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Guest Editorial

Matlack supports President Trump's border wall

I support President Trump's address to the American people regarding the need for the immediate funding and construction of a border wall and I urge residents to contact their members of Congress from the state of Oregon to support funding and construction of the wall.

We have a growing humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border, as president Trump outlined in his address Tuesday night:

-Americans are hurt by uncontrolled, illegal migration.

-It strains public resources and drives down jobs and wages.

-It is a pipeline for vast quantities of illegal drugs - including meth, heroin, cocaine and fentanyl.

-Each week, 300 of our citizens are killed by heroin alone - 90 percent of which floods across from our southern border and is produced by Mexico.

-More Americans will die from drugs this year than were killed in the entire Vietnam War.

-In the last two years, ICE officers made 266,000 arrests of aliens with criminal records - including those charged or convicted of 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes and 4,000 violent killings.

-Thousands of Americans have been brutally killed by those who illegally entered our country and thousands more lives will be lost if we don't act right now.

We have been kicking the illegal immigration can

down the road for decades now. I was a state police detective in 1986 when Congress said if President Reagan would grant amnesty to the unheard of number of 3 million illegal aliens, then Congress would provide the funds necessary to build a wall along the southern border. He agreed and three million illegal aliens received amnesty, but Congress didn't fund the wall and the border was not secured. Now we are talking about at least 12 million illegal aliens in our country and the border is still not secure. President Trump has presented Congress with a detailed proposal to secure the border and stop the criminal gangs, drug smugglers and human traffickers. The proposal was developed by law enforcement professionals and border agents at the Department of Homeland Security. The proposal from Homeland Security includes cutting-edge technology for detecting drugs, weapons and other illegal contraband.

A border wall will quickly pay for itself. The cost of illegal drugs exceeds \$500 billion dollars a year - far more than the \$5.7 billion that is requested from Congress.

To every citizen: Please contact your Congressional representatives and tell them to, finally, after all of these decades, secure our border and stop the devastation to our local communities with drugs and criminality.

Kenneth Matlack, Morrow County Sheriff

Iris J. Campbell

Longtime Lexington resident, Iris Jean Campbell, 87, passed away at her home in Pendleton on Jan. 8 following a brief illness. A graveside service will be held on Friday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. at the Lexington Cemetery.



Iris J. Campbell

She was born May 8, 1931 in Enterprise, OR, the second of three children, to Charles and Eula (Crossler) Bloodsworth. The family lived in several locations in Wallowa County during her childhood, but mostly on the Bloodsworth farm north of Enterprise. Following World War II, the family moved briefly to Touchet, WA, then to Lexington, where they purchased the Bauman farm on Willow Creek. She and her brother Jim represented half of the 1948 graduating class of Lexington High School.

She soon met the love of her life, Roger Campbell, and they were married June 14, 1949. They moved onto the family farm on Social Ridge in 1950 and operated there for the next 40 years. They had many adventures during their lives together; wood-cutting, fishing, hunting, rock-hounding and adventuring in south-east Oregon. They enjoyed each other's company to the fullest.

Iris was the quintessential farm wife. She kept the house and yard, raised her

three children, cooked fabulous meals, drove wheat truck, kept the business records and tended the family cattle, just to name a few. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandma, and great grandma. Few things in her life brought her more joy and love than her grandchildren and great grandchildren, with whom she was able to share the generosity for which she was famous.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Eula Bloodsworth, her husband Roger, brother Jim Bloodsworth and son-in-law LeRoy Nash. Her brother Bill Bloodsworth passed away on Jan. 9, one day after her passing.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy Nash of Pendleton, OR and Debbie Russell of San Antonio, TX; son, David (Valery) of Riverton, WY; grandchildren, Angie Nash of Pendleton, OR, Wesley Nash of La Grande, OR, Vanessa Russell-Evans (Grant), Drew Russell and Erika Russell, all of San Antonio, TX and Ryan Campbell of Pinedale, WY; four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to So. Morrow Co. Scholarship Trust, PO Box 102, Ione, OR 97843. The online condolence book is available at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Chamber annual meeting to be held

The annual meeting of the Hepppner Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday, Jan. 17 at noon in the senior center dining room. Persons attending are asked to enter from the outside door on the Willow Street side of the building. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. and RSVPs are required.

