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**Two local men witness OSU's national championship win**



Charlie Anderson and Jim Swanson celebrate together after the winning game for OSU at the College Baseball World Series in Omaha, NE.

Making one of his personal dreams come true, Oregon State University alumnus and Ione resident, Jim Swanson traveled to Omaha, NE to watch firsthand the College Baseball World Series. The series was held from June 16 through June 26 and Swanson was able to watch all the games, except for the very first one. After winning two out of three games in the championship round, OSU became the Division I national champions. There were eight teams participating in the series.

Last year OSU participated in the series, but only played two games as the series is played on a double elimination system and Swanson said he "kicked

himself that he hadn't gone back for the game." When he heard that OSU would be there this year he determined he wouldn't miss it. Even though Swanson originally went on his own, friend and fellow alumnus Charlie Anderson joined him for the championship games.

The series was held at Rosenblatt Stadium in Omaha. The 26,000-seat stadium has been there since 1950 and Swanson said it was neat to even see the stadium.

Swanson said it was really "a neat thing [having OSU win the whole series] to have happen."

"College baseball is the best baseball you can watch, they play for real," said Swanson.

**Obituaries**

**Frances M. "Fran" Barnett**

Frances M. "Fran" Barnett, 60, of Ione died Sunday, July 2, 2006 at the home of her brother-in-law, Joel Barnett, in Ione.

A memorial service was held Monday, July 10, at Valby Lutheran Church near Ione.

She was born Oct. 21, 1945 at Winfield, KS to Elmer C. and H. Sue Gage Heath. She lived on the family farm with her parents and her older brother and sister until shortly after her father died in July of 1957, the family then moved to Heppner. They lived with her Uncle Fred and Aunt Ethel Heath on lower Rhea Creek for a time.

In July 1958, Barnett gained a loving stepfather when her mother married Darrell Vinson. They lived at Parkers Mill and she attended the Hardman School for her eighth-grade year. The family then moved to the Vinson ranch on Little Butter Creek and from there she attended and graduated from Heppner High School. Her first job after graduation was at the Gilliam & Bisbee Hardware Store in Heppner.

On Dec. 5, 1964, she married David L. Barnett at Carson City, NV.

She enjoyed knitting and photography, entering many of her travel pictures in the Morrow County Fair each year. After raising her children, she enjoyed traveling and saw much of the country with her sister, mother and stepfather.

She was a member of Valby Lutheran Church and Morrow County Historical Society.

Barnett took a medical retirement from the Bank of Eastern Oregon after enjoying 32 years of banking.

Survivors include her husband, Dave Barnett of Ione; son, D. Scott Barnett and grandson, Tyrell of Lewiston, ID; stepdaughters, Debbie Richelderfer of The Dalles and Cindy Rossell of Lewiston, ID; brothers, Joe Heath of Florence, KS and Mel Gilchrist of Alamogordo, NM; sister, Anna Schwarzin of Heppner; step-granddaughters, Stephanie and Nicole; step-grandsons, Bryan, Grant, Sheldon, B.J., Bobby and Kyle and five step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather and her brother, George Mayberry.

Memorial contributions may be made to Valby Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 60492 Valby Road, Ione, OR 97843.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**Charles Richard "Dick" McElligott**

Charles Richard "Dick" McElligott, 82, of Ione, died July 4, 2006 at his home.

Recitation of the Rosary was held July 7 at St.

William's Catholic Church in Ione. A funeral mass was held July 8 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner with concluding service and burial following at High View Cemetery in Ione.

He was born Nov. 20, 1923 in Beaverton to Charles and Cecelia Holbolke McElligott and raised in Morrow County south of Ione. He attended Davis School District No. 9 (sometimes as many as nine students in the class and the barn would hold six horses). Upon eighth grade graduation he attended Jefferson High School in Portland, graduating in 1941. He was a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps, flying and training pilots from July 1942 through November 1945. This is where he got his love of flying.

