

Letters to the Editor

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Woods deserves re-election

To the Editor:
I have followed with close scrutiny and interest the contest for the district attorney position of Morrow County. Both candidates represent friends and colleagues I work with in the county. As I have read the literature and listened at public forums, it has become increasingly apparent incumbent Earl Woods is the most qualified candidate. His credentials, his record and his years of service to Morrow County place him far beyond his opponent. Earl has earned the endorsement of major law enforcement offices in the county, including the Morrow County Sheriff, chiefs of police of both Heppner and Boardman and virtually all of the other officers in the county. These endorsements have been well-documented and expressed during the campaign. They have endorsed him because of his character, integrity and commitment to fight crime. These relationships are vital to successful prosecution. I, like many of you, share a

concern for what is happening in our county. Serious crimes are being committed against our children and against our neighbors. We all know people who have been victimized. Earl's record, his years of experience, and his willingness to take a stand is our best protection.

As a member of the county MDT chaired by Earl, I have been impressed with his knowledge of the law, leadership and his ability to get things done.

I find it interesting that some people in our county are supporting someone who does not reside in our county, does not have ties here and is not connected here. In fact, he lives and works in Portland.

I am a friend of Earl's, have known him for a long time and know how strongly connected he is here. His reputation as an excellent trial lawyer, his even-handed approach and the working relationship with law enforcement are assets we can't afford to lose.

(s) Barb Stefani-Peterson
Ione

Van Arsdale, plain talk and action

In Guy Van Arsdale I have finally found a candidate who combines intelligence and good business sense with a genuine commitment to political principles which seem, these days, to be honored more in the speech-making than in the observance.

Perhaps it is his prior avoidance of politics that has saved him from the wholesale arrogance that is drowning American government, or perhaps it is simply his nature, but whatever the reason, when this man says he believes it is the duty of an elected official to respect the wishes of the people- he really means it.

He has the confidence to make decisions, but also the strength of character to adapt when the public expresses a contrary will. He is determined to make government produce and is experienced at accomplishing

production within the hard practicality of financial limitations. He is absolutely and doggedly objective- which is the most supremely essential qualification for a judge. And he has learned, through a lifetime of practice with building his own business, to think not just to tomorrow but to five or 10 or 20 years into the future.

With this man, we'll get no fuss, no frills, no smoke and mirrors - just plain talk and straightforward action. A vote for him on May 19 is the best favor we've had the opportunity to do for ourselves for a long, long time.

(s) Valerie B. Doherty
Lexington

Walden, Lundquist, Wyden

To the Editor:
Greg Walden, Lynn Lundquist and Ron Wyden are the knowledgeable, effective and honest legislators for which voters everywhere are looking. They deserve

our votes.
(s) Meg Murray
Ione

Lewis best man for the job

To the Editor:
We have known Keith Lewis for many years. His background is varied and will provide him with the experience needed to be an exceptional judge for Morrow County. He has retired from the Oregon State Police after a long and successful career. Keith served on the Lottery commission for two terms. Both of these positions required him to manage large amounts of taxpayers' money. People find Keith friendly and easy to get along with.

Bob and I urge you to vote for Keith Lewis for Morrow County Judge as he is hard-working, honest and his integrity is above question.

(s) Bob and Sue Jones
Heppner

Tallman for judge

To the Editor:
In the interest of more cooperation in Morrow County and at the same time getting a good man for the position, I am voting for Terry Tallman for judge.

Besides that fact, I would hate to lose a most excellent road master.

(s) Meg Murray
Ione

Doherty honest, understanding

To the Editor:
Over the past seven years we have come to know Bill Doherty, through a farming relationship. Bill Doherty is an honest and understanding person. With an open mind, Bill will listen to the concerns of the residents of Morrow County.

Bill's experience raising five children and many years of service on the Morrow County School Board will provide the experience needed to be Morrow County Juvenile Court Judge.

On May 19 we urge you to cast your vote for Bill Doherty, Morrow County Judge.

(s) Joe Rietmann
(s) Donna Rietmann
Ione

MCCACC to hold meeting

Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club will meet for lunch upstairs at Kate's Pizza on Thursday, May 28, at 1 p.m. A short meeting will follow.

Ideas are needed for the fair booth and plans are being completed for upcoming workshops.

Guests are welcome to attend. For questions or more information, call Peggy DeZoete at 676-9049.

Rathbun exhibits high ethical standards

To the Editor:
I have been a member of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police for the past nine years. During that time I have had the privilege of working very closely with Chief Douglas Rathbun. Chief Rathbun has distinguished himself by his leadership in the Oregon Police Chiefs Association. He has served several terms on the board of directors and he has been recognized by our association for his statewide leadership in the care of youth. During my relationship with Chief Rathbun

he has demonstrated himself to be a hard working, dependable and reliable individual.

Chief Rathbun has always exhibited the highest ethical standards in his relationship with the chiefs association. Douglas Rathbun is currently a candidate for county judge of Morrow County. I know that if elected, Doug Rathbun would bring his same ethical standards and hard working dependability to that position.

(s) Jim Carlton
Past President, Oregon
Association Chiefs of Police
Redmond

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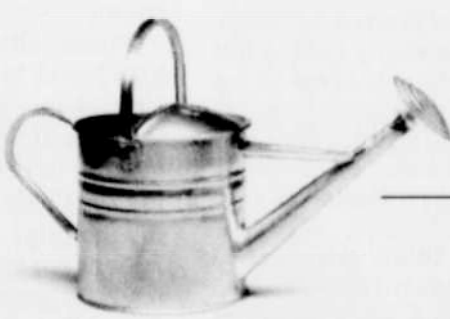


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