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Support Wenholz

To the Editor:

Please join me in voting for John Wenholz for Morrow County Commissioner. John has many characteristics that make him the best candidate. He has been a Morrow County resident for 23 years. He served our country during wartime and has been an active community volunteer and member of the Parent Advisory Board for the schools. When something has needed to get done in the community and at the schools, John has always been willing to help with money, his equipment and, most importantly, his own time to be sure that the job has been done correctly.

Since his son, Jeff, has joined John in his business, John has the time to serve as commissioner, and that is vitally important since being a commissioner is not a job that can

be done in a couple of days a month. Look at the time and effort Judge Louis Carlson has put in for the county, and you will see we need more people like Louis and John Wenholz to keep our county government healthy and strong.

Probably the most important reason to elect John Wenholz is that he does not have an ax to grind. He belongs to no group and has refused to accept contributions from anyone, individual or group, to help with his campaign. I see John Wenholz as a conservative who is open-minded enough to listen to all sides and then make up his mind based on the facts and what he believes will be good for Morrow County as a whole. John Wenholz should be a strong county commissioner and I hope you will support him with your vote.

(s) Don Hoies
Irrigon

For Wenholz

To the Editor:

John Wenholz has lived in the Irrigon area for 23 years. He has been interested in community affairs and served for a time on the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee for Morrow County Schools.

John has always had an interest in the youth of his community and when the schools were built in 1979-80, he felt that wasn't enough. John went a step further and gathered volunteer help to complete the existing ballfields and track at Columbia Middle School, so the students could have more than just the building.

As a member of the advisory board, John made himself available to every teacher and classified employee of the schools. He visited the schools on a regular basis to see the education system in progress, and he was involved.

We feel that John has no hidden agenda and wants to serve as commissioner for Morrow County in the same manner. John's home and business are located in Morrow County and we are convinced that he will stay involved and productive in the progress and growth of the entire county.

(s) Dan and Jeannie Creamer
Irrigon

Support Ridgway

To the Editor:

Please join us in casting a vote for Bob Ridgway as circuit court judge in Umatilla and Morrow counties. We have known Bob for many years and have always known him to uphold the highest of ethics and stand by his beliefs.

As chairman of the Pendleton School Board, Bob was committed to achieving high standards in education for our children.

As Pendleton's municipal judge, he continues to demonstrate his devotion to upholding the law as well as compassion for victims of crime.

We believe that he will continue to demand consequences for actions while maintaining those values necessary for a circuit court judge.

(s) Jim and Sally Duff
Adams

Wenholz will get job done

To the Editor:

I would like to address the issue of the upcoming election for Morrow County Commissioner. As a business owner, wife and parent, I am concerned about many issues (past, present and future) in our community. Most important, I am concerned on how these issues will be handled and that they will be handled with resolution, not empty promises. I feel in order for this to happen, the candidate must be educated, active in, and dedicated to finding the solution to ensure a better community.

I have been a resident of Morrow County for many years. As an active business owner and a parent participating in my children's education, I am quite aware of the needs and desires of many Morrow County residents. John Wenholz is a resident of this community as well as a candidate for Morrow County Commissioner. Through community activity, it has been my pleasure to discuss many issues with Mr. Wenholz and he is truly

dedicated to Morrow County. He has real concern for community awareness and safety.

I would like to share the qualifications of Mr. Wenholz which I feel would make him a welcome addition to the Commissioner seat: resident and businessman in Morrow County for 23 years; active in Morrow County development for 23 years; served on the Morrow County School Advisory Board; active in numerous community projects; served on various budget committees; instrumental in the development of Columbia Junior High's athletic field; has been married 29 years, with one son and one daughter.

I feel John Wenholz has the experience, qualifications and knowledge of Morrow County to fill this position with dedication and sincerity. I hope you will join me in voting for John Wenholz on election day. I am convinced he will get the job done.

Sincerely,
(s) Barbara Huwe
Irrigon

Animals our responsibility

To the Editor:

I recently moved to Heppner. I have been impressed by the friendliness and safeness this town and its people offer. The only thing I have found so far that concerns and frustrates me is that with all the good people in this town, no one is willing to take the responsibility for the stray animals.

