

Sisters Rodeo serves up clothing sale

Sisters Rodeo is offering an early Christmas shopping opportunity on November 16, at the Sisters Rodeo Grounds.

The Sisters Rodeo Merchandise Blow-Out Sale will offer discounts up to 40 percent on clothing for men, women and children, including T-shirts, sweat-shirts, vests, hats, jackets and more. Cash or a credit card are acceptable means of purchase.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Proceeds of the sale benefit Sisters Rodeo outreach programs, including scholarships.

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growing up and getting old could be attempted, and common-ground understandings for our personal humanity might be offered.

On the Metro today, I asked an elderly Middle Eastern looking man if the tram that we'd impetuously hopped on would be going across the bridge, where we needed to go, or if it stayed on this northern side of the city. My feet and legs were dog tired from walking all day on concrete sidewalks, stone streets, and asphalt; I preferred to walk as little as possible from here on out.

He was truly local, wasn't sure of my origins, and didn't understand a word I said.

Taking a long look at me, he got up from his seat and tried a remarkably proper response in what sounded to be broken French, perhaps guessing that was my nationality. I furrowed my brow and slightly shook my head "no."

Next he attempted a little broken German. I grinned big, grateful for his efforts and nodded "no" again. Finally, he turned his palms up, shrugged his shoulders, kindly grimaced and sat down.

After both smiling and squinting an affirmative of thanks for the generous try, I turned away. It didn't really matter. Wherever the tram ended up in this venerable metropolis, I was gonna be glad to get there anyway.

Chris Morin is the co-owner and operator of Raven Makes Gallery in Sisters.

GROONEY: Sisters man fought on Iwo Jima in World War II

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stars, he re-enlisted, spending a total of five years and nine months as an active-duty Marine. At the end of 10 years in the Reserves, he had attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 2005, Grooney returned to Iwo Jima for the 70th anniversary of the battle.

Born at Hollywood Hospital and growing up in the San Fernando Valley, Grooney worked in the grocery business in Southern California for Ralph's Grocery chain for 27 years. He and his wife, Claudia, were married in Hawaii on April 17, 1972 at 5:10 p.m. by a judge who was just leaving his office when they arrived.

Having driven through Sisters on the way to visit Claudia's relatives in Prineville, the Grooneys were captured by Sisters' magic, thinking it would be a nice place to retire. They purchased 10 acres in the Indian Ford area and in June 1979 they moved north, but retirement wasn't in the cards. One month later, they rented commercial space and opened a natural foods store. After

an interim move to a bigger space, they moved across Elm Street, where their merchandise changed from natural foods to gift items.

In 1984, Grooney was awarded the retail sales liquor license in Sisters providing a shot in the arm for their business. In September 1989, they moved the business to its present location at 111 W. Cascade Ave. Claudia was responsible for ordering gift items and other merchandise while Bob managed the liquor orders and sales. Retirement finally came in the spring of 2018 after 39 years of owning and running The Gallimaufry. Their grandson Spud Shaw has worked at the store for 19 years and been the manager for 11 years, so the store is still in the family.

People often ask, "What is a gallimaufry?" It is a Gaelic word that started out meaning a bunch of leftovers (food) but has morphed into meaning a jumble, hodgepodge, or bit of everything.

"It was the perfect name because, when we started in business, we weren't sure what we would sell and we didn't want to be limited to one particular specialty," Grooney explained.

Aside from their business, Bob and Claudia have both been actively involved in the



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Local veterans honored Bob Grooney, who is recovering from a broken leg.

community life of Sisters. Bob served on the Chamber of Commerce Board for 26 years and was the president for a period of time. He's been a Kiwanian since moving here in 1979 and served as president. He was the chairman of the Sisters School Board and instrumental in bringing a high school back to Sisters. He served in a number of other capacities, including as a founding member of what is now Sisters Park & Recreation District. He was also involved in early economic development efforts. For his years of service to the community, Grooney was presented with the first-ever Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award in 2016.

Claudia's love of gardening led to her involvement in

founding the Sisters Garden Club and later the Quilts in the Garden tour during Quilt Show week.

Bob was surprised and pleased by his new blanket. In addition, Schroeder presented him with a number of military medals and ribbons that had belonged to another veteran, in recognition of Grooney's service to his country.

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