There will be a tour of the Gilliam-Bisbee building beginning at 12:40 p.m. David Allstott with Allstott Construction will be there to show how it looks now and what it will look like

upon completion. No hard hats will be required.

Tickets for the annual Town and Country Community Awards to be held on Feb. 7 will be available to purchase at the meeting for \$25 per person.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

Community lunch menu

Christian Life/Firelight volunteers will serve lunch on Wednesday, January 23 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. Lunch will be beef stroganoff, egg noodles, green beans, carrot salad, garlic bread and cream cheese tarts for dessert.

Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

All Saints to host movie night

Hopeful Saints Ministry will be hosting its monthly movie night on Friday, Jan. 18 at the All Saints Parish Hall beginning at 7 p.m. This month's free movie, rated PG, is both entertaining and provocative. It tells the hidden story of several Americans who helped launch the first

manned spacecraft in the early 1960's, but had to overcome significant gender and racial prejudice to do so.

Pizza and beverages will be available. More information is available by calling the church office at 541-676-9970.

Charles A. "Bill" Bloodsworth

Charles A. "Bill" Bloodsworth was born Aug. 7, 1932 in Wallowa, OR to parents Charles and Eula (Crossler) Bloodsworth. He died on Jan. 9 at his home in Hermiston at the age of 86. Bill was raised and attended schools in Wallowa and later Lexington until his senior year. He graduated from Hepppner High School in 1950 where he played basketball.

Bill started his lifelong career of farming right out of high school with a brief interruption when he served in the United States Army in Korea. After his honorable discharge he moved to Hermiston to continue farming as well as raising cattle for many years. Bill married Jeanie Williams on Aug. 17, 1958 in Hermiston. They had a son Billy, who like his father, had a passion for farming and ranching and they worked together for many years. Bill enjoyed working and hunting. He was a member of the Hepppner Elks Lodge

# 358. He is survived by his wife, Jeanie Bloodsworth, Hermiston as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; son, Billy Bloodsworth; brother, Jim Bloodsworth and sister, Iris Campbell.

He is also survived by Jose Salas, Bill's right hand man and Virginia Blade, his caregiver.

A funeral service was held on Jan. 15 at Burns Mortuary Chapel, Hermiston, with burial at Lexington Cemetery.

Those who wish may make contributions in Bill's memory to Vange John Memorial Hospice Education Fund c/o Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, P.O. Box 289, Hermiston, OR 97838.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. The online condolence book for Bill's family is available at burns-mortuaryhermiston.com.

Beverly Jane Norton

Beverly Norton, 92, of Hepppner, died Thursday, Jan. 10 at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Hepppner due to complications from a stroke. She was born Jan. 10, 1927 in Oakland, CA to Vivian and Henry Wallace.



Beverly Jane Norton

On Sept. 19, 1953 Beverly married Ralph Norton in Oakland, CA. Beverly had two sons, Tom and Richard with her first husband and then Bev and Ralph had two more sons, George and Ralph.

Beverly was a homemaker for most of her life, but she did work as a telephone operator for several years. Beverly and her husband owned and operated a dairy in California for a few years until they moved back to Idaho and then later moved to Hepppner. She always shared that she learned to bake and can from her mother-in-law while at the dairy.

She loved cooking, knitting, crocheting, singing, camping and playing cards and other games. She always loved spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her three sons; Richard Norton and wife Rita of Missoula, MT, George Norton and wife Trudy of Kamiah,

ID, Ralph Norton and wife Tami of Enterprise, OR and daughter-in-law Pam Norton of Hepppner; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph Norton, a son and daughter-in-law Tom and Sue Norton, parents Vivian and Henry Wallace, her brother Robert Wallace and her great-granddaughter Emily Koltonski.

A funeral service will be held Monday, Jan. 21 at 11 a.m. at Community Bible Church of Lexington with burial following at the Lexington Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to attend. A small meal will be served following the services.

Memorial contributions can be made to Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Dr., Hepppner, OR 97836 or Pioneer Memorial Hospice PO Box 9, Hepppner, OR 97836 in Bev's name.

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