

## GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

### Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



up the money.

We had 39 guests dining in and 26 takeouts.

Well, I think I spoke too soon when I said that Scotty was a sweet little goat. He is turning into a food hogger. He tries to keep all the hay and the grain for himself, so much so that I have to feed him outside of the pen while Belle is eating inside the pen. If I leave them together, he keeps going back and forth from his food to Belle's and won't let her eat. My solution for the little piggy, I feed them apart from each other. Oh, Scotty tries to get at Belle's food after he quickly finishes his, but he can't get through the little fencing. I can't believe he is becoming such a little stinker.

Scotty has also started to pee on himself and he is getting that musky, stinky, billy goat smell. Yuck. Too bad that his cute look with his pink nose and innocent looking eyes are all a lie! Ha. He does know his name and he follows me everywhere I go. He answers and comes when I call him, so how can I not like him? Hmm, might become a love/hate relationship.

We still have snow on the ground. In some places, it is just solid ice and slippery. I saw a few trees that had broken branches because of the weight of the wet snow. A couple of big branches fell on a small stretch of our driveway. The Lord was watching over us. A friend drove over for lunch and left, and then we came out about 15 minutes later and those branches had broken and fallen between that time! Amazing, right? That was the Lord's grace. Whew, so glad no one got hurt.

On one of the sunny bright mornings, the snow was just sparkling like millions of shiny diamonds. But, I have to say, their sparkle was shinier than diamonds and just absolutely beautiful. I just thank the Lord for letting me see the beauty of His creation. It made me just look at the snow in awe and wonder at our amazing God. Praise the Lord!

*Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things*

*are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

### Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



Have you noticed the green grass is still there when the snow retreats? Take heart! Spring is only two months away!

The sponsor for our meal is Delores Scott. We enjoyed a very sumptuous meal of beef, noodles and gravy. Under that was a generous helping of mashed potatoes — whee! Then there was a serving of mixed vegetables plus a green salad — hallelujah! Moving on to the sweet side of things was a little cup of cottage cheese and pineapple — wow! If you still had room, you could have a beautiful fresh roll from the oven. The dessert was one of those “menu subject to change” items — a cinnamon roll, also fresh from the oven and 4½ inches across — holy moly! If you didn't get filled up, you have a defi-

nite problem. Then there were all the goodies that Chester's Market donated to us: cookies, cakes, breads, and candy canes. Thank you, Chester's. Happy middle of January!

Thanks to all our helpers today: Tom, Ruth, Carla, Mary, Gwynne, Ginger, Del, Pam and especially cook Pam, who is very excited about the forthcoming installation of the new oven! The one that we have to remove must have been installed before the kitchen door was put in because it is too big to go through the door now. And the new one is also too big to go through the door. But we know how to deal with that!

After all the work that has been done to the ol' hall this past year, one little too-small door is no challenge!

Did you hear the government warning that anyone who was born before 1977 probably shouldn't be out shoveling snow? After all, those people would be 45 years of age and would have underlying health problems, don't you know. And those warnings are from the government that is here to help you... My snow got shoveled by the bionic man! Three

back surgeries, three ankle surgeries, two shoulder surgeries, two carpal tunnel surgeries, two ear surgeries, two cataract surgeries, one neck surgery, a triple bypass, and almost twice as old as “those people.” And on this day he's sitting in his big old chair outside basking in the sun and getting his daily quota of vitamin D. Hooray for old people!

So what else is new? Finished a jigsaw puzzle that someone donated to our collection at the hall. It was very frustrating! The pieces were of two shapes and they were cut so closely alike that a piece might fit, but it was not the correct one for that space! Aauugggh! And the colors were not distinct so you had to just try one piece after another in the same general color. Took it back and got one that has all kinds of shapes and distinct colors — whew. These things are supposed to be relaxing!

