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Heppner
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A Salty Story

Salt can be a dangerous weapon, according to news item received this week from the GT's Monument correspondent.

A Monument man suffered a broken toe one day last week when he dropped a block of salt on his foot. Not long afterwards salt caused a second casualty when a woman dropped a block on her foot while loading some in a car.

When in Monument it might be wise to steer clear of all salt.

Season flue clinic schedule announced

- The Morrow County Health Department will be holding their seasonal flu clinic at the following locations:
- Monday, Sept. 14 - Stokes Landing Community Center in Irrigon from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 16 - St. Pats Senior Center in Heppner from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Ione Fire Hall in Ione from 4-7 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Sept. 22 - Boardman Senior Center in Boardman from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - Monday, Sept. 28 - Morrow County Health Department in Boardman from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1-7 p.m.
 - Thursday, Oct. 1 - Morrow County Health Department in Heppner from 8:30 a.m. until noon and 1-7 p.m.

For Sale:
Seed Wheat
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limited supply
of Tubbs
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cleaned no treat
\$8.50/bushel treat-
ed with Dividend
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422-7429

Senior Center
Menu
United Methodist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, September 16. The menu will include Swiss steak, baked potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit juice, hot rolls, and lemon bars.

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October 2nd-Christmas Sidewalk Sale

Soup Daily Lunch Specials!
Drink Specials-

Hazel Nut Mocha -Hot or Cold \$3.25

Wedding Tables
Lacey Matteson & Sam Mackenzie
Saturday, October 24th

Adam Neiffer & Lauren Stender
Saturday, November 21st

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Obituaries

Thomas David March

Thomas David March, 74, died peacefully September 1, 2009, at the home of his beloved son and daughter in-law Michael and Tisha March of Benton City, WA. At the time of his death, he was surrounded by his loving family.



Thomas David March

Tom was born on May 13, 1935 in Bath, New York and spent most of his childhood years in rural upstate New York. He has said his most treasured childhood memories were those at the Harlem Valley Psychiatric State Hospital in the town of Dover where his father was employed. Tom said he spent countless hours scouting through the wilderness with his trusty rifle. He enjoyed going to the movie theatre, watching the people work at the blacksmith shop and stables and would often go to the train station as they unloaded the supplies to watch the passengers come and go. An adventurous and bright boy, he said sometimes he would sneak away on the train by himself and said no one ever knew. Tom truly loved the outdoors and winters with very heavy snowfall. Other activities he enjoyed during the winters were ice skating and playing in the snow with his sister, Peggy and her future husband, Jim. He fondly recalled Peggy and Jim spending time with him when his parents were away. He said "they were really good to me and often took me with them on their dates!"

After the War, when his father returned home, he moved to Florida, New York, Washington DC and Virginia before enlisting in the Army in 1952. Tom initially was trained as a parachutist and joined the 82nd Airborne, stationed in Fort Benning, GA. He then transferred to Infantry because he said he had determined he did not like jumping from airplanes in the middle of the night at all. During his time in the military, he received the National Defense Service Medal of Honor for his tours of duty in Japan and Korea and received an honorable discharge in 1955.

For a brief time, Tom moved to Pittsburg (Allegany), PA before relocating across country with his parents to Lakewood, WA in the Heart of the Pacific Northwest. Eager to start a career, Tom received a certification in Psychiatric Nursing from Western State

Hospital and a certification in Social Development from the School of Social Work at the University of Washington. With his education and innate ability to philosophize, counseling seemed to be a perfect fit. Tom was employed as a group counselor for several years at various state group homes in and throughout, Tacoma and Bothell before changing careers to work for the Boeing Company as a NC Mechanic specializing in computerized machine tools. According to his closest friends Charley and Dave, they said, "Tom was known as the spiritual leader and philosopher of our group." Tom retired in 1990 with over 20 years of service.

In following his love of nature and the outdoors, he retired to a hospitable small rural community located in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Mountains called Heppner. The Blake Ranch is where he joyfully spent the remainder of his life doing what he loved, going for long hikes in the wilderness with his faithful companion, Cidney (a German Sheppard dog), at his side and spent afternoons each day socializing with his many friends in town over a cup of coffee.

Tom will be remembered mostly for his quick wit, sense of humor, his captivating charm and intelligence. Whether you just met him or knew him for years and whether or not you agreed or disagreed with his political, religious and gender ideologies, his stories were always entertaining and the lives he touched were many.

To his loving children he will forever be remembered in their hearts as a respected, affectionate, forgiving and supportive father whom will be greatly missed.

Tom is survived by: his sister Peggy and her husband Jim Anderson of Houston, TX; three children, son, Michael T. March and his wife Tisha Martin-March of Benton City, WA, daughter, Susan E. March-Hicks and her husband, Robert R. Hicks Jr., of Branch, LA and son, Charles D. March and his wife Lisa Hughes-March of West Richland, WA; nine grandchildren, Kristin S. March, Michael J. March, Daniel T. March, Zachery C. March, Garrett A. March, Jacob R. Hicks, Griffy C. March, Gavin M. March and Gabrielle L. March; and one great-grandchild,

Cassidy K. Crigler-March. He was preceded in death by his mother, Violet Evelyn March and his father, Dr. Thomas A. March of Lakewood, WA.

