

Local

Library hosts comic workshop

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December 29, the Baker County Public Library hosted a How to Create Your Own Comic Workshop, working mainly with stick figures.

Artist, author and illustrator Nancy Coffelt presented to those attending how to work on their own comic stories in the one hour workshop.

Coffelt discussed with those attending how a four panel comic works and the process in making a four panel comic. The panels she discussed were labeled set up, action, reaction, and

pay off.

After demonstrating a few possibilities of what could be drawn in the four panels, Coffelt had those attending draw their own four panel comics.

She provided drawing materials for the attendants as well as different sized cups for them to trace around to make circles for stick figure heads and other aspects of their drawings.

Coffelt is a self-taught artist who has had a love of drawing all her life, beginning drawing at a very young age. Her artworks are in 2D and 3D and she works mainly with oil pastel.

She is the author of sev-

eral children's novels, such as "Uh-Oh, Baby!" and "Catch That Baby!"

Her first book was released in 1992, titled "Good Night, Sigmund."

Coffelt has been doing workshops through Libraries of Eastern Oregon and has also conducted Art and Writing Residencies in schools over the past 25 years.

She has worked through academies such as Art-speak at Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, Art Center East in La Grande, Right Brain Initiative, Community Writers, and other such programs.

She stays mainly in the Eastern Oregon Region.



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Nancy Coffelt, an artist and illustrator, shows how to make comic stories.

"We moved from Portland four years ago," explained Coffelt. "And I've been in the process of

trying to cut a lot of my Portland ties.

"I do work in that area sometimes, but I adore this

part of the state and I like to focus here. I like the rural communities."

— OBITUARIES —

Teri L. Oliver

Baker City, 1946-2016

On December 30, 2016 we lost our mother Teri L. Oliver at age 70 to cancer. She died peacefully at home with her longtime companion Pat Crampton and good friend Linda Langton by her side.

Teri was a long-time resident of Baker City having moved there in 1970 with her husband at the time, William Oliver. She worked for many years at the Eltrym Theatre and she retired from Lumberman's after 10 years.

She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a friend to many, often putting everyone before herself.

Teri is survived by her children Donna Anderson, Alan Oliver, Amanda Oliver and she loved their spouses very much; Albert Anderson, Cynthia Oliver and Blake Hines. Teri has seven grandchildren; Autumn Miller, Dakota Miller, Kaitlin Oliver, Mason Stanford, Shawn Hines, Chloe Hines, and Shelby Oliver. She also has one great-granddaughter Amelia Burnaine. Teri was just beginning to get to know her grandsons significant

other, Mikaila Forrey and her son Chipper.

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our mother. Bye for now...

Should friends and family desire, memorial contributions may be made in honor of Teri to St. Judes Childrens Hospital through Coles Tribute Center at 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814. To light a candle for Teri or to leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.celebritycenter.com.

Wilma May Bishop

Baker City, 1936-2016

Wilma May Bishop, 80, of Baker City, Oregon passed away early in the evening of December 19, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Medical Center in Baker City. Services will be held at a later date, tentatively the end of April. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel.

April 28, 1936 was the blessed day Wilma May Francis was brought into this world to Roy R. and Verna E. Francis. She was

born and raised in Baker, Oregon and graduated from Baker High in 1954.

Wilma is preceded in death by her parents; Roy and Verna Francis.

She leaves behind her husband William "Bill" Bishop of Baker City, Oregon; brother Dell Francis of Baker City, Oregon; daughter Lawanna L. Wickam of La Grande, Oregon; daughter Lalanni L. Haggerty and husband Kelly of La Grande, Oregon; daughter Lalessa L. Wyatt and husband Jim of Acworth, Georgia and daughter Laletta L. Benner and husband Archie of Pocatello, Idaho.

She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and their spouses, 13 great-grandchildren, many step-children and their families, two nieces and their families and numerous people throughout the years she considered "family."

A full obituary will be published at a later date.

Should friends and family desire, contributions may be made in honor of Wilma to the Parkinson's Foundation through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel at 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle for Wilma or leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

Marion "Mac" Crow

Halfway, 1934-2016

Marion "Mac" Crow died at his home in Pine Valley, December 22, 2016. Per his request, a celebration of life will be held during the Crow family reunion in May.

Marion Albert was born May 19, 1934 to parents Albert and Beulah Crow.

He went to grade school in Pine Town for eight years and then attended Pine Valley Union High, graduating in 1952.

Marion met Colleen Blair at the Stockmen's Bar and Cafe in Halfway, Oregon. They were married January 24, 1959 and honeymooned in Baker, Or at a sheep camp. They lived in Union and La Grande for a time, but eventually made their home in Halfway in 1979.

He worked on both the Brownlee and Oxbow Dams. Marion then went to work for the Oregon Department

of Transportation retiring after 32 years.

Marion was passionate about rodeo and spent the past 50 years volunteering for the Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo.

He especially enjoyed pulling the rough stock shoots at both the Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo and Panhandle Rodeo. August 28, 2013 when he was the Grand Marshal for the 92nd annual Baker County Fair-Halfway and Panhandle Rodeo, he was quoted as saying, "I've always been interested in rodeo, I tried my hand at riding rough stock-that was a fiasco. I've probably been on 100 bucking horses and been bucked off 99. But I still get a thrill when I get down around the chutes."

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and wood working but his most favorite hobby of all was good ol' conversation and good ol' BS. Marion provided service to his community by participating on the Fair Board, City Council, Watershed, Halfway Lions Club, the Halfway Sportsman Club and helped to start the Union County Jr. Rodeo.

Marion loved his family

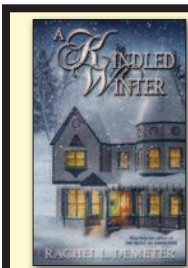
and friends most of all and he had nicknames for everybody, even the animals.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Marlene, Betty, Melba and Rose; grandson Terry Sitkoff Jr.; nephew Travis Crow.

Marion is survived by his wife Colleen of 60 years; children Terry and wife Noel Sitkoff of Halfway Oregon, Rick and wife Renee' Crow of Prosser, Washington, Michelle and husband Norman Letchworth of Halfway Oregon; brothers Dick, Dave and John Crow; sisters Louise and Husband Wayne Tyler, Elaine and husband Daryl Wolfe and Lorraine Gunter; 11 Grandchildren, two foster Grandkids, 14 great grandchildren plus one in the oven.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Marion, the family suggests either the Lion's Club or the Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834.

Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com.



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