

~ 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.

## Matlack for sheriff

To the editor:  
I am writing in support of Ken Matlack for re-election as Morrow County Sheriff. I have worked with Ken on various public safety issues. He has always been accommodating and helpful. He works to prevent accidents. Most recently, in cooperation with Bob Grei-

sen with the Oregon Department of Transportation, the marking of the new entry to Willow Creek County Club was improved and made safer. Sheriff Matlack has done a good job of heading up the Sheriff's Department and he has earned and deserves re-election.

John Edmundson

## Armato plans to work towards goals

To the editor,  
A short while ago I announced my bid to run for the position of Morrow County Commissioner. As a current county employee and longtime resident of Morrow County, I come into this position with existing knowledge of both the county's policies and the persons, both department heads and elected officials, that are in charge of the county. This background will aid me in working with the county officials and to assist as we strive to shape the departments and the culture of the county government, creating a better and more cohesive government.

I believe that economic development and access to housing are two of the larger challenges that face our county. As such, I plan to work with local business leaders, the port commissioners and other authoritative people in our county with those two goals in mind.

I will work with local, state and federal agencies to re-evaluate flood mapping. Re-mapping would allow development in new areas for both commercial and residential use, stimulating economic growth.

I will focus on improving housing by working with our cities to help determine areas that could be developed into buildable housing sites. As new construction occurs for residential housing, older

housing stock could in turn become rentals. My loftiest goal will be to work with the Department of Land Conservation to find a way to modify the existing land use legislation. Currently, it is required to parcel off a minimum of 160 acres in Exclusive Farm Use Zones before an owner can get a building permit. However, I believe that with proof of poor soils, construction should be allowed with fewer acres. This would create highly sought building sites throughout our county.

I firmly believe that determination, care and drive have shaped Morrow County into the home we're all so proud of and I would love to hear from you. Please stop me in the grocery store, the post office or wherever you see me to share your thoughts on the challenges our county and home faces.

While these goals are lofty, I intend to work tirelessly with the current commissioners and county officials to accomplish them, if you will allow me. I will work diligently to focus on local government needs while putting the citizens of Morrow County first and foremost on every decision we make. In conclusion, I would like to request that you kindly consider voting for me and giving me a chance to work for you at the county level.

Thank you,  
Joseph B Armato

## Malachi "Mac" Kane Campbell

Malachi "Mac" Kane Campbell, 90, a longtime resident of Hermiston died at his home surrounded by family on February 11.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston, OR.

Mac was born on July 22, 1929 in Condon, OR to Irish immigrants, Patrick and Kathryn (O'Brien) Campbell. He was raised on a sheep and cattle ranch in Lonerock, OR and it was there that he developed his love for the livestock industry and the people who worked in it, especially sheepherders.

Mac attended grade school in Lonerock, graduated from Heppner High School and later earned an accounting degree from the University of Portland, which he used in his jobs at Rohrman Motors, C&B Livestock, Marlette and eventually, as a farm and ranch real estate broker. In addition to these jobs, Mac developed his own ranching operation. It was stated that he was a natural cattleman who had a gentleness that animals responded to. He was referred to as the "cattle whisperer" by his family.

On August 20, 1960, he married Veronica Doherty in Hermiston. From that day a lifetime of adventures began.

He had a lifelong interest in education and served as chairman of the Hermiston School District Board and the Blue Mountain

## Looking for info on lost ski areas

To the editor:  
I am documenting the history of abandoned or lost ski areas in Oregon. In the Heppner area, there are two, Arbuckle and Cutsforth Park. I have been able to glean some information on the history of both of these places through archived newspapers.

I am looking for photographs of people uti-

Community College Board. He also gave time to other civic organizations. He was involved in his children's activities, everything from tee-ball to 4-H and FFA. He was a devoted husband who called his wife his "best decision" and a loving father who supported each child's pursuit of his/her own happiness. He was always available to listen, give an encouraging word and make his family and friends feel loved.

