

# Local

## — COMMUNITY CALENDAR —

### Scenic snowshoe tour

Saturday, January 31, join Eastern Oregon University's Outdoor Program on a scenic snowshoe tour of Hoffer Lakes Basin from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call EOU for information.

### Burnt River SWCD meeting

Thursday, February 5th at 6 p.m. at the USDA Service Center 3990 Midway Drive in Baker City. The public is welcome, and meals will be available for those who RSVP for the meeting. Please contact Tara at (541) 523-7121 x 100 for a copy of the meeting agenda.

### FFA's BBQ fundraiser

Friday, February 6, 2015, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the U-shaped driveway by the southern entrance of Baker High School. Tickets, available for purchase prior to or at the fundraiser, are \$12 each, and the meal will include tri-tip, baked potato, garlic bread, green beans and a brownie.

### Annual National Turkey Federation banquet

Saturday, February 7, 5 p.m. at the Baker Elks Lodge. Call Bob Reedy at 541.403.1352 for tickets and information.

### Skills USA Club competition

Monday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. in the Baker High School Auditorium with a presentation by Sherry Cole, Technical Advisor for Eastern Oregon. 80 participants are expected with teams expected from Vale, Elgin, Halfway and Baker.

### Pesticide applicator pre-exam training

Tuesday, February 10 at the Baker County OSU Extension Office, 9:45 a.m. -3 p.m. Call Janice at 541.523.6418 to RSVP or for more information. The class is free.

### Baker Valley SWCD meeting

Thursday, February 12th at noon at the USDA Service Center 3990 Midway Drive in Baker City. The public is welcome, and meals will be available for those who RSVP for the meeting. Please contact Tara at (541) 523-7121 x 100 for a copy of the meeting agenda.

### Building an Eldercare Toolkit

Thursday, February 12, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. at Baker County Community Connection. This is a monthly discussion/meeting, with this month's topic: Long-Term Care Insurance: How to Pick the Best Policy and Mistakes to Avoid.

### Keating SWCD monthly meeting

Tuesday, February 17th at 12 noon at the USDA Service Center, 3990 Midway Drive in Baker City, OR. The public is welcome, and meals will be available for those who RSVP for the meeting. Please contact Tara at (541) 523-7121 x 100 for a copy of the meeting agenda.

### Eagle Valley SWCD meeting

Monday, February 23rd at 12 noon at the Grange Hall in Richland, OR. The public is welcome, and meals will be available for those who RSVP for the meeting. Please contact Tara at (541) 523-7121 x 100 for a copy of the meeting agenda.

### Forest tax workshop

Tuesday, February 24 at the Baker County OSU Extension Office, 6:30 p.m. -9 p.m. Call 541.523.6418 to register. Legal options to woodland owners for reducing their overall tax burden.

### A Night at Old Auburn

Saturday, February 28. The Friends of the Museum 6th annual Casino Night Fund raiser are now available for sale at the museum. At only \$28, tickets to this fun event make great holiday gifts! You can also get museum membership gift certificates for the 2015 season.

## JAIL ROSTER

HATFIELD, Amy  
EDISON, Marsan  
NORDBYE, Jessica  
O'DONNELL, Michael  
STRAWN, Keri  
BUCHANAN, Bryson  
GENTRY, Arthur  
OTNES, Buddy  
HORN, Shawn  
MERO, David  
EPLER, Brenda  
FISCHER, Jacob  
SKINNER, Nicole  
HANSON, Coty  
SCOTT II, Arthur  
COOK, Kristopher  
DEMARIS, Cody  
CAMPBELL, Casey  
ELKSHOULDER, Ida  
MUNSELL, Emily  
CULLEY, Andrew  
HELLMAN, Kenny  
FINE, Tamara

SYPHERD, Crystal  
DUNLEAVY, Chance  
WHITLOW, Jonathon  
KITCH, Roberto  
COMBS, Brian  
HAMM, Todd  
TREATOR, Kevin  
BRINEY, Justin  
LEWIS, Neil  
PAULSEN, Nathan  
RICCI, Devin  
PARKAY, Samantha  
SCHISLER, Chet  
BROMLIE, Scott  
BOWMAN, Chad  
SCOTT, Chancy  
MACK, Dale  
FREEMAN, David

## POLICE LOG

Vowell, Alicia Marie. 1/23. Theft I.  
Nordbye, Jessica Faye. 1/26. Vio-

lation of Release Agreement.  
Johnson, Kayla Marie Ruth. 1/26.  
PCS Meth, Theft by Receiving, Unlawful Poss of Oxycodone.  
Dean Volz, Wiley Alexander. 1/26.  
PCS Meth, Theft by Receiving, Unlawful Poss of Oxycodone.  
Hatfield, Amy Marie. 1/27. DUII.  
Coscorrosa, Carrie Lynn. 1/27.  
Contempt of Court.

## FUNERALS PENDING

**Margaret "Midge" Nale**, 83, former Richland, Oregon resident, died on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Baker City. There will not be a service. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com).

## — OBITUARIES —

### William Dean Holcomb

Baker City, 1947-2015

William Dean Holcomb, 67, passed away on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in Boise, ID from respiratory failure.



Bill Holcomb

A Memorial Service ~ Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at the Richland Christian Church in Richland, Oregon. Interment at Eagle Valley Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a potluck reception to be held immediately following the interment in the fellowship hall at the Richland Christian Church.

William "Bill" Holcomb was born in Baker City, Oregon on December 5, 1947 to George and Wadean (Rohner) Holcomb. Bill grew up in Richland, Oregon where he attended Richland Elementary and graduated from Eagle Valley High School in 1966. After high school Bill enlisted in the Army and served in Korea for 3 years.

