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**Juanita Martin**

Graveside service for Juanita Martin will be held 11 a.m. Monday, July 7, 2008 at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Mrs. Martin,



Juanita Martin

she married Roy G. Martin at Portland, Oregon. She spent the rest of her life in Morrow County where she and her husband operated a wheat ranch near Lexington. He preceded her in death in 2003.

She later moved into Heppner and has been a resident at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living for the past two and a half years. She enjoyed working in her yard, traveling, golfing and playing pinochle. She was a 50 year member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Survivors include her sons: Jim Martin and his wife Kathy, Tommy Martin and his wife Shirley, all of Lexington, 6 grand children and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions for those who wish may be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

83, longtime Lexington resident died Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living in Heppner.

She was born April 20, 1925 at Monnet, Oregon the daughter of Delbert and Emma Vinson Bellenbrock. She started school in Monument then attended school at Cecil. She finished her schooling at Lexington.

On November 4, 1942

**DA's Report**

On June 30, 2008, former Irrigon resident Joel Nathan Hagedorn, 28, was convicted of sexual abuse in the first degree in the Morrow County Circuit Court.

The crime occurred in Irrigon between May 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006. The victim was under the age of 12 years.

Morrow County District Attorney Elizabeth Ballard represented the State. "Detective Seth Cooney of the Oregon State Police put together a very solid investigation in this case, which enabled my office to pursue the matter aggressively,"

said Ballard.

Sexual abuse in the first degree is a Measure 11 crime, meaning that it carries with it a presumptive mandatory sentence. Circuit Court Judge Jeffrey M. Wallace sentenced Hagedorn to the custody of the Oregon Department of Corrections for 75 months along with 45 months of post-prison supervision. It was also recommended that Hagedorn register as a sex offender and have no direct or indirect contact with the victim, the victim's residence or the victim's family.

**Guy E. VanArsdale**

Guy E. VanArsdale, 69, of Lexington died Friday, July 4, 2008 at St. Vincent Hospital & Medical Center in Portland.

At his request no funeral service will be held. Disposition was by private cremation.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent Hospital Cardiac Unit 9205 S. W. Barnes Rd. Portland, Oregon 97225.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements.

**Edward L. "Ed" Hunt**

Edward L. "Ed" Hunt, 90, longtime Lexington resident died Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at his home.

He was born October 22, 1917 in Lexington, the son of Alex and Edna Helms Hunt. He attended school in Lexington, graduating from Lexington High School in 1935. He joined the army in 1941 and was honorably discharged at Stoneman, CA with the rank of first sergeant. Following his discharge he worked for the railroad for several years. He later returned to Lexington where he began farming.



Edward L. "Ed" Hunt

Mr. Hunt was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Lexington Grange. He is survived by numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Mildred, and a brother Elwood.

A private inurnment for Mr. Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 at the Lexington Cemetery for family and close friends.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Patrick's Senior Center, PO Box 715, Heppner, OR

both Heppner and the state of Oregon in three events each and also attended a DuPont Leadership Camp. They competed in events such as flight endurance, technology problem solving and model dragster racing. There were 35 events to choose from in the areas of science, technology, engineering and leadership.

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national, nonprofit organization for middle and high school students with a strong interest in technol-

**Heppner students attend 2008 National TSA Conference**

Three Industry and Engineering Students from Heppner along with advisor Dave Fowler attended the 2008 National TSA Conference. The Technology Student Association (TSA) represented by 48 states, held its annual conference in Orlando, FL June 28-July 2, 2008 with over 4700 in attendance.

Matt Garrett and Mercedes Garrett from the Heppner High School TSA Chapter and Bryce Fowler from the Heppner Jr. High TSA Chapter represented

97836 or to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation Fund, PO Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

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**James Austin Morris**

James Austin Morris, 67, died Saturday, July 5, 2008.

Jim, of Milwaukie, was born to Edgar and Mildred Wilson Morris on July 29, 1940 in Heppner, where he attended elementary and secondary school. He continued his education at Eastern Oregon College in LaGrande and Boise Junior College.

In his "hey day," Jim and his school friends were quite the summer hay crew around Heppner. Before moving to Western Oregon permanently, Jim worked for a year with Jim Sherman at the Heppner Gazette-Times. He then spent several years in the insurance industry, was an inventor and entrepreneur, and was a consulting safety engineer for several businesses.

An avid reader and amateur political analyst, Jim also enjoyed woodworking and was a self-taught home remodeler, a treasure hunter, and a self-declared Canasta Champ. He delighted in being "Crappa" to his six grandchildren.

