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For Letters to the Editor: Letters to the Editor MUST be signed by the author. The Heppner GT will not publish unsigned letters. All letters MUST include the author's address and phone number for use by the GT office. The GT reserves the right to edit letters. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

## Grant funds available for community, public enhancements

Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group (WCVEDG) has funds available to be used for community and public enhancement for South Morrow County. Applicant organizations must be a local organization, club, special district or a governmental entity that resides in the South Morrow County Service Area (as defined by the WCVEDG Service Area Map). The requestor must have at least 50 percent of funding (may include in-kind and cash contributions from local and regional sources) for the total project budget committed before apply. Exceptions may apply at the discretion of the board.

A grant application has been developed for use in applying for funding through this grant. Completed grant requests will be accepted starting on Mon-

day, March 13, through Friday, April 14. A review and decision of grants awarded will be decided by the WCVEDG board and the winners communicated.

To receive a grant application form and an Eligibility and Exclusions information sheet, contact Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536 or email [heppnerchamber@centurytel.net](mailto:heppnerchamber@centurytel.net). Forms can also be picked up at Heppner, Ione and Lexington City Hall offices.

All completed grant applications will need to be forwarded to Bates at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce office. Grants can be emailed, mailed, hand delivered or faxed to 541-676-5656, but must be received in the chamber office no later than Friday, April 14, to be eligible for consideration in the grant review and decision process.

## Wranglers hold can drive

Wranglers Riding Club is having a can drive and is asking all residents to bring their empty cans to the collection trailer parked behind Les Schwab Tires from Thursday, March 16, to Thursday, March 23.

Donations will help fund the youth play days this spring.

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## Obituaries

### Ernest Drake

Ernest "Ernie" Drake, 78, of Fairfield, CA passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 22, 2016 following a brief illness. Family, friends and former students are invited to attend a Celebration of Life at Grace Episcopal Church, 1405 Kentucky Street (at First Street) in Fairfield, CA on Saturday, March 18, at 1 p.m.

Ernie was born on June 9, 1938 in Heppner to Cleo and Gladys (Lundell) Drake.

While growing up in Ione, Ernie worked at his father's Standard Oil Gas Station, on his uncle's wheat farm during planting and harvest time, and in the local lumber mill. He graduated from Ione High School as co-valedictorian

in June 1956. He lettered four years in band, baseball, football, basketball and track.

Ernie married Darlene Connor of Heppner in 1955 in Boise, ID.

He graduated from Pacific University in Forest Grove, OR with a BA in physical education in 1960.

Ernie continued his studies, graduating from Virginia State University in 1971 with a master's in physical science.

Ernie started his teaching career in Tillamook, OR before moving his young family to Fairfield, CA in the mid-1960s. He taught science and coached baseball at Armijo High School.

He was the head of the science department for more than 20 years. At the end of his career, he taught independent study. In all, Ernie taught for 42 years at Armijo High, impacting the lives of hundreds of students. When he retired, he was the third-longest serving teacher in the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District.

While Ernie loved teaching, numismatics was his passion. He was a founding member of the Fairfield Coin Club. For more than 40 years, he was an active member of the club and had a corner table at the annual coin show.

Ernie is survived by his

wife of 61 years, Darlene; his sister, Dolores Turner of Vancouver, WA; his daughters, Kathy Lambrecht of Portland, OR and Becky Bega of Fairfield, CA; son, Scott Drake of Washington, DC; five grandchildren, Jason and Sean Lambrecht, Ellen Bega, Ryan and Connor Drake; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Patricia, brother Robert, and grandson, Fernando Bega.

Memorial donations may be made to Assist-A-Grad Scholarship Foundation, which offers scholarships to students graduating from high schools in the Fairfield-Suisun-Travis community.



Ernest Drake

### Mary Clementine Arnold Campbell

Mary Clementine Arnold Campbell of Condon, OR died March 4, 2017 at Pioneer Memorial Long-Term Care Facility in Heppner. She was 90 years old.

The Rosary will be Thursday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at St. John Catholic Church in Condon. Funeral Mass will be Friday, March 10, at 11 a.m. at St. John, with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, Condon. A dinner will follow at the Condon Elks Lodge.

The only child of Nell Ingram and Jesse Saylor Arnold, Mary was born February 9, 1927, in Echo, OR and grew up on her parents' farm on Butter Creek, attending school in Echo.

After her father's death, she moved with her mother to Hermiston for her last

year of high school, graduating as valedictorian. She attended Oregon State College for three years, majoring in business. She worked at the Umatilla County Extension Office, the Hermiston Herald and Umatilla Army Depot.

She married John Anthony Campbell of Lonerock, OR on November 17, 1951, at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston. For 11 years they lived on his family's sheep ranch on Rhea Creek. Mary cooked for lambing, shearing and haying crews, other hired men, and extended family, while raising five children and many bumper lambs. She enjoyed being part of a large family.

The Campbells moved

to Lonerock in 1963, and two years later to Condon. She worked at the Gilliam County Extension Office, and later as a film librarian for the Gilliam County Education Service District.

She belonged to Eastern Star and later joined the Catholic Church. She served on the Gilliam County Library Board and Condon City Council.

In retirement, she volunteered at Summit Springs Village Assisted Living and Condon Grade School, where she helped children learn to read. She provided flowers weekly to her church. She always had time for her grandchildren and other youngsters.

The Campbells enjoyed travel, including three trips to Ireland as well as see-

ing Mexico, Germany and England; they cruised the Inside Passage and made many other trips within the United States.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband in 2004 and by two grandsons.

She is survived by her children, Mary K. Maley of Condon, Pat and wife Patricia of Portland, Mike of Condon, Steve and wife Martha of Pendleton, and Tim and wife Elizabeth of Lonerock; a foster son, Chuck Anderson and wife Cathey of Kennewick, WA; and 11 grandchildren.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Sweeney Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

### ~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

### Please keep Heppner looking clean

Please make our town presentable again. The trash and articles unwanted are beginning to be a sore sight when walking in town. I try to do my part but others need to help. We would like to have the visitors, not only on St. Patrick's Weekend but all year long, see our community as a neat and tidy town.

Spread the word and encourage our young people to participate in picking up trash, bottles and unwanted items.

(s) Judie Laughlin, Heppner

### WCCC men's Sunday play to begin

The Willow Creek Country Club men will kick off their golf year on Sunday, March 19. The board will be serving breakfast between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. and the men will tee off at 9 a.m. The event will be a blind draw two-man scramble. The men will be playing the cross-country set-up.

There will be a year-long point system. Three points will be earned for participating, and another point for ability. Prizes will

be awarded at the end of the year.

All men are asked to save the dates of March 31, April 1 and April 2; the greens will be plugged and sanded at that time. Board members say this is a major project that will be much easier with lots of help.

The next event will be on March 26. Duane Disque, Ron Bowman and Dave Gunderson are in charge. Schedules of upcoming events are available in the clubhouse.

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