*Romans 8:20 “For the creation was subjected to frustration, ...” 1 Corinthians 1:19 “For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”*

## OUT OF THE PAST

### 75 YEARS AGO

#### Winter Grips State; Below Zero Readings Recorded Locally

All of Oregon was in the tight grip of winter Tuesday, with snow reported throughout most of the state and all reporting stations except along the coast registering below-freezing temperatures.

In Grant County, Tuesday night's temperature drop was the coldest in a good many years. The weather bureau at Canyon City reported a low of 3 below zero. In John Day thermometer readings varied. The thermometer at the entrance to the Grant County Bank registered 9 below zero; others read all the way from 2 below to 15 below. At Seneca, it is reported the mercury dropped to 23 below.

Wednesday night was con-

siderably warmer here, and at this writing (Thursday noon) weather is moderating, the temperature being only 30 degrees above zero. We will not, however, hazard a forecast of what may come, in the line of weather. January can do all kinds of things. This writer remembers that ten years ago — the middle of January 1937, it dropped to 28 below in John Day and this writer also remembers and remembers well that at that time he made a trip to Burns by stage, and passing through Seneca the stage driver inquired as to the temperature — “55 below,” was the answer. Back another ten years, along about 1927 or 1928, another severe cold snap hit in January. Again this writer was foolish enough to be “out in it” driving from Prairie City to Hereford to play for a dance. The mercury dropped

to 50 below at Hereford and in the towns of Prairie City, John Day, and Canyon City, temperatures all the way from 20 to 40 below were recorded on various thermometers. It seems like these frigid spells hit in 10-year cycles.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### Prairie rips Culver, 84-61

The Prairie City Panthers ripped the Culver defenses for 32 first-quarter points and then used strong rebounding and a solid defense which enabled them to beat Culver, 84-61, Saturday night at Prairie City.

The Panthers had earlier beaten Culver, 63-58, in the Culver Invitational Tourney Dec. 3 and 4.

Terry Brannon, the Panthers' 6-4 post man, scored 12 of Prairie City's first 14 points on fine turnaround jumpers and some

excellent moves. Kelly Voigt made some beautiful passes inside to set up the big man.

Brannon, Gary Livermore and Marc Strong again were too much on the boards for the smaller Bulldogs.

The trio finished with 49 rebounds among them, with Livermore the high man with 21 retrievers.

Prairie City took advantage of Culver's inability to hit the basket early in the game and built 32-8 and 50-29 leads at the quarter stops. The Panthers' changing defense seemed to bother the Bulldogs throughout the game, as they could not seem to close the gap.

Both teams had 6-3 records going into the game and Culver left with its fifth loss to the Panthers since their series began in 1969.

Brannon finished the game with 31 counters while Voigt

added 17. Mark Hagman, Culver's 6-3 center, led the Bulldogs with 19.

It was a very physical game with 46 fouls being called — 24 on Prairie City and 22 on Culver.

### 25 YEARS AGO

#### Pros edged by Bulldogs, ransacked by Vikings

It was not a weekend that the Grant Union boys basketball team will remember fondly.

The Prospectors were soundly defeated by the Vale Vikings 64-44 Friday in John Day and then fell in the final seconds at Baker 57-56 Saturday.

Grant Union dropped to 0-2 in its opening two contests in the Greater Oregon League and 7-5 for the season.

“We need a Band-Aid for our spirit,” Prospectors coach

Bill Robertson said. “We played well enough to win, but the outcomes were unfortunate.”

### Vale 64, Grant Union 44

Last year, Grant union split with the Vikings in two close contests as the Pros lost by one point and won by 10. It was a different story as Vale had too much firepower for the hosting Pros.

Adam Vidourek got the game off on the right note as he nailed a three-point shot 11 seconds into the first quarter and added another three-pointer with one second left in the opening period, yet it was Vale who held a 12-10 lead.

Grant Union went up 15-14 on Bo Workman's three-point shot, but after a Vale steal with 5:38 left in the second quarter led to a basket, the Vikings took a 17-15 edge they never relinquished.

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