.

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