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## Letters to the Editor

### Register to vote

To the Editor:

It is impossible to over-state the importance of registering to vote. Without informed and concerned voters our governments cannot begin to function.

The following party choices appear on your registration form, with a box beside them to check the party preferred:

Democrat, Libertarian, Republican, Not affiliated with any political party, other party (print other party name).

There are many registrants who

check 'Not affiliated with any party' and whom often refer to themselves as Independents. These persons so registered may request a Republic ballot and legally vote in the May primary.

Please take the time to express your choices concerning the candidates running for state, federal and local offices. Come to the candidates forum May 5, 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner High School.

Sincerely,  
(s) Meg Murray

### Urges vote for Glenn

To the editor:

Most politicians are quick to tell us what they think we want to hear and then change as the wind blows. Or they skirt the issue and never take a position so we never know where they stand.

Ed Glenn is not that way. He researches facts, considers the consequences and takes a position on issues of importance. Ed is not reluctant to explain his position. That's a refreshing change from most people in politics, including the other candidates for Morrow County Commissioner.

I don't always agree with Ed on everything. To his credit, he will listen to a different point of view, and, when all the facts are known, Ed has the courage to change his mind.

Ed Glenn is running for Morrow County Commissioner and we need a representative on the county court who has the courage of his convictions and the ability to listen and consider all points of view. I urge you to vote for Ed Glenn.

Yours Truly,  
(s) Bruce O. Nicholes  
Boardman

### Murgo for judge

To the editor:

Soon the people of Morrow and Umatilla Counties will be voting on a judge to represent them in Department number 1 of the District Court. This court has traditionally been located in Pendleton, however after recent revelation that the law had been changed in the mid 1980's to include Morrow County in its jurisdictional area and titled it Department number 1. This discovery was made by Rudy Murgo, city attorney for the city of Pendleton and a candidate for district court judge, Department number 1.

Rudy Murgo is a person of honesty, integrity, sincerity to justice and academically qualified (cum laude, University of Washington, 1971 and Willamette University 1975). As a former assistant district attorney in Umatilla county he established a reputation as a fair and stern prosecutor protecting the states interest. As Terry Rudolf, former Children Services manager, has stated "Rudy understands the

purpose of the court and is an advocate for fairness." His advocacy reaches beyond the actual court room an into volunteering on committees that make a difference with livability in our communities. As past chair of the Umatilla County Juvenile Services Commission he assisted in funding Youth Service officers in Hermiston, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater. This volunteerism didn't stop there, he is coaching young children in soccer and baseball, member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board at B.M.C.C., as well as being a past member on the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.

I urge you to support Rudy Murgo for District Court Judge, Department number 1. Rudy Murgo represents a choice and a change, dedication, experience and knowledge of the law.

Thank you  
(s) Greg Pierce  
Pendleton, OR

### Favors library district

To the editor:

Put my vote down in favor of forming Oregon Trail Library District. What a loss if the doors of the library had to close. No more story hours. No more adult and children reading programs.

No more mystery books. No more periodicals and tapes. No more videos. So sad.

Sincerely,  
(s) Doris Young  
P.O. Box 28  
Boardman 97818

### Support library district

To the editor:

We would like to express our enthusiastic support for the formation of the Oregon Trail Library District.

By joining forces with other areas, we can stabilize the funding for our libraries by spreading the costs over a larger population base. This means we can look forward to expanded hours, a larger book and

reference selection, and most importantly, continued service.

The 25 cent per \$1000 of valuation is a very minor amount to pay for the valuable education, information and entertainment our libraries provide.

Please join us in voting yes for the Oregon Trail Library District.

Sincerely,  
(s) Gary and Kathy Neal  
Boardman

### Prag for county commissioner

To the editor:

Over the last several years I have served with John Prag on the board of directors, loan committee and presently the executive committee of the greater Eastern Oregon Development Corp., an eight county SBA approved non-profit lender.

John's dedication and perseverance has been and continues to be most instrumental in

the successful delivery of much needed loans to start up emerging small businesses throughout the areas. John is both a leader and a team worker.

I wholeheartedly endorse and recommend John Prag to the voters of Morrow County for Morrow County Commissioner Position number 2.

(s) John Grace  
Boardman

### Vote for Jeff Wallace

To the editor:

There are a number of candidates for district court Judge, position 2. However, one in particular stands out above the rest, Jeff Wallace.

Jeff is now serving as the district attorney for Morrow County. He has been both a prosecutor and a private attorney. He knows his way around a courtroom and is an experienced trial lawyer.

Jeff Wallace also has the emotional maturity and demeanor that I feel is essential for a judge to have. I want someone on the bench who is calm and deliberate in the way he approaches things and Jeff fills the bill.

Please vote for Jeff Wallace for district court Judge, Position 2.

Thank you  
(s) Shirley Larson  
415 N.W. 4th  
Pendleton

### Vote yes for libraries

To the editor:

After many years of being one of the first departments of the city budget to be cut, the libraries in Boardman and Heppner have received the final cut. For the next budget year, the funds to operate these libraries have been reallocated to other departments within the cities budgets. This action by the city councils of the respective cities may just be the best thing that could have happened to the libraries that serve these communities. Due to the hard work of the Friends of the Library in Boardman and Heppner, there is a opportunity for the communities to not only keep their libraries open, but actually improve the service and availability of resource and recreational reading material. The vehicle that would allow this to happen is the Oregon Trail Library District.

