

Letters to the Editor

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In support of Perry Atkinson

To the Editor:
We have the opportunity to elect a man whose purpose is not professional politics. We have so many who lack the courage to stand on principle, who daily check the opinion polls before deciding where to stand.
Perry Atkinson, Republican candidate for the U.S. Congress for the Second District is a man of high principles whose aim in running for office is to protect the people of Oregon from further erosion of our basic standards by the professional politicians.

Perry Atkinson says, let's "overhaul the IRS now. Taxes should be simpler and lower. Let us not begin with what America needs to spend, but what Americans deserve to keep."
"Get federal bureaucracy out of our schools. Parents, not bureaucrats, should be in charge of local education."
"Get federal bureaucrats off our backs, out of our pockets, off our land, and out of our water."
"Rampant federal regulations strangle our farming and timber industries and erode our water and property rights. Oregonians are the best stewards of our land."
"Small business and farmers

need to be free to compete with one another, not the mountains of regulations thrown at them by the federal government.

Perry's chief rival is Greg Walden who has garnered the support of some good people. So just a quick review might cause us to go along with the crowd. Walden has aligned himself with legislators from the Portland area. They pursue the spending of tax dollars in ways that do not benefit the taxpayers of our 2nd District.

Oregon Right-to-Life has endorsed Perry Atkinson because Greg Walden supports pro-choice. He even voted against parental notification. His rather lame excuse for that critical vote was fear of liability, but it doesn't hold water because 25 other states have passed the law giving parents the right to be notified regarding a minor's abortion. The people of the state of Oregon are denied parental rights because of Greg Walden and his cohorts.

It is time to elect a man who does not have the political ties that bring about our undoing. Let's vote for Perry Atkinson.

(s) Roy Comrie
Pendleton

Retain Lundquist

To the Editor:
I take this opportunity to commend the voters of the state of Oregon Representative District 59 for electing and retaining Lynn Lundquist for fair and honest representation since the 1994 election. His strength, determination and fairness has brought exceptional honor and respect to the position, illustrated by the fact he was elected speaker of the house in his second term by his own peers.
I have known Lynn Lundquist, his wife, Barb, and family for a number of years and I watched with hope, interest and concern when he first ran for state Representative. With hope and interest because I know Lynn to be a caring but fair man. I was sure he would do his level best to represent us well, with a desire to see that eastern and central Oregon got on the porch of the "big dogs" from the metropolitan areas where we seldom receive equal representation.

I watched with concern because I knew it would take an inordinate amount of determination, strength and courage to turn things around. Lynn does have all of these qualities but pressure over time can wear down a rock of the finest composition. I am pleased to note that Representative Lundquist has not wavered under pressure few of us can comprehend. Even the pressure and adversities of this election find him strong and resolute in his commitments to his constituents and his desire to represent us.

I urge you not to let the "big dogs" drive us back under the porch. Remain clear-headed and think for yourselves. Go directly to your state representative for the answers to your questions. Keep us up on top in the 21st Century with another vote for Lynn Lundquist, District 59 State Representative.

(s) Karole Stockton
Prineville

In support of Lynn Lundquist

To the Editor:
I wish to take this opportunity to urge you to cast your vote for Lynn Lundquist as state representative, District 59 at the primary election, May 19.
Lynn has operated his own ranching business for over 20 years in Eastern Oregon and understands the issues and problems of this part of the state. Lynn was also elected speaker of the house of representatives for the Oregon legislature in his first term. This tells us how quickly his peers were able to foresee his

talents and ability. Operating with a razor thin majority of his own party, he was able to bring divergent groups together to arrive at a successful conclusion to many legislative issues.

District 59 and, yes, all of Oregon will be well served by returning Lynn Lundquist to the Oregon legislature for a second term as state representative for District 59.

(s) Ray French
Morrow County Commissioner
Heppner

Lundquist's record speaks for itself

To the Editor:
The people in House District 59 are very fortunate to have someone of Rep. (Lynn) Lundquist's integrity willing to represent them. As we used to own a small pharmacy we have had the opportunity to speak with many representatives and their staff.
Representative Lundquist and his staff have always been available and willing to discuss our concerns. While we don't agree on all issues, we respect and appreciate that his decisions are based on facts and what he

thinks is best for Oregon.
Because of Rep. Lundquist's honesty and knowledge, those of us in a more urban area of Oregon respect his views in regard to what is good in your more rural area, which allows us an opportunity to better understand some of the statewide ballot measures.

Rep. Lundquist's record speaks for itself. He has worked very hard for Oregon and your district. Please vote for Rep. Lundquist so that you don't lose his representation.

(s) Jim and Luanne Thielke
Tualatin

Teenagers commended for good deed

To the Editor:
I wish to commend John Sargent, Jon Looney and Paul Lauritsen for turning in the wallet they found in the Central Market parking lot a few evenings ago.
The wallet contained over \$600 in cash and when I called the

owner and told her it had been found, cash and cards intact, she was very grateful.

These days we hear a lot of negative things about our kids. I wanted everyone to know these guys really did a good thing.

