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Obituaries

Marjorie "Madge" Street

Marjorie Street of Portland, OR passed away on Dec. 9, 2022, at the age of 97. A memorial service at her church will be scheduled at a later date, probably in the spring of 2023.

Marjorie was born to Sadie and Dale Underwood on Jan. 9, 1925, at the Hillsboro, OR hospital. She lived with her parents and her sister, Dorothy, who was a year and a half younger, in Forest Grove, OR.

In 1935, the family moved to Yamhill, OR, where they had a grocery store. The family moved back to Forest Grove in 1939, where they again had a grocery store. The whole family worked in both.

Marjorie attended high school there, and subsequently graduated from Pacific University with a B.A. in psychology. There she met Don Campbell, and she married him in 1944 during World War II.

Two years later she moved with her husband and daughter to a wheat ranch in Lexington and learned all about farm life, including flash floods, wood stoves and canning everything. When her husband decided to leave family farming and go back to school and into the ministry in 1955, the family moved to Eugene, OR. By 1959, they had three children, and her husband took a position as a pastor in Redmond, OR. Shortly after, the family moved to Portland, Oregon, and Marjorie started teaching as an elementary school teacher in the Parkrose School District.

She was divorced in 1961, and in 1964 married Peter Street. In 1974, Marjorie received her master's degree in teaching at Portland State University. Previously, she obtained her teacher's license there while raising three children and teaching. She taught in Parkrose for 22 years until she retired in 1983. Following retirement, Marjorie volunteered as a teacher for adults for seven years.

In 1992, her beloved husband, Peter, passed away. She subsequently moved to independent living at Holladay Park Plaza, and recruited numerous other Parkrose teachers to move there, which de-

lighted her. She was on the plaza board, engaged in many other activities, and volunteered in the Smart Program at two elementary schools in Portland, as well as for the Northeast Emergency Food Program. Marjorie served as a HPP floor representative until her passing. She also traveled extensively through Elderhostel within the U.S. and overseas, and visited her family. She moved from independent living to assisted living, then to skilled nursing at the plaza, retaining her many friendships there.

Preceding her in death were her daughter, Dorrine Campbell, at the age of 12; her devoted husband, Peter, in 1992; her sister, Dorothy Tenny, in 2005; and her sons-in-law, Greg Mlynarczyk, David LaFond and Don McCabe.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Mlynarczyk; her son, Will Campbell, and his wife, Patti; her step-son, Mike Street, and his wife, Alice; her step-daughter, Linda McCune; her step-daughter, Carolyn LaFond.

Marjorie was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Her nieces, Janet Spence and Judy Wels and their respective husbands Clay and Eric, their four children, spouses and grandchildren, were close to her also. The entire family had such admiration for her courage and strength.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to Holladay Park Plaza Employees' Scholarship Fund, Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Avenue, Portland, OR 97232, the Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance, 8737 Colesville Road, Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or the Capital Improvement Campaign, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock St., Portland, OR 97212.

Mary Jean McCabe

Mary Jean McCabe, 95, died Jan. 9, 2023, at Rose Arbor House a t Guardian Angel Homes in Hermiston, OR. Graveside services were held at High View Cemetery at Ione on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Mrs. McCabe was born on January 3, 1928, in Ione to Mary (Grabill) and Edmund Bristow. She was raised in Nampa, ID and Baker City, OR, graduating

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from Baker High School in 1945. She spent summers in Ione working alongside her beloved aunt, Lucile Rietmann, during harvest. They had a very special relationship.

In 1945 her family returned to Ione, where she worked at Bristow's Market, the family store. By age 18 she ran the store alone, due to the health of her father after a major heart attack, until his recovery.

Her wonderfully happy marriage to Ernest McCabe began on April 18, 1948. In 1959 they moved to Bay City, OR. Three years later they moved to Heppner, where they eventually became part owners of Central Market. They lived in Heppner until 2020, when they moved to Rose Arbor assisted living in Hermiston.

