

'Ski for the Mental Health Of It' March 13

New Directions Northwest is partnering with Anthony Lakes Mountain Resort and the Baker County Sheriff's Office to offer a "Ski For The Mental Health Of It" event for families on March 13.

New Directions Northwest will be providing free lift tickets and equipment rentals to the first 90 people to register, a flier promoting the event states. Discounted tickets are available after free tickets have been claimed.

Free transportation also will be available to those who register.

Discounted ticket prices are \$12.50 for a lift pass only; \$23 for a lift pass and equipment rentals; and \$34 for a lift pass, equipment rentals and a group lesson.

For more information and to register, go to the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition Facebook page. Registration will close at 11:59 p.m. March 9.

Here is the event schedule for the March 13 event:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Skiing and snowboarding.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Free hot chocolate and giveaways.

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. — free sledding on the Bunny Hill, bring your own sled.

5 p.m. to 6 p.m. — Free hot chocolate and giveaways.

The giveaways will include beanies, travel tumblers, Pop-Sockets grips, stickers and wristbands.

Because this is a family event, anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult to receive free or discounted tickets and transportation. There is a limit of four free tickets per family.

"Studies show that being outdoors and spending time with family has been proven to increase overall mental well-being," the flier states.

More information is available by calling Sarah Rea at 541-519-0525.

COUNCIL

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Mayor Loran Joseph and Councilors Larry Morrison and Randy Schiewe were absent.

In other business Tuesday, councilors awarded a bid for PVC pipe and fittings to Ferguson Waterworks of Meridian, Idaho, for \$783,765.05, the lowest of four bids.

The pipe will be installed this summer as part of the city's ongoing project to replace its leak-prone concrete water supply pipeline, which brings water to town from the city's 10,000-acre watershed in the Elkhorn Mountains.

City Manager Fred Warner Jr. awarded a plaque to Downing, thanking him for his time as previous mayor and being on the Council for seven years.

"Thank you very, very much for the opportunity to serve. It's been a very good learning experience, I've had a lot of fun," Downing said.

Councilor Lynette Perry said it had been "a joy" working with Downing and with Fire Chief John Clark, who announced earlier this week that he had taken a job in Washington.

"You're going to be greatly missed," Perry said.

OBITUARIES

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Dwight Riggs

Baker City, 1925-2020

He married Catherine "Kay" Ayers, a Navy Wave, on March 9, 1946, at Honolulu. They came to Baker to start their family, but being a Marine Reserve he was called back up during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged as a first lieutenant.

He worked for Basche-Sage Hardware for 30 years until it closed in 1980. In retirement he and Kay traveled to Yuma as snowbirds. There he learned to macramé chairs. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, loved picking huckleberries and collecting coins. He was a lifelong Christian with a strong faith.

Dwight is survived by his children, Doug Riggs (companion Ruth) and Karen Riggs Conklin (Clyde); Charlene Moffitt, his companion for the past 14 years; five grandsons and 12 great-grandchildren; his sister, Jewel; and several nieces and nephews.

Dwight was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Kay; his second wife, Annie; and his sister, Ruth.

Memorial contributions in memory of Dwight can be made to the Oregon State Elks Association (in the memo please put Elks National Veterans Service Commission), or to the Baker City United Methodist Church through Coles Tribute Center, 1950 Place St., Baker City, OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Dwight, or to leave a condolence for his family, go to

www.colestributecenter.com

'Connie' Melo

Formerly of Huntington, 1931-2020

Constance "Connie" Griffith Melo, 88, died peacefully on Feb. 6, 2020.

There will be a celebration of life for family and friends this summer.

Arrangements were by Crown Memorial in Salem.

Connie was born on May 31, 1931, at Huntington to Clarence and Fuchsia Griffith. Connie graduated from Huntington High School in 1949 and attended Oregon State University where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She was an accomplished vocalist and pianist and music was one of her greatest joys in life.

Connie met Leland Wood in Baker City and they were wed in June of 1950. Together they had four children, Landon, Jordan, Wendy and Tracy Wood. After their divorce, she moved to Salem with her four children and started a long career working at the Oregon State Legislature. She was a secretary and assistant to Senators Betty Roberts and Ken Jernstedt. She remained active in politics her whole life.

She then met and married Edward Ohanian of Fresno, California, and together they opened and operated a men's clothing store in Salem for many years called the Slack Shack. She enjoyed the entrepreneurial lifestyle and work-



Connie Melo

ing in the fashion industry. They divorced in the '70s, and in 1982 she met Ruben Melo of Monterey, Mexico, and they were together until his death in 2015. They opened a resale store in Keizer called Connie's Resale and worked there several years. After retiring, they enjoyed traveling, especially to Mexico and also danced weekly at the Keizer Area Senior Center.

Connie is survived by her sisters, Autumn Stace of Redmond and Gail Cook of Portland; her brother, Walter Griffith, and his wife, Sharon of Lincoln City; her sons, Landon and Jordan Wood of Alamogordo, New Mexico; her daughters, Wendy Buchheit, and her husband, Lon, of McMinnville, and Tracy Anderson and her husband, Greg, of Houston; 10 grandchildren: Karen, Sarah, Luke, Natalie, Jackie, Heidi, Steele, Sarah, Sterling and Stone; 23 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Griffith and Fuchsia Prindiville; her brother, David Griffith; and her grandson, Nolan Wood.

Connie loved her family more than anything else and will be forever in our hearts.