(s) Gail Burkenbine
Heppner

Why campaign against Cooley?

To the Editor:
Have you heard the admonition "Follow The Money"? Good advice when a question demands an answer.

Wes Cooley went to the State Legislature as the Dist. 28 senator and then to Congress as representative from Oregon's Second district. He quickly earned the reputation as a dynamo who read every bill he was to vote on and would not support any bill that he did not believe was best for his constituents, regardless of origin. He did not always please the party leadership by this attitude and he was able to get legislation passed that angered some factions, but I don't see what he did to invite the avalanche of abuse that the news media heaped upon him.

The "Bend Bulletin" and "The Oregonian" seemed to lead the charge and there might have been something in Wes' background that could have stirred a minor interest, but I have never seen in my lifetime, such a total commitment to destroy one man. How much, do you suppose it cost? Every aspect of his life was dissected from his elementary school years through college, his marriages, army

career, racing background, and business practices. Someone went to Mexico to investigate a rumor that he may have been married there. "The Oregonian" "found" a man who claimed to be Wes' old Sgt. Poppy. Wes can not recognize the man as anyone he has seen before and the man does not, apparently, use the name "Poppy". Wes could not find evidence that "his" Sgt. Poppy is even still alive but "The Oregonian" dug up somebody. Nearly every day there was some derogatory article printed in the papers and the same papers refused to print any rebuttal to their position. The total cost had to have been enormous. A million dollars? More? Follow the money. Who could have hated Wes Cooley that much? "The Oregonian" is a liberal paper, but that can't be all that's behind it. The "Bulletin" and its affiliates are supposed to be a business as is "The Oregonian", but there is no way they could have sold enough extra papers to pay that sort of expense. I wish I had the means to "Follow the Money". There must be a reason behind all this and I think it's time we ask the question, "Why?"

(s) W.L. Sullens
Baker City

Lundquist right man for the job

To the Editor:
We are writing to you as concerned citizens of central and eastern Oregon with an important message about Speaker Lynn Lundquist and his campaign for re-election in our district. We are outraged by the personal attacks and negative campaigning against our house speaker. We think it critical for you to know that these attacks on Lynn are funded by Portlanders who want to discredit Lynn and attempt to influence politics in this area for their gain.

First, we would like to speak to Lynn's integrity. We have known him for a long time and have followed his work in the legislature. He is a man of his word. We have watched him repeatedly choose principle over politics - a rare quality in politicians. You may have seen a recent "Oregonian" columnist attacking Lynn's truthfulness. He is simply attacking Lynn's strongest attribute. Lynn's integrity and square dealing with folks are hallmarks of his public service, business and private life.

Secondly, we want to warn you about what is happening in this district campaign. Lynn's opponent is being managed and backed by a Portland motel mogul named Mark Hemstreet and his sidekick, Don McIntire. Hemstreet has publicly announced that he's going to spend enough money to "topple

House Speaker Lynn Lundquist" (The Oregonian 3/29/98). Hemstreet seems to think his money can "buy" this race and with it control over the politics of our area.

Do not be misled by this smear job. The accusations against Lynn and his service on our behalf are lies and distortions. Lynn has received Senator Gordon Smith's and Congressman Bob Smith's strong endorsements. And he has ours. There are good reasons we support Lynn. We know him, we know his record and we know how hard he has worked on behalf of central and eastern Oregon. As speaker of the house, Lynn is in a powerful position to benefit our area and all of Oregon. We need to keep him there.

Please help return Lynn Lundquist to the Oregon Legislature with your vote May 19. His campaign theme says he is "the right man for the job ahead." He is. You have our word on that.

(s) Larry Mills
Manager, MCGG
Heppner

(s) Randall C. Guyer, Jr., CPA
Baker City
(s) Jack Young, Owner,
Iron Triangle Logging Co.
John Day
(s) Paul Capell, Mayor,
Prineville

Vote for Atkinson

To the Editor:
I am writing in support of Perry Atkinson for the Republican nomination for U. S. Congress from District 2.

When I saw in The Oregonian that a \$500-a-plate dinner was being held in Portland to raise campaign funds for Greg Walden for the second district, I have to admit I was a little disturbed. I know it's a free country, but I felt it was out of line for Multnomah County to attempt to influence the selection of the U. S. Congressman from District 2. Aren't four congressmen from Western Oregon enough for them? Do they feel they must also select the congressman from Eastern Oregon, too? Quite frankly, I resent their interference in District 2 elections. I can see no difference in this and the interference of out of state politicians, corporations, etc., in attempting to influence Oregon's initiative process.

A few years ago, there was an attempt to allow Oregon politicians to accept contributions only from their

own district. I never gave it much thought at the time, but now I'm wondering if it wasn't a pretty good idea.

I'm sure Greg Walden is a fine person and a staunch Republican who would do a fine job in Washington. However, after listening to Perry Atkinson state his position on all of the issues, I believe he is the best man to represent Eastern Oregon.