Mrs. McCabe was the Treasurer of the City of Heppner for 25 years, a long-time member of the Heppner United Methodist Church and, for more than 15 years, a volunteer at St. Patrick's Senior Center, decorating the dining room monthly. She had a tremendous sense of humor, loved people, and loved and enjoyed life. Many saw her dressed up over the years with Sharon Lewis on their shared birthday in unimaginable garbs. She especially enjoyed working at Peterson's Jeweler's with Randall and Marlene Peterson before being elected city treasurer. She enjoyed Scrabble, crossword puzzles, bridge, the Oregon Coast, and most of all her family, friends and grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Ernie; her parents, Edmund Bristow and Mary Bristow; and her brother, Donald Bristow.

She is survived by her son, John McCabe of Heppner, and daughters, Pam (Jim) Doherty of Golden, CO, Lisa (Joe) Gifford of Oro Valley, AZ, and Laurie (Dan) Wilson of Newberg, OR; three brothers, Tommy Bristow of Rockaway Beach, OR, Jerry Bristow of Tillamook, OR, and John Bristow of Ione, OR; and the lights of her life, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heppner United Methodist Church, PO Box 733, Heppner, OR 97836

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

ODFW Recreation Report

Apply for your spring bear tag

Fall season for black bear closed Dec. 31. The spring bear controlled hunt season will open April 1, but the deadline to apply for a tag is Feb. 10. That deadline will be here before you know it.

Cougar
Cougar are well-distributed in our forested areas. Calling with distress calls or cougar vocalizations can be effective. However, locating a fresh, naturally-made kill has the best chance of success.

Coyote
The population is healthy with good numbers of coyotes available for those who wish to pursue them. Watch wind direction to help prevent giving away your location. Calling with game distress calls can be very successful.

Lexington council swears in

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that she hopes to get to.

While there was no fire department report, the mayor also mentioned that she heard the Lexington Fire Department got paged out to a house fire in Heppner the first week of January.

"That was exciting to see," she said. "It's nice to have them out in the community."

In his report, Lexington Maintenance Director Keith Hess told the council that several valves needed to be replaced on the town water lines and talked about a new valve system that he included in the meeting packet.

"They're a little bit pricey, but they have quite a few benefits to them as well," said Keith Hess. "You don't have to shut the water off to install them, so it saves on that. They have a much smaller footprint, and they have a much longer service life."

He said the valves that needed replaced were one four-inch, one six-inch and two eight-inch valves. The two eight-inch valves are on the main water line. The cost for the four valves that needed replaced would be about \$4,400. Keith Hess mentioned that the two on the main line could possibly wait until the town replaced the main line as is planned.

He also said that in addition to the cost for the valves, in order to install the system himself he would have to purchase all the appropriate tools.

"The tools for them are ridiculously expensive. It's a lot cheaper to contract out to a company that would come install them," he said. "I'm wondering, really, what is the level of it needing to be replaced," said Imes. "Can it be repaired to last another two, three years?"

Council member Bill Beard added that the problem was that some of the valves don't work at all, so there is no way to shut the water off.

"If you have a pipe break, you better be really creative finding how far back you need to shut it off," Beard said.

"So are all four of them not working at all?" asked Kennedy.

Beard replied that one of them is leaking severely from the stem and the packing is "completely shot," and said that they might be able to isolate and repack that one, "if we can find packing material any more. Last time I had to get into my own personal repair parts," he added.

Imes asked if it was that difficult to find resources, and Beard replied that it was difficult to find parts because everyone wanted to sell the whole valve.

"Not like the old days, when you could find parts for them," he said.

Gordon asked if there were valves available that weren't so expensive and costly to install. Beard replied that it was usually a fraction of the cost for brass valves but that it cost more to install them. Keith Hess added that the water would have to be shut off and they would have to dig a much bigger hole. Beard said they would get estimates for installation of cheaper valves from local companies, and that would probably work much better price-wise.

"This is new technology," he said, referring to the more expensive valves Hess had mentioned, "and I think they're probably going to go down later on after they've been out for a while."