I realize there are irresponsible people out there who will take a puppy or kitten thinking it's cute. Then they find it's not as fun as they had thought it would be and the cost of its care is more than they had realized. All of a sudden, it's more of a problem than the animal is worth to them, so these irresponsible people put a helpless, once thought of as cute, animal out on the streets to fend for itself.

This irresponsible behavior isn't fair to the community; it's also inhumane to the stray. I recently had to have one of these unfortunate animals put down. It was painful, but necessary.

Everyone seems to just be able to turn their backs, using the excuse, it's not my responsibility or job; or worse, someone else will take care of it. No one does and the poor animal gets hit by a car or starves, or is taunted, teased and abused, rarely finding a caring person to take care of it. The animal is blamed for surviving the only way it can, getting in trash, killing other animals and going in yards it doesn't belong.

All the way around for the community and the strays, it's just an insane cycle of blaming the animal, and leaving the solution up to a mystery some-

one who never shows up. With all the land around here, isn't there someplace these strays can be kept? Aren't there enough good, caring, concerned, responsible people around Heppner to volunteer time to care for and find homes for these strays? Aren't there people who can volunteer time to care for these animals? Isn't there enough caring, responsible people in Heppner to begin an animal shelter?

I am sure some of the children around town would be willing to help. Can't adults learn from the children that animals, whether they belong to us or not, are everyone's responsibility to take care of? Don't children learn more from the actions of adults, than from our words? Do the people here want to teach the children it is okay to treat a pet like a toy? Children have a natural, caring instinct. It can be nurtured and built on, or destroyed. It's up to the adults and examples we show by our actions.

I also know there are spiritual people here in Heppner. If there wasn't, there wouldn't be so many churches. Aren't the animals also created by God? Aren't they His gifts to us, not only to be used for food and companions, but also for us to take care of?

One person can't solve the stray problem, but a community effort would not only be a good example for the children, but would also make Heppner a safe and friendly place for animals. Don't all of God's creatures deserve a chance?

(s) Laurie Reichardt
Heppner

Wenholz a positive step

To the Editor:

I was very enthused and pleased to learn that John Wenholz is running for Morrow County Commissioner.

I have known John for over 20 years. During this time, I have had the opportunity to work with him in several settings. John has been very involved with youth activities and projects including the school advisory board and particularly youth baseball programs in the area. When equipment or facilities were needed, John was always one who could be counted on to spearhead the projects.

The athletic complex at Columbia Middle School (which includes the baseball, softball, football and track fields) is there because of John Wenholz. He planned, organized and developed that sports complex with community and surrounding

area support at practically no cost to the school district. The school had just been built and there was no money to develop that area of the campus at that time. John saw the need and put together a plan to make it work.

John's background includes a distinguished career in the Special Forces during the Vietnam War, time spent as an iron worker, and several successful ventures as a self-employed businessman. His honesty, perseverance and tenacity will be valuable assets as a county commissioner. I know that he will research issues thoroughly and will be fair in making decisions that affect our entire county. A vote for John Wenholz will be a positive step for Morrow County.

Sincerely,
(s) Bob Byrd
Irrigon

Wenholz involved in community

To the Editor:

The upcoming election offers Morrow County residents an opportunity to choose from several candidates for county commissioner. One, John Wenholz, has demonstrated his ability to provide leadership for all areas of the county and has earned my support.

I have had the opportunity to work with John on various committees and have observed his involvement in numerous community activities over the past twenty years. During that time he has shown he has the qualities necessary to make an

excellent commissioner. He possesses good common sense and intelligence, is capable of making sound decisions and treats others with fairness and honesty. His background includes experience in several areas of business and construction. These attributes, along with his dedication to public service, qualify him as an excellent choice for county commissioner.

John Wenholz has earned my vote.

Sincerely,
(s) Mick Tolar
Boardman

ODFW plans open house May 9

An Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) open house will be held Thursday, May 9 at the Pettyjohn Building conference room in Heppner from 4-8 p.m.