Angela Cookson
Baker City, 1974-2020

Angela Cookson, 45, of Baker City, died on Feb. 6, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise with her family at her side.

Angela was born on July 19, 1974, at Salem. She is the daughter of Harvey and Meschelle Cookson. Angela was the youngest of four children: Scott, Julie and Timothy.

Angela was known by all of her friends and family as "Boo," a nickname lovingly given to her by her youngest brother. This nickname followed her through her school years and into adulthood.

Angela was a "free spirit" who cherished her independence. She loved to plant flowers and vegetables, which always grew the largest. Angela treasured her home and was always on the lookout for lovely home furnishings and decorations. Angela was an excellent cook and was always trying new and delicious recipes. She was a magnet for all stray animals from the neighborhood. They knew she would feed them and keep them safe. Angela had a kind and generous soul and loved her family deeply.

Angela has one daughter, Desiree Rose Suitter, and two young grandsons, Hakon and Odin. Angela has numerous nieces and nephews in addition to her many friends and acquaintances.

As with all "true free spirits" — they shed their earthly trappings and leave us all far too soon. She was deeply loved, will be missed, and never forgotten.

For those who would like to make a donation in memory of Angela, the family suggests Best Friends of Baker (animal rescue and care) through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com



Angela Cookson

LOCAL BRIEFING

'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' performed Friday at the library

Traveling Lantern will present "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at the Baker County Public Library, 2400 Resort St.

This interactive and kid-friendly play tells the story of children who find a musty, magical wardrobe containing a secret entrance that leads them into a fantastic world.

Local students on OSU honor roll

CORVALLIS — Several Baker County students were named to the scholastic honor roll for the fall term at Oregon State University.

- Straight-A Average: Kourtney M. Lehman, junior, Agricultural Business Management; Casey E. Swanson, Post Baccalaureate, Mathematics; Calli N. Ward, sophomore, Sociology.
- 3.5 or Better: Josephine E. Bryan, junior, Design & Innovation Management; Zechariah D. Compos, junior, Sociology; Reno R. Hammond, freshman, Chemistry; Levi S. Mansuetti, senior, Chemical Engineering; Cayn J. Osborn, sophomore, Civil Engineering

Baker School District retirees to gather

A gathering for retirees of the Baker School District is planned for Friday, March 13, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the North Baker School gymnasium, 2725 Seventh St. Attendees and their guest will be treated to a free dinner. The evening includes tours of Baker Technical Institute, various presentations, door prizes, and a raffle. If planning to attend, please RSVP to Lisa Young at lisa.young@bakersd.org or call 541-524-2260.

Herbicide application training scheduled

The Tri-County Cooperative Weed Management Area will have its annual herbicide application training March 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in La Grande. For location and other information, call the Weed Management Area at 541-624-5353 or email to mail@tricitywma.org

Builders Association offers scholarships

The Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association is offering two \$1,500 scholarships to Eastern Oregon students interested in pursuing a profession related to the building industry.

The deadline to apply is April 15.

The scholarships will be awarded based on the recipients' potential to succeed, a press release from the association stated.

Applicants must be high school seniors or students enrolled in college or qualified apprenticeship programs. And they must be residents of Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla or Morrow counties planning to pursue a career in the construction profession in fields such as welding, heating and ventilation, heavy equipment operation, carpentry or others.

More information about building trade career opportunities is available online at the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council website or from colleges that offer construction management degrees.

Scholarship application forms are available at:

- neohba.com
- columbiabasinstudenthomes.org
- high school counseling offices
- NEOHBA, P.O. Box 436, Hermiston, OR 97838t

Fireline Safety Refresher class March 21

Eastern Oregon Training Group will have an RT-130 Annual Fireline Safety Refresher class on March 21. The class will start at 8 a.m. at the Baker School District office, 2090 Fourth St. in Baker City. A practice fire shelter deployment will take place. This is a required class for all federal and state contractors that will be on the fire line. A certified National Wildfire Suppression Association (NWSA) instructor will teach the class. Cost is \$100 for NWSA members and \$130 for nonmembers. Registration can be done at oregonfiretraining.com. Pre-registration is requested. More information is available by calling Laurel Goodrich at 541-403-0907 or Jeff Sherman at 541-519-6213.

DEATHS

Thelma McManus: 79, of Baker City, died Feb. 24, 2020, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center-Baker City. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Corky Brumnett: 79, of Halfway, died Feb. 25, 2020, at his home, surrounded by love. A celebration of Corky's life will be scheduled later. Arrangements are under the direction of Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

Halfway. There will be a potluck afterward at the Halfway Lions Hall. The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of one's choice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneralhome.com

(Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Kenneth Charlie Follett, 23, of Baker City, 9:34 a.m. Tuesday, at 3320 K St.; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations

IDENTITY THEFT and THIRD-DEGREE THEFT (Baker County Circuit Court warrant): Jacob Anthony Galvan, 40, of 1430 Third St., 9:36 a.m. Monday, in the 2000 block of First Street; jailed.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police

Arrests, citations

PROBATION VIOLATION

FUNERALS PENDING

Ernest 'Ernie' Metcalf: His memorial service will take place on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 1:30 p.m. at the Baker City Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 975 S. Bridge St. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences may be made at www.tamis-pinevalleyfuneralhome.com

James "Jim" Corrigan: Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7, at St. Terese Catholic Church in Halfway. Burial with military honors will take place at noon at Pine Haven Cemetery in



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