He graduated from the University of Portland in 1947. This is where he met his lifelong love, Loa Beauchamp, whom he married in 1947. They spent the next 59 years together, raising wheat, cattle and 12 children (sometimes embarrassing but never a humiliation). Over the years he met and worked with many good people in the Conservation Districts but nothing gave him more satisfaction than seeing the physical, mental and moral growth of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by wife Loa and their 12 children: John (Lisa) of Tallahassee, FL, James (Eileen) of Ione, Thomas (Laura) of Heppner, Joseph (Jeri) of Ione, Ann Hull (David) of Helena, MT, Melissa Sherlock (Jeffrey) of Helena, MT, Mary Pat Boger (Will) of Fairbanks, AK, Charles (Tina) of Woodbridge, CA, Catherine Garman (Charlie) of Columbia City, Daniel (Patty) of Woodland, CA, Martha (Scott) Tevault of Portland and Richard (Jenni) of Salem; brothers, Donald and Jerry McElligott both of Ione and sister, Kathleen O'Leary of Silver Lake and their families. In addition there are 40 grandchildren and 11 1/2 great-grandchildren...so far.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Smile Train, Dept. NPPR, and P.O. Box 96231, Washington, DC 20090-6231.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

**William P. "Bill" Monahan**

William P. "Bill" Monahan, 65, died on July 1, 2006 at the Good Samaritan Center in Hermiston.

A graveside funeral service with military honors was held July 7 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery in Heppner.

He was born on July 13, 1940 in Heppner to parents, James and Camilla

Kilkenny Monahan. He was raised and attended school in Heppner, graduating from Heppner High School in 1958. He then attended college for a time before joining the United States Army. He served during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War where he was awarded two purple hearts for his actions. He spent seven years in the Army and then 12 years in the National Guard serving his country. He returned to the Hermiston area after his honorable discharge.

He first went to work driving truck, then at the Reith Saw Mill and later at the Umatilla Army Depot where he worked as a guard until retiring in 1986 due to failing health.

He was a military buff who enjoyed dancing, playing pool and loved to be around people where he always shared a joke or a good story. He never missed a showing of "Black Sheep Squadron" or "M\*A\*S\*H" on television.

He is survived by his sons, Dan Monahan and John Monahan, both of Hermiston; daughters, Camilla Monahan of Albany, Becky Monahan of Hermiston and Patti Spence of Oil City, PA; brothers, Mike Monahan of Portland and Dominic Monahan of Eugene; sister, Teresa Hoffman of Lake Oswego; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister Mary Ann Monahan.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

**Local man wins Lion's Club rifle**



Lion's Club treasurer Steve Rhea (right) presents Josh Browning, HHS teacher and Ione resident, with a 257 Weatherby Vanguard from the Lion's Club rifle raffle.

The Lion's Club recently held a rifle raffle to raise funds for their Heppner High School scholarships. The club raised a net total of \$1260 and the 257 Weatherby Vanguard rifle was won by Josh Browning, a HHS teacher and Ione resident. Club treasurer Steve Rhea presented the rifle to Browning. Rhea said that this was the first time in a while that a local person has won the raffle.

Rhea said he and the other Lion's club members appreciate all the participation and are pleased with the total raised. This year \$1000 in scholarships were given.

Rhea also said that Browning was very excited to have won the rifle as he does not have one, but had gotten an elk tag this year and so looked forward to using it.

**Family BBQ and golf scramble held**

A family BBQ was held at the WCCC on Sunday, July 9. Fifteen golfers braved the warm afternoon, with a four-man best ball scramble. The first place team consisted of Gene and Luvilla Sonstegard and John and Pat Edmundson. The second place team consisted of Jim and Barb Hayes, Bob Jepsen and Betty Christman. And a tie for third

**Meredith I. Clarke**

Meredith I. "Merry" Clarke, 81, of Irrigon, died June 30, 2006, at her home in Irrigon.

At her request, there will be no service.

She was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Page, ND, to Floyd and Laura Green Rintoul.

Clarke was raised and attended school in Page, ND. She served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1944 until her honorable discharge in 1946.

She married John Clarke on Jan. 2, 1946, in Bremerton, WA. They lived in Highwood, MT, from 1948 until 1955. They owned a cattle ranch in Fergus, MT, until 1977 when they moved to the Wamic-Tygh Valley. They moved to Irrigon in 1994.

Clarke enjoyed flowers, painting, needlework and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband; daughters, Barbara Tye of Bozeman, MT, Addie Calbick of Irrigon and April Borders of Yankton, SD; son, Alec Clarke of Whitehall, MT; sister, Gladys Davis of Page, ND; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of choice.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

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By DAVID SYKES  
REALTOR

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Just like anything that is sold, the marketing approach can be a key element in how fast and how much your home sells for. Buyers are often looking for one or two key ingredients that grab their attention. You may not be aware of it, but your home may have one of those special selling points. I am keenly aware of it! There are buyers looking for special ingredients such as open space, extra bathrooms, an in-law apartment, attached garage, home office, alarm

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Bill Monahan