After his stint in the service Bill married Marti Davis and had three daughters. He pursued an Associate's degree from Blue Mountain Commu-

nity College in Animal and Agricultural management. During these years, Bill worked in Richland and also at the feed lot in Boardman. He and Marti divorced in the early 80's.

Bill later married Wanda (McAfee-Draze) on November 5, 1990 in Naknek, Alaska. They made their home in Basque, Oregon where Bill was employed by ODOT for 19 years, he retired in 2012. Bill and Wanda moved back to Richland in 2012.

Bill enjoyed many things in life including the outdoors, animals, team roping, ranch and farm work. He especially enjoyed hunting with his wife Wanda and his cousin Noble Keist. Bill had a great smile and big laugh; he always enjoyed a good party.

He was preceded in death by his father George Holcomb and brother John Holcomb.

Bill is survived by his wife Wanda; children; Shannon (Marin) Miller and children Loudon, Aislynn and Liam of Tacoma, WA; Gloria (Carlos) Montes and children Davis, Saxon and Teague of Canby, Oregon; and Christy Holcomb of Portland, Oregon; Step Children: Ken (Trish) Draze of Ontario Oregon; Darlene Draze and children Brit-tani, Courtney, Christopher

and Jordan of Fairbanks, Alaska; Joe (Jen) Draze and daughter Sarah of Meridian, Idaho; and Kris (Tim) Hank and children Jamie and Timothy of Anchorage, Alaska; one great grandson Aden; his mother Wadean Holcomb of Baker City, Oregon and favorite Aunt Gloria Linebaugh of Bend, Oregon; and numerous cousins.

For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Bill, the family suggests either the VFW Post #7847 or Eagle Valley EMT's through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834. On line condolences may be shared at [www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com)

### Leonard Oster

Baker City, 1937-2015

Leonard E. Oster passed away January 8, 2015, at Park Forest Care Center in Portland, Oregon.

Leonard was the youngest son of L.E. "Red" and Fannie Oster, born May 16, 1937 in Madras, Oregon.

He attended school at the one-room school in French Glen, Oregon. He spent his younger years in the Burns area before the family relocated to the Dayville area where he graduated from Dayville High School. It was there he met and

married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Cant.

Leonard and Kathy lived in the John Day area for many years; during that time they had two daughters. The young family relocated to Baker City, and raised their family here. Leonard was proud of his family and especially so of the professional careers both daughters achieved.

Leonard retired from Ellingson Timber Company after supervising the construction of miles of logging roads. He also had a saddle shop for over 35 years catering to the working cowboy with saddles in the United States and Australia.

Leonard is survived by wife Kathleen; daughters Luann (Ed) Cook, Linda (Brian) Oster-Bainnson; granddaughters Brynne and Elyah Oster-Bainnson all of Portland; and a brother, Clarence Oster of Richland, Wash. He is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law, in addition to nieces and nephews. His parents and two brothers, Arlie and Jess, preceded him in death.

No services will be held, but in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grant County Ranch and Rodeo Museum, 241 E. Main Street, John Day, Oregon.

# Forest Service issues final policy on snowmobile use

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27, 2015 – The U.S. Forest Service today released the final policy for managing snowmobile and other "over-snow" vehicle use on national forests and grasslands. As directed by court order, the policy requires that roads, trails and areas where over-snow vehicle use can occur be specifically designated by local Forest Service managers. Previously, managers had the discretion to decide whether to designate specific areas for over-snow vehicle use.

"The Forest Service always seeks to provide a wide range of motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "This policy maintains community input and local decision-making so that those with knowledge of local areas can decide how to best balance natural resource issues with legitimate recreational uses of national forest land."

Many forests and grasslands currently have over-snow designations—more than 40 percent of national forests where snow depths can accommodate over-snow vehicles have guidance consistent with the final policy—and the agency has directed all remaining forest supervisors where the policy applies to make the providing local guidance a priority. The policy maintains the requirement that all designations must be made with public input as well as ensure protection of natural resources, such as water and soils and wildlife, while continuing appropriate recreational opportunities for over-snow and other recreational uses.

The court's order ensures that the final policy also provides consistency across all forests and grasslands by requiring designation of areas where over-snow use is allowed. The policy, scheduled to be published on Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the Federal Reg-

ister, is formalized in 30 days. The Forest Service reviewed more than 20,000 comments on the proposed guidelines, which were published in June, 2014.

The best-known use of over-snow vehicles is recreation. However, over-snow vehicles are also used for other purposes such as gathering firewood and subsistence hunting. Nationally, the U.S. Forest Service manages more than 200,000 miles of roads and 47,000 miles of trails that are open to motor-vehicle use. These roads and trails vary from single-track trails used by motorcycles to roads designed for high-clearance vehicles such as logging trucks.

The final policy will preserve existing decisions governing over-snow vehicle use that were made under previous authorities with public involvement; allow decisions for over-snow vehicle use to be made independently or in conjunction with decisions for other types of mo-

tor vehicle use; and local units will create over-snow vehicle use maps separate from use maps for other kinds of motor vehicles.

We'll be peppering our February 13th issue with love notes! (Sample below.) Say "I love you" to that special someone with a Valentine's message in our February 13th issue! Just \$5! All heart messages will also run on our Facebook page on February 14th. Order yours today at [www.thebakercountypress.com](http://www.thebakercountypress.com) and click on the Advertise tab. Deadline: Wednesday, February 11, 9 a.m.

Jane,  
Thank you for 10  
romantic years!  
Love, John



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