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## Intruder enters home in Tollgate

A Sisters couple awoke in the wee hours of Sunday morning to a nasty surprise — a stranger standing in their bedroom.

Captain Erik Utter of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office told *The Nugget* that the homeowner chased the intruder out of the home in Tollgate and pursued him. He nearly caught him, but the homeowner tripped and the suspect got away. A canine unit tracked the suspect to

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## Corn won't grow here...



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Don't tell that to Virginia and Chester Bradley, who have a fine crop on their acreage off Bradley Road along Whychus Creek. They've been there for the past 39 years.

## Traffic flow changes on tap for Creekside

By Sue Stafford  
Correspondent

At last week's Sisters City Council workshop, the Council members agreed to accept the recommendation of the Parks Advisory Board (PAB) to utilize Buckaroo Trail and Desperado as the one-way ingress to the Creekside Campground (CCG) and to have campground traffic exit onto South Locust with a right-turn only.

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## Knapweed is a persistent pest

By Jim Anderson  
Correspondent

Spotted knapweed is a persistent, invasive pest that is pushing many of our native plants aside, using precious water and nutrients.

There are two seasons when it is most vulnerable: spring, when it first starts growing, and right now — late summer — when it has gone to seed. Property managers can kill it *now* before it can spread any more seeds.

It's too late to use any chemicals; you must pull it out of the ground — carefully so as not to spread the seeds, knock off the excess soil, stuff it into a black plastic bag (white won't do — you need the heat generated in the black plastic to kill the seed), tie it shut and leave it out in the sun, then take or send the bag to the landfill as garbage.

Knapweeds, both spotted and diffuse, are tough

customers. If you don't get all the seeds in that black plastic bag, and a few of them drop to the earth, they will get pushed into the soil by all your thrashing around and can lay there for five years — or more — waiting for just the right conditions to sprout. That's why it takes up to eight years to completely remove spotted or diffuse knapweed from a given site.

Russian knapweed is even worse, it's a creeping perennial that reproduces from seed and vegetative root buds. That is, after it goes to seed in fall it will die back and go to sleep for the winter. That leaves viable seeds in the soil for the next generation of plants, plus the mother plant waiting for spring.

The root stalk of Russian knapweed can go as deep as 20 feet or more in search of water and nutrients. Even

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## Sisters veterans served in World War II

Lance Trowbridge & Richard Miller  
Correspondents

Sisters is home to a number of veterans of World War II — men who all made their individual contribution to end a war that ensnared the whole globe. That terrible conflict ended 70 years ago, with the final surrender of Imperial Japan on September 2, 1945.

The outcome of the war is told in the individual stories of our World War II veterans. These men are soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, caught up in a conflict so brutal that the trauma of those experiences would stay with them all of their lives. So we mark the passing of 70 years from 1945 to 2015, and pause to remember our veterans in Sisters.

Bob Grooney served as a rifleman with the 25th Marine Regiment 4th Marine Division, on the island of Iwo Jima, in the Pacific in 1945.

He served as a military policeman and was a "brig warden," guarding captured

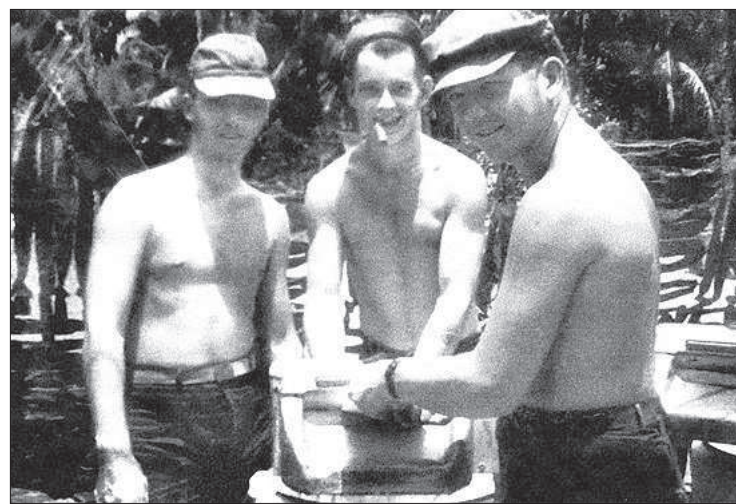


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Jack Kinsey, left, with two friends doing laundry on the island of Samar in the central Philippines during WWII.

POWs. Grooney's time in service was July 1944 to December 1949. He is married to Claudia, and they have five children: Sheri, Vicki, Lori, Kim, and Tami. There are 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bob is a successful businessman who arrived in Sisters in 1979.

Those World War II veterans who carried the Marines into battle were in the Navy. Two Sisters Navy veterans

are Marvin Emmarson who served in 1941 to 1945 — surviving the attack on Pearl Harbor — and Joe Emmons, who served on the USS Intrepid later in the war.

Marvin's ship, the USS Selfridge, was torpedoed and severely damaged and he had to take it 7,000 miles to the United States for a rebuild.

Joe experienced life at the

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