The Oregon Trail Library District will encompass the voting precincts of Heppner and Boardman. These precincts were

chosen because they coincide most closely with the present service area of the two libraries. The proposed district also includes both industrial and utility value areas which means:

1. Less of the city taxpayers dollar will go to library operation (the cities are at the \$10 limit set by Measure 5, so the city tax rate cannot be increased).

2. The industrial and utility properties will pay approximately 60 percent of all money needed for libraries.

3. The rural area surrounding the cities will see their taxes go up by only 25-cents per \$1000 assessed value (\$25 per year on the average \$100,000 farm).

I hope the citizens of the communities of Boardman and Heppner can see what a valuable asset the libraries are to their areas and vote yes for Measure 25-1 on May 19.

Sincerely yours,  
(s) Ed Struthers  
Board Chairman  
Heppner Public Library

### Wallace for district court judge

To the editor:

Jeff Wallace is a candidate for district court judge (position 2) on the May primary ballot. I believe that he would make an outstanding judge and urge everyone to vote for Jeff.

I have known Jeff Wallace for a number of years, both as an attorney and as a person. He is well qualified on both counts. He is originally from the Milton-Freewater area and was active in 4-H and FFA. He has lived in this area most of his life, including both Morrow and Umatilla Counties.

Jeff has been the Morrow County District Attorney for the past five years. He is not only an experienced prosecutor but has had quite a background in private practice as well. He is qualified in many areas of the law.

Please elect Jeff Wallace district court judge for position 2, Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

(s) Lawrence Givens  
Rt. 3 Box 194-A  
Milton-Freewater 97862

### Support library

To the editor,

My son has been going to the Boardman Public Library since he was a baby. I would hope that all future Boardman children have the same advantage.

Please support the formation of the Oregon Trail Library District.

(s) Barbara Hennes  
Boardman

## Roads Are Important



The road from my house to town is pretty important, considering I drive it nearly every day, sometimes twice. I know that road so well, I can see the slightest little chuck hole start, develop and grow until it's fixed.

Sometimes I get to thinking that the road I drive every day is the most important road in the world. After all, a lot of my neighbors drive the same road as much as I do. I'll bet that nearly everyone is the same way, but, of course, to most of them, it's a different road. We all get to thinking that our road is the most important and someone else's road can't be nearly so valuable.

That's the way I was thinking not long ago, until I realized there are other roads important too. Take the road to elk camp that I drive once a year. Now on the day before season opens, that's a pretty important road and equally so on the way out, if I have anything to bring out, that is.

The point, I guess, is that we all have important roads, some more so than others. Or at least some are important more often than others. There must be some way to measure the importance of the roads we drive. Not even I would say the road to elk camp should be as good a road as I drive to town everyday. Maybe on a scale of one to 10, and if the road to town was a 10, well then I'd have to say the elk camp road would be just bigger than a speck in the eye of a gnat.

Since Morrow County spends about half of its entire budget on roads and since even then there isn't enough money to make them all four-lane freeways, there must be a way to decide which road is more important than another.

Resources are limited so that we must set priorities on the roads needing repair and reconstruction.

Condition of the respective roads is one consideration that we must use. A road full of chuck holes should come before one that just has a few cracks.

Length might also be a factor. A long road disrepair might be assigned a higher priority than a short one in similar condition.

Kind and volume of traffic should also be considered. Certainly a wheat or potato haul road should be given a priority over that mud track to elk camp.

Then, we should consider our objectives in building and maintaining roads. High on the list is safety. No where should Morrow County allow truly dangerous roads to remain long without repair. Another goal is to promote commerce. Market roads are essential to our economy. To some extent tourism roads are roads of commerce and should be afforded extra consideration. Certainly, we must consider convenience of personal travel, convenience in driving to town, or across the county. Finally, we should consider roads a means of communication just like phone lines and the postal service. Roads allow us to travel from place to place so that we can talk to each other, eyeball to eyeball, which is the very best way to communicate.

Considering the kinds of roads we need and the kinds of needs the serve, we should be able to assign priorities on a sensible basis. It is just too simple to say that traffic counts should be the basis for decisions. There are many other factors to consider.

These kinds of decisions are typical of the kinds of decisions that government is so good at dodging. It's hard work to make these kinds of hard decisions and no matter how one decides there will be a few who disagree. That's something a politician finds hard to accept, someone who disagrees.

Most politicians are so afraid of losing just one vote that they avoid making any decision at all that might offend someone. So the kind of hard work outlined above goes undone and priority decisions are not made on a rational, sensible basis, but rather on some kind of political basis. What's worse, the decision making process is so muddled that it is virtually unknown, even by the decision makers, how some particular decision was made.

Roads are too important in Morrow County to hide the process from the folks who pay the bill.

### Support for Rudy Murgo

To the editor:

I would like to express my support for Rudy Murgo for District Court Judge, Dept. 1. I believe Umatilla and Morrow counties are ready for a change. Rudy Murgo has shown himself to be very committed and involved, not only in his position as Pendleton city attorney, but in the numerous

community activities he has participated in.

I feel that his excellent legal background would be an asset to the District Court Judge position.

I would encourage voters to look closely at the candidates and vote for a positive change - Elect Rudy Murgo.

(s) Lisa McCune  
Hermiston

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