

Weston-McEwen High School Graduation



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The Weston-McEwen High School Class of 22 tosses their caps in celebration May 28, 2022, during the Athena school's graduation ceremony.



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Austin Hemphill heads toward the stage May 28, 2022, during the graduation ceremony for Weston-McEwen High School, Athena.



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Veronica Sherman receives her high school diploma May 28, 2022, at Weston-McEwen High School Gymnasium, Athena, during the school's graduation ceremony.



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Lakota Knutzen celebrates with a hug May 28, 2022, at Weston-McEwen High School's graduation ceremony, Athena.

Janet McDowell

May 11, 1945 - May 5, 2022

Janet McDowell was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She left this world far too soon on May 5, 2022, at the age of 76.

Janet was born to Clyde and Ellen Taylor on May 11, 1945, in Preston, Idaho. She grew up on a dairy farm in Meridian, Idaho, with her four brothers, Jerry, Roger, John and Ross. She attended school in Meridian, Idaho, graduating from Meridian High School. After graduation, she attended Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho, to pursue a degree in interior design.

In November 1968, Janet married her high school sweetheart, Ron McDowell. The two lived in Meridian while he worked for Idaho Power. In 1973, they moved to Orovada, Nevada, to run a farm they had purchased. During their time in Nevada, George, Jody and Brett were born. In 1984, Ron and Janet moved their family back to Meridian and eventually settled in Oregon. Janet worked for Wheatland Insurance until her retirement in 2017.

Janet had many interests, including water skiing, snow skiing, shopping, ATV adventures, baking and serving others. As an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she held various callings throughout her life. She was famous for her sugar and monster cookies which she passed out every Christmas. Her family looked forward to receiving their annual "Happy Birthday" call. She never missed the chance to celebrate important life events with her loved ones.

She loved spending time with her kids, grandkids and great-grandchildren. She loved her family fiercely and showed them every chance she got. She supported each child, grandchild or great grandchild with her time, attending soccer games or rodeos, shopping or baking cookies together, hugs or a just phone call if she wasn't able to be there in person.

Janet preceded in death by her parents, Clyde and Ellen Taylor; in laws, Glen and Toby McDowell; brother, John Taylor; and nephew, Jake Taylor. She is survived by her husband, Ron; their four children, Stephanie (Ted) Hagler, George McDowell, Jody (Steve) Warnock and Brett (Kim) McDowell; and daughter-in-law, Melissa Rodriguez; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; three siblings, Jerry (Mary) Taylor, Roger (Teresa) Taylor, Ross (Lorita) Taylor; and sister-in-law, Cathy Taylor.

Donations may be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho.

A celebration of life will be held June 18, from 4-6 p.m. at Stephanie and Ted Hagler's residence, 8221 S. Ten Mile Road, Meridian, ID 83642.



Golfers prepare to tee-off for P.E.O.

Registration deadline is June 9

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MILTON-FREEWATER — It's time to dust off the golf clubs and take a few practice swings as the P.E.O. Golf Tournament returns this year.

The two-person alternate shot event is Saturday, June 11, 8:30 a.m. at the Milton-Freewater Golf Course, 301 Catherine Ave. Players can enter the men's, women's or mixed divisions. The entry fee of \$50 per person includes green fees and lunch. Additional lunch tickets are \$10. The event also features games and prizes, including a contest for the longest putt, closest to the pin and the shortest drive.

The entry deadline for players is Thursday, June 9. Also, with a limited number

available, reservations are required for golf carts.

The golf tournament helps provide grants and scholarships through P.E.O., an international women's philanthropic educational organization that supports and celebrates the advancement of women. According to a press release from Gail Beeson, P.E.O. has provided \$398 million in financial assistance to 119,000 women.

"Your support makes a difference," she said.

Julietta Pulido of Milton-Freewater expressed gratitude for assistance provided by P.E.O. She said the nonprofit organization helped jumpstart her career as a registered dental hygienist at Broadway Family Dental.

"The hygiene program was expensive to start, even after a few years of saving, so the scholarship I received

ensured my start date for the program," Pulido said. "I appreciated so much what they did for me, that I became a member with hopes of helping another woman in the future reach her career goals and life dreams".

Ruby Mitchell, another local recipient of educational funds, is pursuing a master's degree in public health at the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, in Portland. With a focus on environmental systems and human health, she's on track to graduate in June 2023.

To register for the tournament, call George Gillette at 541-938-7284 or stop by the pro shop at the golf course. For more information about P.E.O. International, visit www.peointernational.org. For questions about the local PEO chapter, email Beeson at sunrivergail@msn.com.

COMMUNITY BRIEFING

Oregon reels in free fishing weekend

SALEM — Fishing is free this weekend throughout the state of Oregon.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife announced everyone can fish, clam or crab in public waterways on Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5. Fishing and shellfish licenses or tags are not required for Oregon residents or visitors. All other fishing regulations must be adhered to, including closures, bag limits and size restrictions.

Also, events planned at several locations throughout the state reel in family fun by introducing kids to fishing. In addition, many lakes, ponds and reservoirs have been stocked with a variety of fish, including walleye, bass and trout at the McNary Ponds. For more information, search www.myodfw.com or call 503-947-6000.

Oldies Night highlights R&B

MILTON-FREEWATER — The upcoming Oldies Night in Milton-Freewater will feature four big male

rhythm and blues hitmakers.

BJ the DJ will spin tunes of Chuck Berry, Fats Domino, Little Richard and Lloyd Price — all enjoying great success crossing over to the pop charts as well as having numerous big hits on the R&B chart. The free event is Saturday, June 4, 7-10 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St.

Disc jockey Bob Jones also will share interesting tidbits about the musicians, their songs and the 1950s. For questions, contact Jones at dubququer70@gmail.com or 541-938-7028.

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