Jim will be remembered as the man with the answers, our go-to husband, father, grandfather, sibling, and "solid rock" of his neighborhood.

He will be missed by: his wife Susan; daughters, Kristen and Amy; grandchildren Grant, Ryan, Henry, Soren, Aiden, and Amelia; his siblings, Edna Wilson, Edith Morris, Florence Nolan, Doris Brosnan, Kip Morris, and Bob Morris; his brothers- and sisters-in-law; 20 nieces and nephews; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Randy.

A memorial service for James Austin Morris will be held in Portland later this month. Donation in his

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name may be offered to the Providence Cancer Center.

**Dorris Lorine Graves**

Dorris Lorine Graves, 97, of Heppner died on Wednesday, July 2, 2008 at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Deane Graves and Doris Kimbell in Umatilla.



Dorris Graves

Mrs. Graves was delivered by Dr. C.C. Chick on January 1, 1911 five miles east of Lone on the farm owned by her parents, Robert and Ethel (Eskelson) Wilcox. Dorris attended Lexington Elementary and High School. The principal of the school was her father Robert B. Wilcox. She loved horses and was the princess representing the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo in 1926. As the grand marshal for the 2000 Morrow County Fair and Pro Rodeo, Dorris once again was honored as the horsewoman and a promoter of youth groups.

She married John W. Graves on November 15, 1928. In 1954 John and Dorris purchased a cattle/wheat ranch south of Hardman. John died on November 8, 1965. Dorris remained on their ranch south of Hardman and with her son Deane raised shorthorn cattle and wheat. Later years Deane chose a profession as a long haul trucker and Dorris sold her ranch and became very active in Morrow County organizations helping to make a difference in Morrow County and also serving on state boards in Oregon.

In 1974 she was selected as a delegate to "Home Makers Council", and also the "Country Women of the World", traveling to Australia. This experience was the beginning of her travels to India, Europe, and China. Dorris and her motor home were visitors to most of the 50 United States searching family genealogy. She then became a snowbird living in

Mesa, AZ for 13 years.

In 2000 she returned to her roots in Heppner and moved into the St. Pat Senior Apartments living there for eight years. During those eight years she enjoyed playing dominos, pinochle, and working Thursday mornings as the secretary in the St. Pat's Sr. Center. Dorris also volunteered at the Heritage Museum, and played golf at the local club. She always knew that her children and grandchildren were participating in activities at school, church, 4H, sports, music, and on to college, because she saved all the newspaper clippings and photos sent to her by those living in California, Washington, and New York as well as those living in Oregon.

She is survived by: her daughters, Betty Carlson and her husband Louis of Heppner, and Rieta Hill and her husband Walt of Ocean Shores, WA; son, Deane Graves and his wife Doris Kimbell of Umatilla; brother, Glen Wilcox and his wife Joan of Portland; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Dorris was preceded in death by: her husband, John W. Graves; her parents, daughter JoAnne Pettyjohn and her husband Howard; grandson Ken Graves; sister, Eva Brosten; and brothers, Charles, Claude, and Lester Wilcox.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery in Pendleton. Following the graveside services in Pendleton, family and friends are invited to St. Pat Senior Center in Heppner for a lunch at 1:30 p.m. Following the lunch, family and guests will have the opportunity to share in the celebration of Dorris's life.

Those who wish may make contributions in Dorris's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice at 1050 W. Elm St. STE 220, Hermiston, Oregon 97838 or to charity of your choice.

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Pictured left to right are Matt Garrett, Bryce Fowler, Mercedes Garrett and TSA Advisor Dave Fowler. The group attended the 2008 National TSA Conference in Orlando, FL. -Contributed Photo

ogy. Since the organization was chartered in 1978, over 2,000,000 members have participated in its programs and activities. There are currently 150,000 members with the mission to foster personal growth, leadership, and opportunities in technology, innovation, design, and engineering. Members apply and integrate science, technology, engineering and mathematics concepts through co-curricular activities, competitive events and related programs.

There are currently nine chapters in Morrow and Umatilla Counties. Two at Heppner Jr/Sr High, Riverside High School, Umatilla High School, Echo High School, Hermiston High School, Ukiah Schools,

Pendleton High School and McLaughlin High School. Dave Fowler at Heppner Jr/Sr High is the local chapter advisor and the Oregon State TSA advisor. James Polson at McLaughlin High School is their local advisor and the Oregon conference director.

For the 2008-2009 school year, Oregon TSA has four events planned. There will be a leadership conference for all chapter officers and advisors. There will be a fall competition in December followed by a competition and dinner with engineers in February, then our spring competition in April and ending with the TSA 2009 National Conference in June to be held in Denver, CO.

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