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Engagement

Haggard-Osmin



Lora Haggard and Derek Osmin

Frank and Cara Osmin of Heppner announce the engagement of their son, Derek Osmin to Lora Haggard, daughter of Leona Bowe.

The groom is employed by Shelco Electric and the bride is employed by United Rentals.

The wedding is planned for February 2004 in Heppner.

MCSD and MCURD to hold joint meeting

The Morrow County School District Board of Directors and the Board of the Morrow County Unified Recreation District have scheduled the following meeting:

Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Port of Morrow in Boardman, the boards from the MCSD and the MCURD will meet jointly for a work session. The

purpose of the meeting is to discuss the financial outlook and funding for future years.

- Christmas Cookie Exchange
- at Willow Creek Diner
- Sunday, Dec. 21, at 3 p.m.
- For more information, call Kathy at 676-5951 or 676-5023

Bring a dozen cookies, take a dozen cookies!

**Tis' right before Christmas
And all through Luke One
Are angels and good news
And miracles begun.**

**We invite you to worship
Each Sunday at Eleven
To hear stories of promise
And angels from heaven.**

**On Christmas Eve
We will gather again,
For Candlelight Worship
At Five and at Ten.**

**If you aren't somewhere else
We hope you will be
With us Christmas season
At Ione UCC.**

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Obituaries

Dolores L. Gribble

Dolores L. Gribble, 93, of Heppner, a former Justice of the Peace, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

At her request, no services will be held. Inurnment will take place later at Gribble Cemetery at Aurora.

She was born Aug. 10, 1910, at Medical Lake, WA, the daughter of Hollis and Flossie Barnes Mills. She was raised and attended school in Salem, where she graduated in 1929.

On Dec. 31, 1934, she married Lowell Gribble at Salem. The couple moved to Heppner in 1952. She taught ceramics at Barbie's Pot Shop and she was secretary to L.L. Gribble while he was Justice of the Peace. She was appointed to that job in 1968 and served until retiring in 1978.

For a number of years the couple spent their winters in the South, but had been retired in Heppner since 1990.

She was a member of the All-Saints Episcopal and a member of the Ruth Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, where she served as Worthy Matron.

She enjoyed golf, knitting, sewing and playing bridge.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years; sons, Douglas of Centralia, WA and Stuart of Issaquah, WA; daughter, Barbara Diggins of Pendleton; grandchildren, Julie Anderson, Jeff Gribble, Kimi Carlson and Michael Lee Becker; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Willow Creek Terrace, P.O. Box 610, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

Christian Men's Breakfast to be held

The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held Sunday, Dec. 21, from 8-9 a.m., at the Church of the Nazarene.

On the menu are deluxe scrambled eggs, orange cranberry biscuits, bacon, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, milk and orange juice.

The purpose of the gathering is to encourage and strength men in fulfilling their Biblical roles as single men, husbands, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, neighbors and friends. Men are invited to bring their children with them. This is an opportunity for you to be an active Christian witness to them before God.

The Church of the Nazarene is located at 355 N. Gilmore. For more information call 676-5529.

Fore-ever young

Clint McQuarrie, Roseburg's oldest competitive golfer, is still swinging away at age 91

By Brian Miller, The News-Review, Published Nov. 16, 2003



Clint McQuarrie prepares to unload on a golf ball Friday morning at the Roseburg Country Club. At 91 years old, McQuarrie is Roseburg's oldest competitive golfer, and plays the RCC course three times a week. Photo by Andy Bronson/The News-Review

At first glance, Clint McQuarrie seems like a typical retired golfer. He plays the course at the Roseburg Country Club three times a week, and still gets frustrated if he has a bad day.

To the other golfers at the RCC course though, there's nothing run-of-the-mill about McQuarrie. After all, it isn't every day your foursome includes an athlete who is still going strong at the age of 91.

That's McQuarrie though, a Roseburg resident for the past 15 years. Even in his early 90s, he has managed to stay active in the sport he loves so much, and is Roseburg's oldest competitive golfer.

Larry Rooker, the incoming president of the RCC Senior Golf Association, is someone who has had the chance to play with McQuarrie. Both are part of what's collectively known as the "Groupsome," a circle of senior golfers who compete every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The players each draw numbers to form teams, then vie for the best score.

"Most of the players are deferential to him," Rooker said. "Because of his age, they kind of hold him in awe."

Holding McQuarrie in awe is easy to do. Not only does he golf regularly, he also works out at Mercy Medical Center three times a week, spending 30 minutes on the treadmill, 10 minutes on the exercise bike and 20 minutes working with weights.

"I try not to just sit in an 'easy chair,'" McQuarrie said. "I don't like to just sit and stare into space."

