

Oregon Athletic Hall of Famer Jack Morris dies at 90

BY CHRIS HANSEN

The (Eugene) Register-Guard Oregon Athletic Hall of Famer Jack Morris, a two-sport standout for the Ducks and key member of the 1958 Rose Bowl team, died last month at age 90. He was a longtime resident of Redmond.

Morris was a multi-dimensional athlete on the football team from 1955-57, playing halfback, defensive back and kicker. He was also a sprinter/hurdler on the Oregon track team.

Morris was drafted in the seventh round of the 1956

NFL draft by the Los Angeles Rams and went on to have a four-year professional career.

He died on April 27 of Alzheimer's disease at his home in Redmond.

Daughter Tricia Thompson said Morris in his later years had exhibited traits of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the brain degeneration caused by repeated head trauma that is becoming more common in former contact sport athletes as well as soldiers.

Morris was proudly both. He left Oregon after his freshman year in 1950-51 to enlist in the

air force, serving four years, including in the Korean War.

He returned to school in the fall of 1955 and set the Ducks' then-single-season scoring record with 68 points. He also started what would become a then-school-record string of 23 consecutive successful point-after attempts.

As a junior in 1956, Morris led the team in rushing with 519 yards. As a senior in 1957, he rushed for a then-school-

record 212 yards against USC and helped the "Webfoots" go to a bowl game for the first time in nine years when they played Ohio State in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Morris had 11 carries for 60 yards in the 10-7 loss to the heavily favored Buckeyes, and had a chance to give Oregon the lead in the third quarter with the score still 7-7 but his 37-yard field-goal attempt went wide — barely.

"The kick was so close that

I thought for sure it went between the goal posts," Ohio State coach Woody Hayes said afterward. "It's lucky the officials were calling it instead of me."

When his Oregon career ended, Morris ranked third in career points scored (130) as well as career rushing yards (1,631).

He went on to play for Los Angeles and led the Rams with six interceptions as a rookie. He followed with stints in Pittsburgh and then Minnesota, where he played for coach Norm Van Brocklin, the

former Oregon quarterback.

Morris grew up in Medford and was a star athlete for Medford High, winning two state titles in the 200-yard low hurdles (1949 and 1950) and another in the 120-yard high hurdles (1949) under the tutelage of legendary coach Bob Newland Sr., who replaced another legend at Medford in 1949 — Bill Bowerman.

Morris was inducted into the Oregon Athletic Hall of Fame in 2005 as an individual, but was also honored in 1994 when the 1957 football team was inducted.



Morris

Pipeline

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Opponents of the project claim the irrigation district's easement across their properties does not permit digging below the bottom of the canal to install the pipeline. They pointed to language governing the easement that limits its scope to 50 feet "on each side" of the canal.

The judge said the 50-foot limit applies vertically as well as horizontally, which means they've wrongly interpreted the easement's terms.

"Critically, plaintiffs' interpretation effectively replaces the word 'each' with 'either' in an attempt to limit the geographic scope of the easement to the water's horizontal margins," he said.

The Tumalo Irrigation District, which manages 80 miles of canals and pipelines that serve about 7,400 acres, typically lost half the water running through open canals.

Such losses disrupt irrigation when below-average snowpacks reduce the water supply, with federal protections for the threatened Oregon spotted frog further aggravating the problem.

Opponents filed a lawsuit in 2020 against replacing open canals with pipelines because the lack of seepage would likely kill century-old Ponderosa pines and other plants along the canal, damaging wildlife habitat and property values.



Tumalo Irrigation District

A judge has ruled favorable on a proposal by the Tumalo Irrigation District to bury irrigation pipeline below ground, instead of using open canals.

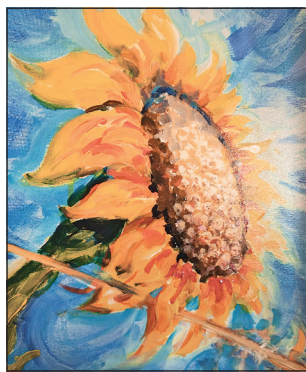
"The burden is the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars in property value. It cannot occur in this way if the burden on the servient estate is increased," said Esack Grueskin, attorney for opponents, during oral arguments earlier this year.

The irrigation district countered that irrigation districts have historically built elevated pipelines to cross rivers and other obstacles, just as it's now common to rely on easement to install pipelines underground.

"The method of delivery may reasonably change over time," said Mark Reinecke, the irrigation district's attorney. "There is nothing to say it cannot be done below the bottom of the canal or anything else."

REDMOND

Sunflower exhibit to help the people of Ukraine



Submitted photo

"Remembrance," an acrylic by Nate Lund, is part of an exhibit at One Street Down Cafe.

BY DAVID JASPER
The Bulletin

One Street Cafe, located at 124 SW Seventh St. in Redmond, is hosting an exhibit of sunflower paintings, a benefit for the people of Ukraine.

According to organizer Gillian Burton, sunflowers have long symbolized peace in Ukraine, and by extension, they've become a symbol of support for Ukraine, which is currently under attack by Russia.

So far, about 20 artists

have donated paintings to the show, which will hang into the fall, and three have already sold.

Money from sales will go for both relief and future re-establishment of a liberated Ukraine via a designated fund at the American Red Cross, according to the announcement for the show, which opened Sunday.

"I have set myself an ambitious goal of \$10,000," Burton said.

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Homeless

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Homeless advocates in Redmond, Bob and Anne Bohac, who have been working with Moon, said one person contacted them and offered to connect her with a septic tank repair company. Another said she'd like to donate cash to the family to help them get established in their home.

Moon and her four children became homeless in the fall of 2019 after the county obtained a court injunction evicting her family from her mobile home because raw sewage was leaking out onto the ground from her septic tank. At the time there were no shelters in Redmond with enough space for the five of them. Simultaneously, she had pressed domestic abuse charges against her ex-husband and had filed for divorce. The mobile home was owned in her and her ex-husband's name.

The pandemic slowed down

the process in both fronts, causing a quagmire that didn't clear up until late last year when Moon was granted sole ownership of the home. Just a few weeks ago she was able to pay the back taxes on it and now needs to comply with county rules to repair the septic tank before she can move in.

"It's examples like this that show the huge gaps in our systems," Anne Bohac said. "There are so many stories like this."

Among the offers to help the Moon family is assistance to obtain homeowners insurance from Jericho Road, a homeless advocate non-profit organization. Obtaining homeowners insurance is one of the county's requirements for being able to return to the mobile home in Redmond.

The offers of help from all parts of the community make advocates like Bob and Anne Bohac feel hopeful.

"It's all been so positive and reassuring," Bob Bohac said.

"It's so gratifying to know that people will respond to someone they don't know and who is homeless. It shows me the community wants to be show how to help and they will."

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