

New ramp helps family connect

Volunteers from the Regional Accessibility & Mobility Project have built two access ramps this summer, the most recent at the home of Janice Pruitt Gutenberg. The program, sponsored by the United Community Action Network, better known by its acronym UCAN, is designed to help seniors remain in their homes as they age.

The latest ramp offers a connection between Pruitt Gutenberg's home and the home of her son, Ron Kingery, and his wife, Carol. The ramp was constructed off the Kingerys' back porch, and it descends gradually to the front door of Pruitt Gutenberg's neighboring home. The ramp was made possible through a donation of materials from the Melvin Friend family, according to a news release from UCAN.

"Ron originally called for his mom, but as I met the whole family I realized that this ramp was going to benefit the mobility of the whole family," Rebecca de Greyt of UCAN said. "The day after the ramp was completed, Janice came home and was delighted to see her new accessibility and freedom to move around."

• **CITY HONORS VOLUNTEERS.** The Mayor's Volunteer Dinner was hosted by Grants Pass Mayor Darin Fowler on July 9.

The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Lisa Woodruff of Logan Design; the Volunteer Group of the Year Award went



From left, Janice Pruitt Gutenberg, Ron Kingery and Carol Kingery on their new access ramp.

to the Josephine County Foundation, which is led by local high school students; and the Mayor's Future Citizen of the Year Scholarship Award for \$500 was presented to Bethany Dawson.

Fittingly, the event was held at Reinhart Volunteer Park.

• **RCC NAMES NEW DEAN.** Teresa Rivenes, Ph.D., has been named dean for instructional services at Rogue Community College. She replaces Linda Renfro, who retired on June 30

ology and psychology.

Rivenes has a master's degree and Ph.D. in psychology from Minnesota-based Capella University. She also holds a master's degree in social science from Utah State University.

• **CAMPUS CONNECTION.** Amy Waters of Grants Pass has been inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society. Waters is a student at Southern Oregon University in Ashland.

• **MILITARY NOTES.** Air Force Airman Samantha Harris graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas. A 2009 graduate of Hidden Valley High School, she is the daughter of Randy and Tiffiny Harris of Grants Pass, and the wife of Myca Pine.

— Air Force Airman 1st Class Kayla Johnson graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas. A 2011 graduate of Illinois Valley High School, she is the daughter of Larry and Donna Johnson of Sutherlin.

— Air Force Airman 1st Class Paul Phlaum II graduated from basic training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, Texas. A home-schooled student who graduated from high school in 2006 and from Southern Oregon University in Ashland in 2014, he is the son of Shirley and Paul Phlaum of Grants Pass.

after a 26-year career at RCC.

"We are very pleased to have a person with Dr. Rivenes' skills and talents join RCC," said college President Peter Angstadt. "She will add great value to our ability to provide quality education for our students."

Rivenes has been the director of outreach, community enrichment and lifelong education at Great Falls College, Montana State University, for the past year. She has also served as GFC's director of academic success. Earlier in her career, she taught humanities, ethics, soci-