The open house is being held to allow interested sportspeople, landowners and the general public an opportunity to re-

view the proposed tag numbers for the 1996 hunting season. In addition, the 1997 season proposals will be available for review.

ODFW representatives will answer any questions about the regulations or other department programs as needed.

MCHS trip has one vacancy open

By Delpha Jones

The spring getaway trip sponsored by the Historical Society is well underway. The group will board the bus at 7 a.m. from St. Patrick Senior Center on Thursday morning, May 9, and will pick up the Lexington and Lone riders shortly after.

Breakfast will be at the Ir-

rigon Marina before starting on the rest of the trip, which will go to the Isaquah, Washington area, where several interesting tours are scheduled.

There is still a vacancy on the bus. Those interested should call either Ruth McCabe at Lone, or Delpha Jones at Lexington.

Neighborhood Center needs your help

To the Editor:

Recently, at a meeting of the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County, the deliberations turned to the center's rather stressing financial bind. A combination of slashed budgets and increased costs of doing business have put the center's future in jeopardy. That's pretty bad news. However, the good news is that the Neighborhood Center has always existed as a matter of faith and trust. None of that has been slashed by budget axes.

Life must be an adventure of faith and trust if we are to be victors over it, not victims of it. Faith in the charitable soul within us, faith in the life of our fellow citizens...for without faith and trust, the plus qualities, we cannot really live. To faith and trust must be added wisdom, which may be summed up in six words, the three greatest maxims of the race. Two of these words we own to Greece, two to Rome and two to Judea: "Know thyself, control thyself, give thyself."

For the rest, hope much, fear not at all, live with all your heart, do your best, seek the best in others and put your trust in the kindness of the human spirit.

These are the guiding principles that have helped maintain the Neighborhood Center. It is our conviction that these are principles that guide our community as well. Your faith and trust and continued sup-

port is needed to insure ongoing services for those in our community who are in real need of food, clothing, housing, etc.

Here is how you can help: 1) donations to the food and clothing banks are always appreciated. Donations of used furniture and household items are also useful. 2) Occasionally, we sponsor what can best be described as a "yard sale." Items are sold to help support our center. You have been generous supporters of such efforts in the past and we ask for your continued support when such events are planned in the future. 3) Donations of cash are much needed. Such donations assist us in ensuring the employment of our director, who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the center, and help us meet building rental and storage costs.

Your help can come in a couple of ways...either as an individual or as a member of some group, such as civic organizations, churches, clubs, places of employment, or neighborhood clusters. In any event, your help is needed, and we encourage you to consider the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County as you attempt to give new emphasis to giving of thyself and a new understanding to the old saw that "charity begins at home."

(s) Reverend Al Trachsel
Neighborhood Center Board

Voice opinion on carnival

To the Editor:

Remember to voice your opinion about the carnival. Be at the Fair Pavilion on Monday,

May 13, at 7:30 p.m. for the fair board meeting.

(s) Paulette Yocum
Heppner

Article corrected

To the Editor:

This letter is to correct an interview that was published in another paper last week.

I was not working for Kinzua when I came to work for Morrow County. I was employed by the Army Corps of Engineers when I came to work for Morrow County July 6, 1993.

I do not do payroll and bookkeeping for public works.

I am office manager for the Public Works Department. Public works includes the Road Department, transfer station, airport, general maintenance and two parks. I count and receipt all monies coming into those departments and take them to the treasurer's office to be deposited. I write grant applications, do all of the state and federal reports for the departments, prepare prospectus documents for obtaining

funds for bridge and road projects, manage the host program for both parks. I am a liaison for those departments and the public. I have many other duties too numerous to list.

Most of Morrow County money is not invested through the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Checking accounts for payroll and accounts payable are with the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Some of the investment funds are invested in money market accounts at U.S. Bank, First Interstate Bank and Inland Empire Bank. Most county funds are invested in the local Government Investment Pool. All of the treasurer's duties are governed by Oregon law and I am aware of how to access that information.

(s) Marie B. Key
Candidate for Morrow County
Treasurer

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