The difference in topography, industry, density of population, level of income, style of living and other factors make it imperative that we elect a congressman who understands our lifestyle and will truly represent the interests of Eastern Oregon in Washington. So, if you want a congressman who will represent Eastern Oregon instead of Multnomah County and Western Oregon, I urge you to vote for Perry Atkinson. Investigate where he stands on all of the issues. You'll find he has our interests at heart. A vote for Atkinson is a vote for Eastern Oregon.

(s) Alberta Bailey
Baker City

Tallman the best candidate

To the Editor:

Do you remember the Montgomery Ward catalogs that rated merchandise as good, better and best? It reminds me of the slate of candidates running for Morrow County Judge. All are good, some are better, but one is best.

There is one that stands a little taller than the rest of the crowd. No pun intended on his name but I am referring to Terry Tallman.

He is a good old dirt farmer, who would like to make county government better and is best qualified to do so.

When you ordered from the catalog, didn't you always want to get the best? Well now you can use your vote to do just that. Vote for Tallman and you will be getting Morrow County's best qualified candidate for the job.

(s) Dorothy Krebs
Boardman

For Tan Hermens

To the Editor:
How refreshing it is to have a new candidate who is willing and brave enough to question the traditional tax and spend policies of our past and present legislators.

Tan Hermens is an experienced teacher who knows why our students are not performing as well as they should. She knows that more money does not necessarily guarantee a solid education. She knows that our children need to be taught the

basics - reading using phonics, writing using proper spelling and grammar, basic arithmetic without a calculator. Teacher accountability is important too.

Her opponent is serious about improving the Oregon school system, but he doesn't know why the student performance level is deteriorating. After four years in office he should.

I am going to vote for Tan Hermens for state representative and I hope you do too.

(s) Bob Berlik
Haines

Lexington Grange holds meeting

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange met on Monday night for the regular meeting with Master Clarence Buchanan in the chair. Preceding the meeting, a potluck dinner was held. Following dinner, candidates for offices in Morrow County were introduced and gave a short sketch of their lives and political background.

David Allen, candidate for district attorney, majored in criminal law and worked two and a half years in Madras in Jefferson County.

Earl Woods, our present district attorney, was born and raised in Grant County, served in the army in Vietnam, has been in law 24 years, and served as deputy sheriff in Lane County. He told of Morrow County law enforcement and how well they work together. He also served in Bosnia and recently received the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Justice of the Peace Charlotte Gray spoke of the Justice Court in the county, with two courts, one in Heppner and one in Irrigon. She writes search warrants and presides over small claims court.

Rod Osgood, candidate for justice of the peace, is a 31 year resident of Morrow County, has a business in Irrigon and raises race

horses for a hobby. He has been married for 22 years to his childhood sweetheart.

Following a short recess, the charter was draped for Paul Brown.

The ballots for state officers were handed out. The counting committee was Barbara and Eldon Gilbert, and Jean Nelson.

Application was read for Trampas Bergstrom. Investigating committee was Lyle Peck and Ned Clark.

Legislative chairman Ned Clark gave a few words on the candidates Tan Hermens and Lynn Lundquist.

Ag. chairman Ken Smouse reported on wheat production and the price of wheat, which is now \$3.31 per bushel, Portland price.

Clarence Buchanan was elected as insurance delegate to state session and Kathy Clark, attendant.

Jean Nelson presented a resolution on the drawdown of the Snake and Columbia rivers. A motion passed and will be sent to Pomona and state granges.

GWA reported there will be a table at the Fourth of July Celebration in Ione. They will sell odds and ends, but no food.

All officers were present for the meeting.

Lex. Baptist to host missionaries

Rich and Cheri Strahm, missionaries to Hungary, serving with CBInternational, will speak about their ministry at Lexington Baptist Church on Sunday, May 3, at 11 a.m.

The Strahms, appointed by CBInternational in 1982 to the Philippines and deployed to Hungary in 1997, are "ready to begin a new and exciting cross-cultural adventure for Christ," according to a CBInternational news release.

During their third term, the Strahms planted two new churches by forming and training Filipino church planting teams. "Training" was the key work for them as they both taught courses at the International School of Theology in Manila. "We want to go beyond just adding new churches," report the Strahms.

"We also want to multiply new churches through others."

They also taught in Bible schools and trained lay-ministers at a Bible institute. Mr. Strahm organized and Mrs. Strahm edited materials for a seminar which was used to train over 100 church planting teams.

The Strahms plan to assist in the mobilization of Hungarian ministers. She will write curriculum for Biblical extension courses and he will train both theology students and lay-ministers in church planting skills. They hope to join others in facilitating a Hungarian missionary movement that will begin in Hungary and spread to neighboring nations. The Strahms are scheduled to leave for Hungary in July 1998.

Veterans invited to health screening

The Walla Walla VA Medical Center invites all honorably discharged veterans to stop by St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner on Wednesday, May 13, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for preventive health screening by team members from the medical center.

The team will consist of a clinician and administrative clerk

who will meet with veterans one-on-one to discuss eligibility for medical benefits, enroll veterans into the VA healthcare system and learn about what services the Walla Walla center has to offer.

For more information, contact Rita Hedman at 676-9061, ext. 44, or Carol Blehm, chief medical administration service at (509) 527-3458.

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