His background suggests exactly that. Born in Missoula, Mont., McQuarrie moved to Kinzua, Ore., (now a ghost town) in 1933 and went to work for the Kinzua Lumber Mill. Seven years later he bought a baked goods delivery route, and, after Pearl Harbor, joined the Army to fight in World War II. Serving as an infantryman in the 29th Division, McQuarrie and 11 others were on patrol when they were captured by the Germans and spent six months in a POW camp.

"It was pretty bad," McQuarrie said. "The food was terrible."

After being liberated by Russian forces, McQuarrie eventually made his way back to the United States. He sold his bread route, which had been looked after by his father-in-law, and moved to Heppner to run the Central Market grocery store. Following a heart attack in 1987, he and his late wife Marie moved to Roseburg.

It was while living in Heppner that McQuarrie first

took up golf. Fifty years later, he has still maintained a sense of humor about the sport.

"I was 42 or 43 when I started, and I still haven't learned anything," he said.

McQuarrie's personality is just one of his endearing qualities.

"He's a really good guy," Rooker said. "He's got a heart of gold. He's old-fashioned — a straight shooter."

"He's an inspiration to us," said Duane Taylor, another member of the groupsome. "We might hit a bad shot, or hit one in the woods, but we have to be thankful we're healthy. It's enough just to be out here and play."

That message hasn't been lost on McQuarrie's fellow golfers. They realize that if someone McQuarrie's age is still going strong, then just about anyone can do it.

"The guys in our age group, they've got all kinds of aches and pains, arthritis and back backs," Rooker said. "Nobody will complain around Clint, because it's just ridiculous."

McQuarrie's golf game isn't what it used to be. His handicap now sits at 35, and the ball doesn't travel like it used to off his swing. That doesn't mean he isn't still capable of bringing a strong game to the fairway.

"Clint's an athlete," Rooker said. "He swings through, and hits it straight. Some of the guys who can hit

it twice as far hit it into the trees."

Athletic genes also run in the family. McQuarrie's grandson, Rich Ruhl, was an all-state tight end and linebacker at Roseburg High School, and played linebacker at the University of Oregon from 1992-1995. Ruhl played in the Hula Bowl, an all-star game for seniors, in 1995.

While McQuarrie may not embody a typical athlete as a great-grandfather of two children, his desire to keep going is a testament to his personality. McQuarrie's daughter, Susan Reisman, who also lives in Roseburg, said her father realizes that staying active is important.

"He's really amazing," Reisman said. "He's a man who knows he needs to keep going, and knows he shouldn't sit for a whole day."

McQuarrie counts his blessings every day, and realizes just how fortunate he is.

"I'm awful lucky," he said. "I realize that when I go to Mercy and see people who can't move."

McQuarrie plans to be a part of the Roseburg Country Club as long as he is able. In his own words, he refuses to just sit down and die. But for those who may question whether or not a 91-year old should be playing golf three times a week, McQuarrie has a simple answer.

"You're probably right," he said with a smile.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Four survey questions were given to noon meal regulars, to identify major concern they may have about possible exploitation of elderly citizens and those with handicaps. In short form, the question topics follow: 1) I want to know who to call and what information to give if I suspect abuse is going on (yes/no). 2) How do I get information about stopping solicitation phone calls? I get, few/many, phone calls of this nature. 3) What are the characteristics, if any, of a suspicious call? 4) How can I respond effectively?

Any who have these same concerns or related ones may leave them at the center office or with any board member. The planners for the legal information meetings in January are wanting input from any who have questions or concerns by Jan. 7, 2004.

Menu for the Wednesday, Dec. 24 Christmas dinner at the Senior Center is baked ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, candied yams, scalloped corn, hot rolls and date nut pudding. Volunteers from the Christian Life Center are the meal servers on this special occasion.

Nine persons (including the driver) traveled to Pendleton, by bus, Dec. 9. Tom Wilson, driver, Ed Baker, Grace Drake, Carol Mitchell

and Sheila Piper attended the AAA meeting, after joining Pendleton seniors for lunch. Other passengers attended their own errands during this time.

The advisory committee for Umatilla-Morrow AAA consists of representatives from each senior center in the area. Methods to monitor each center for standards and quality of service were approved. The schedule of visits is set up and each center is notified of the date monitors will visit that place.

RSVP remains under threat of fund cuts. If the cut happens immediately, the fiscal year will end with a deficit. The change in the character and attitudes of those coming into the over 65 age category was noted - many continue active employment, and others maintain many active interests. A name change is being considered to reflect these changes in the group as a whole.

The next AAA meeting is at Boardman, on Thursday, March 11, 2004.

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our appreciation
to the whole community
for all of your support.*