

Obituaries

Walter J. Avery

Walter J. Avery, 77, of Irrigon, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, of cancer.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 28 at Prairie Creek Cemetery in Joseph.

Avery was born to John Henry and Celia Frances Moore Avery, on June 29, 1927, at Lostine.

He worked on several ranches throughout Wallowa County before marrying Joy Frances Bennett of Joseph on Sept. 15, 1948.

The couple moved to Portland, where Avery worked on several area farms and later worked in the shipyards where he was a member of the Boilermaker's Union for many years. The Averys returned to Joseph in 1972 where they stayed until 1988 when they purchased a home at Irrigon.

Throughout his life, Avery enjoyed hunting, fishing and working with horses. He loved to teach his grandchildren the hobbies he loved. He also enjoyed working on cars.

He helped raise all four of his grandchildren and was said to be a great support to his entire family.

Survivors include his wife, Joy, of Irrigon; daughters, Violet Kelsey and Shirley Taft, both of Prosser, WA; his grandchildren, Donner Taft, Walt Taft,

Gerry Kelsey and Stacie Kelsey; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Hank Avery of Pendleton and Larry Avery in Wyoming; several nieces and nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and four brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Columbia View Community Church of Irrigon or Vange John Memorial Hospital of Hermiston.

Bollman Funeral Home of Enterprise is in charge of arrangements.

Harry Lacy Green

Harry Lacy Green, 76, of Lexington, died Monday, July 26, 2004 at his home.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Aug. 2, at Lexington Cemetery.

Green was born at Eightmile near Heppner on Jan. 20, 1928 to Homer and Mary Brannon Green. He attended school at Eightmile and at Heppner.

He served in the U.S. Army from April 4, 1946 to Sept. 4, 1947. He returned home and completed high school, graduating from Heppner High School in 1949.

He married his high school sweetheart, Selma Fae Orwick on July 23, 1949 at Heppner. They were married 55 years Friday.

Green worked a variety of jobs including a gas station, in a garage, sawmill, wrecker driver and the Star Theater in Heppner.

From 1964 to 1990, he worked for the Morrow County School District as a custodian and bus driver. He became friend and mentor to teachers and children. He cared deeply for them as if they were one of his own kids. He was honored at the Eighth Grade Class of 1988.

Green and Selma adopted two children who were the "light of his life," along with his grandchildren.

Early in his retirement, he enjoyed woodworking.

He handmade hope chests for himself and several members of the family. He also built complete dining furniture, china hutch and handcrafted the kitchen cabinets. In the last couple of years, also with his wife Selma, he began making windmills using bike wheels and scrap metal and Selma would paint them. His grandchildren helped him make several he gave to nieces in Lexington.

Survivors include his wife, Selma Green at the home; daughters, Ella Mae Green, and friend Tim Rogers, of Portland and Betty Fae Voss, and husband Joe, of Mankato, MN; grandchildren, Zackary Wight, Hannah Wight, Maranda Wight, Garret Johnson and Brandon Johnson; great-granddaughter, SunShine Wight; sisters, Lena Marvel of The Dalles and Dorothy

Green of Lexington; and brothers, Kenneth Green and Floyd Green, both of Lexington and Jerry Green of Pendleton. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Myrtle VanSchoiack; and several aunts and uncles.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

St. Patrick's Senior Center

United Methodist volunteers host the senior noon meal on Aug. 4. The menu of the day is pizza, fresh veggies, fruity Jell-O and rhubarb crumble.

RSVP has planned two summer picnics for volunteers and families in the Morrow-Umatilla County area: one at Weston on July 28 and the other at the Boardman Marina on Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bus will be available.

Those who plan to attend should sign up in the Center office by Friday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. RSVP is providing hot dogs, fried chicken, beverages and plates. Guests are asked to bring a salad or dessert and their own table service.

Water aerobics for seniors is available at the swimming pool on Tuesday and Thursday each week from 5-6 p.m. The fee is \$2 per day. The pool is open to senior activity only at the stated time.

Heppner soldier activated with National Guard

Mike Sweek, of Heppner, a sergeant in the Oregon Army National Guard, was recently called to active duty. He is currently in Ft. Bliss, TX receiving training with his unit before being deployed overseas. Sweek serves as a medic with his unit.

He recently sent his mother, Evelyn Sweek, a letter in which he included a cadence the unit is marching to that touched him and he wanted to share with others.

"This is a cadence that we march too. I never heard it before, and you can put it in the paper. Kind of brought tears to my eyes."

The Colors of the United States Army - The Army color, the color of red, to show the world the blood we shed. The Army colors, the color is white, to show the world we are fit to fight. The Army colors, the color is blue, to show the world that we are true. The Army colors, the color is green, to show the world we say what we mean. The Army colors, the color is gold, to show the world that we are bold. The Army colors, the color is brown, to show the world we won't back down. The

Army colors, the color is black, to show the world that we will fight back. The Army colors. -The United States Army, For Freedom."

For those interested in sending cards or words of encouragement to Sweek, his address is: Sgt. Michael H. Sweek, 5035 GSU (MRCS), C/O HHC 3-116, 2444 Cassidy Road, Ft. Bliss, TX 79916.

Sweek's mother has also been instrumental in putting the yellow ribbons back up in Heppner in support of the troops.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Heppner Chamber invites all interested persons to join them during the weekly no-host luncheon at John's Place on Tuesday, Aug. 3 at 11:30 a.m. U.S. Congressman Greg Walden and two Economic Development people from Washington D.C. will be in attendance. Congressman Walden will welcome questions from those present. Attendees are asked to please RSVP to 676-5536 by Friday, July 30.

Notice the yellow ribbons? The Heppner Chamber and other donors purchased them. Evelyn Sweek, Myrtle McMillan and additional volunteers put them on the trees and will keep them looking good. We continue to recognize our many men and women in the area who are serving our country. The Gazette would like names, addresses and pictures. All enjoy hearing from home.

The smell of smoke wafting through the air this morning felt like fall and we aren't ready for that season quite yet. The wind must be blowing in the smoke from the fire at Warm Springs. Cooler temperatures are forecasted, which will make this coming Celebrate Historic Heppner weekend much more pleasant for everyone and reduce fire danger.

Ready for the Friday Sidewalk Sale and the Short People Parade? Think snow (you'll feel cooler) and start shopping for the holidays. Then enjoy an evening in the park. Joe and Leanne Lindsay are tuning up to entertain one and all between the free BBQ sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Pie Auction sponsored by Sherrell Insurance and the Heppner Chamber. Who knows, Joe may have a song about pies as he auctions off the entries and announces the winners. Proceeds from pie sales assist the Chamber in carrying on marketing and community events. Remember to bring lawn chairs for this Heppner family happening followed by the Little McKay Creek Band and Street Dance at 8 p.m. The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo is the next big event.

Rumor has it that on Saturday there will be another awesome historic Dinner at the Cemetery with some new and returning actors. Proceeds go toward the museum murals. Books, yard sales, quilt show, music, food and fun. Enjoy and invite friends for a great Heppner weekend.

Thought for the Week: "The mind is like a TV set, when it goes blank, it's a good idea to turn off the sound."



Harry Green

SIDEWALK SALE
July 30th, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

T-SHIRTS - 1/2 PRICE
By Nike and Wrangler

SPORT SHIRTS
1/2 PRICE OR LESS
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Friday, July 30th beginning at 9 a.m.

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