Keith Hess also informed the council that the Port of Morrow was going to come down and vacuum excavate, or "pothole," some lines that need to be replaced. Potholing is a



L-R: Town recorder Veronica Hess, councilor Katie Imes, mayor Juli Kennedy, councilor Bobbi Gordon and councilor Bill Beard. Not pictured: Councilor Will Lemmon. -Contributed photo

non-destructive excavation method of utility location done by simultaneously shooting compressed air or water jets and removing excavated material by vacuum action. It's less invasive, and usually safer and easier for the utility and the operator.

"Instead of going on people's property and digging up people's yards a stuff, we just pothole into the service line, clean the line, and close it back up," Hess said.

He also showed the council information on a Vermeer vacuum excavation trailer unit, which he thought would be helpful for the town to purchase.

"It would help out a lot for when we need to do this type of work instead of having to access a contractor," said Hess.

"I would say something like this needs to be presented to the budget committee," said Gordon, adding that the town might look at it for next year's budget.

Hess replied that he had looked into financing plans, and at a seven-year plan the town would pay a little more than a thousand dollars a month for the machine.

"I think that's a pretty good deal for such a useful piece of equipment," he said.

Beard said he had seen similar equipment used and that it worked really well, and he questioned whether there might be any funding available through agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"It would be nice to know," he said.

In her report, town recorder Veronica Hess informed the council she had set up a work session with Points Consulting, a consultant out of Idaho, with whom she had been working through the Morrow County Planning Department. The consultant has been working with the cities in the Willow Creek Valley and has put together an economic development and employment lands assessment specific to each of the cities.

The work session will be from 5-6 p.m. before the next town council meeting. It will be a community outreach event, so there will be a flyer made encouraging the public to attend. There will be a brief overview of what they're trying to accomplish and time for input and questions. She said they will be doing the same type of event at council meetings in Heppner and probably Ione.

Veronica Hess also said she is working on a draft report for the 2022 CREZ II money.

She also informed the council that the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has started a Recycling Act movement for local governments to get more recycling options in towns across Oregon. The town needs to submit a needs assessment survey, which is due in April.

"They're probably going to be financing whatever options are available or helping with it," she added.

She also met with the ODOT road inspector for final road inspection at the North Hill paving project. Veronica Hess and ODOT signed off on it and it was submitted for reimburse-

ment.

Imes and Veronica Hess gave an update on the Transportation Growth Management (TGM) Program with the state. Lexington had applied for a grant to fund development of a strategy to improve the safety of the Lexington downtown area. The two said they met with a program representative and had drafted a letter of interest to begin education and outreach, which was included in a grant application submitted last July.

"This is just a primer for us to get going on something to gain community input on improving our downtown area," said Imes. The program would help facilitate the workshops and community outreach. "Then, when we go to apply in July for the next round, we'll have this under our belt, and it will look good on our application," she added.

"Between now and July, we can probably count on having some kind of community outreach event that would hopefully draw the community to give input," said Imes.

Before the end of the meeting, Gordon gave an update of the town's IT (internet technology) situation.

"I've been trying to chase down where a lot of things are and how everything connects, and I think I have it figured out," said Gordon.

She said she and the IT contractor will do some drawings showing where everything is and how everything connects and then put together a proposal for some additional equipment. They have determined that the town recorder's computer can probably be rebuilt and passed on to either maintenance or the fire hall. The maintenance computer is not upgradable. Gordon said she's also trying to figure out if they have budgeted funds available, because they're going to need to buy some equipment.

"The main thing is that it appears that the connectivity for the internet that goes to the fire hall is just an extender from this side," she said, and added that the consultant will probably propose some switches and a couple of wireless access points. "I guess the first thing we've got to figure out is if we've got any money."

She mentioned that the water fund had untouched money in the office expenses category.

"I'm thinking there might be enough money, but, if not, maybe we can budget for the next year and do a little of it now and a little later," she said.

Gordon said the town already received an initial bill for \$600 from the contractor, which was basically to evaluate the system and get the ball rolling. It was pointed out that there are also funds in improvements and capital outlay, and Imes said the Amazon technology grant funds can also be used for technology enhancement.

"But we definitely do not have secure internet here, and we really need to have a managed network," concluded Gordon. "I'm hoping we can spend some money and do that. It makes me very nervous."