At Tom's request there will not be a funeral or a memorial service and his ashes will be placed at an undisclosed location as his final wish. A memorial marker in his honor will be placed at the Tahoma National Cemetery located at 18600 Southeast 240th Street, Kent, WA.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made the name of "Tommy March" to the American Cancer Society P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or by visiting the American Cancer Society online at <https://www.cancer.org>.

Please visit Thomas D. March's biography and Guestbook available online at <http://hillcrestmemorialcenter.com>.

Betty J. Green

Betty J. Green, 85, of Heppner died Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.



Betty J. Green

She was born February 23, 1924 at Los Angeles, CA the daughter of Harold and Leona Rice Hough. The family moved from California to Oregon where she attended school in the Willamette Valley. After graduating from Barton High School near Molalla she attended a business college in Portland.

On January 20, 1947 she married Robert Green at Noti, Oregon near Eugene. The couple then moved to Central Oregon eventually settling in Spray in 1975. Mr. Green died in 1995 and she moved to Heppner in July of that year.

Survivors include: her brothers, Glen Hough and Jack Hough, both of Eugene; a son, Buster Green of Redmond; grandchildren, Sandi Day of Heppner, Nick Kroske of Bend, Mickey Kroske of Corpus Cristi, Texas and J. P. Green of Boise, ID; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Her daughter Jean Kroske preceded her in death in 1973.

A graveside service for Mrs. Green will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, at Redmond Memorial Cemetery in Redmond.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Great West Division Inc.,

PO Box 3366, Portland, Oregon 97208-3366.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

George H. Jefferies

George H. Jefferies, 90, of Heppner died Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland.

George H. Jefferies, the fifth of eight children was born at North Loop, NE on November 17, 1918 to Edward and Rebecca Smith Jefferies. He farmed with his family until the mid 1930's when the family moved to Fruitland, ID and eventually to Gresham.



George H. Jefferies

Mr. Jefferies joined the United States Navy and entered active duty in November of 1939. He was aboard the USS Avocet at Pearl Harbor when the Navy was attacked on December 7, 1941. He later served aboard the USS Traw until his honorable discharge in December of 1945.

Following his discharge from the Navy, Mr. Jefferies returned to Gresham where he married and raised four children. He worked as a Union Glazier in Portland and in Kona, HI until his retirement in 1983.

After his retirement, George lived in Shasta, CA, and moved to Heppner in 1990. He made his home at St. Patrick's Senior Center before moving to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted living.

Mr. Jefferies liked to sing, dance and walk. He was especially good at making friends.

He is survived by: sons, Jerry Jefferies and his wife Peggy, and Peter Jefferies; daughters, Jeanne Tongret and her husband Leon, and D'Anne (Suzy) Jefferies; and grandchildren, Christiania, Sarah, Melissa, Michelle, and Brian.

A memorial service for Mr. Jefferies will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, September 12, 2009 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Willow Creek Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Drive, Heppner, Oregon 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary, of Heppner is in charge of arrangements.

NOAA issues monthly climate summary for Heppner

According to preliminary data received by NOAA's National Weather Service in Pendleton, temperatures at Heppner averaged slightly warmer than normal during the month of August.

The average temperature was 70.8 degrees which was 1.7 degrees above normal. High temperatures averaged 85.9 degrees, which was 0.7 degrees above normal. The highest was 105 degrees on the 2nd. Low temperatures averaged 55.8 degrees, which was 2.7 degrees above normal. The lowest was 44 degrees, on the 16th.

On nine days, the temperature exceeded 90 degrees. It was at least 100 degrees on three days.

Precipitation totaled 0.65 inches during August, which was 0.11 inches above normal. Measurable precipitation -at

least .01 inch- was received on 4 days with the heaviest, 0.52 inches reported on the 7th.

Precipitation this year has reached 7.61 inches, which is 1.71 inches below normal. Since October, the water year precipitation at Heppner has been 11.23 inches, which is 2.30 inches below normal.

The outlook for September from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center calls for near normal temperatures and near to below normal precipitation. Normal highs for Heppner during September are 76.0 degrees and normal lows are 46.2 degrees. The 30 year normal precipitation is 0.69 inches.

The National Weather Service is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department.

Beef donation made at senior center



Pictured is PGE representative Becky Gardner (left) presenting Judy Buschke of the Heppner Senior Center with beef that was donated. PGE provided money for Dean Mason to bid at the Morrow County Fair auction. The beef was then divided between the senior centers in Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon. Mike's Mobile Slaughter donated the wrapping for the beef. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Miller named recipient of Lexington Voting Precinct Award

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust announces that Josie J. Miller is the recipient of the 2009 Lexington Voting Precinct Award in the amount of \$500.

Josie is the daughter of Reid and Sheila Miller of Lexington. She attends Blue Mountain Community College, majoring in agricultural education.