On almost every Tuesday he could be found at the Northwest Livestock Auction where over the years he developed many strong and lasting friendships.

He had a curious mind and was open to new ideas and had a strong faith, which he lived but never imposed on others. To sum it up, he was a good man, his family said.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Patricia Campbell, Martha Baily and Katie Van Schoiack and brothers John, Peter and Jimmy,

He is survived by his wife, Veronica; children, Patrick Campbell, Frances (Mike) Patterson, Tara (Yoji) Mineishi, Peter Campbell, Sarah Campbell and Kara Campbell; granddaughter, Ava Mineishi; brother Tom Campbell and numerous nephews and nieces.

Contributions in Mac's memory may be made to Vange John Memorial Hospice education fund. Please share memories of Mac with his family at burns-mortuaryhermiston.com. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Oregon is in care of arrangements.



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## Glen Franklin Ward

Glen Franklin Ward, age 92, of Heppner passed away February 7 in Heppner. Glen was born May 23, 1927 in Haines, OR to parents Raymond and Olga (Maxwell) Ward. A Heppner civic leader for many years, Glen's contributions have been long-lasting throughout the area.

Glen was raised in Haines, attending school there and graduating with the class of 1945. He then entered the US Navy and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. Upon leaving the Navy, Glen attended Eastern Oregon College (University) before transferring to Oregon State University where he graduated with a degree in Fish and Wildlife Management. Soon employed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Game Commission), Glen moved to Heppner. There he met and married Joyce Buschke in 1957. Glen and Joyce had three children, Ron, Sandra and Judi.

While working for the ODFW, a wildlife management district was created that included Wheeler, Gilliam, Morrow, Grant, Crook and Sherman Counties. Glen managed the area for 37 years. He helped introduce new species such as wild turkeys, chukars and antelope into the area. Throughout his long career, Glen received awards including Outstanding Biologist NE Region in 1988 and State Game Commission Employee of the Year in 1972. He was also instrumental in the Bull Prairie and Penland Lake development and helped with other projects such as the Veterans' Hide Drive, wherein Glen helped collect over 12,000 hides.

Years ago, when the local theater burned down, Glen helped provide entertainment to local youth by showing movies on weekends at the local Legion Hall. Over the years, Glen helped with several youth

## Catholic men to meet on Shrove Tuesday

The men of St. Patrick's and St. William's Catholic Parishes will meet on Shrove Tuesday, February 25 in Ione to prepare for Lent.

Holy Hour will start at St. William's Church at 5:30 p.m. A no host social period, dinner and meeting will follow at the Route 74 Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.

## Library board to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Oregon Trail Library District Board of Directors will be Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Irrigon. Items on the agenda include the 2019 strategic plan, inclement weather policy and the director report.



### Project Administrative Assistant

Blattner Energy, Inc. will be hiring a Project Administrative Assistant for our wind construction project in Heppner, OR.

Fulltime office work Monday through Friday (and some Saturdays) through mid-August. Duties include:

- Administrative and clerical tasks.
- Support of field construction personnel.
- Act as liaison between the jobsite and the corporate office.

High school diploma or GED and one year experience in administrative work or equivalent combination of training and/or experience is required.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply online at:  
[www.blattnerenergy.com](http://www.blattnerenergy.com)

All job offers are contingent upon receiving a negative drug/alcohol test result and a satisfactory physical examination. Field employees are subject to random drug testing and some may require a criminal background check and a valid driver's license with an acceptable motor vehicle record.

EEO Minorities/Women/Disabled/Veterans

**Shrove Tuesday**  
**PANCAKE SUPPER**  
*All you can eat!*  
Pancakes, Ham, Fruit  
Coffee, Tea, Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**  
**5pm - 7pm**  
All Saints Episcopal Parish Hall  
(corner of Gale & Church)  
All proceeds benefit mission and outreach needs in our local communities  
**Adult \$5, Student \$4, Family \$15**  
Sponsored By Hopeful Saints Ministry  
All Saints Episcopal Church & Hope Lutheran Church