

Letters to the Editor

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Tri-City group enjoys Heppner visit

To the Editor:

In my September letter to you, I noted my interest in your community and desire to visit due to my friendship with co-workers who had either lived in or spoke highly of Heppner and the special letter by Doris Brosnan. I am pleased to report that a group of Tri-Citians, including a good friend and native of Heppner, made good on our desire to visit. We recently spent a day touring your town and found great enjoyment in meeting with many of your citizens and visiting several sites.

We had the benefit of a Heppner resident to guide us in our day-long visit, along with my friend who hails from your town. From the moment our group entered a local gathering spot for coffee, we were greeted with sincere warmth and hospitality. After several cups of coffee shared over historical events and people who pre-dated the "big flood", we departed for what would be a delightful and insightful day.

We were impressed with your new swimming pool and the efforts, seemingly almost insurmountable, to accomplish such a community project. We met with the editors of the Gazette-Times and small business owner Doris Brosnan, and sensed their dedication to not only be the traditional links that provide news and services to Heppner, but which also embraces the spirit of the town. We toured the museum, which was delightful, as was everywhere we went.

However, the characteristics that struck us most about your town was the priority placed on communication among each other and the demonstration of setting goals and objectives and working together to achieve them. In our work environment, we are continually striving to achieve what your town has already accomplished, which is good teamwork. This is evident in how you built your beautiful pool, and the other improvements made to your town. It is evident in the personal notes left on business countertops informing folks of neighbors in need or events that may take place before the local paper is published. And it is evident in the warmth you display to visitors and residents alike with quick smiles and ready assistance.

In returning to our home town we assessed that the "bottom line" to our attraction to Heppner is the combined effort of attitude, commitment, dedication, emphasis on recognizing others, and effective communication. In essence, the values that your citizens embrace does make it a diamond in the desert.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge our two distinguished Heppner guides, Dianne Henrich (formerly Cox), and her father, Stanley Cox. Dianne brought to our attention the attributes of Heppner, and Stan personally showed us your community. For both we are appreciative.

(s) Joe Wiley
Kennewick

Campbell knows way around district

To the Editor:

A few weeks ago The Oregonian ran an editorial that opened by praising Kevin Campbell's long and distinguished record of public service, his understanding of the complex, social, economical, and natural resource issues facing Oregon's 2nd district.

The editorial concluded by endorsing Kevin's opponent, Greg Walden, for reasons which struck me as rather vague and general when compared to Campbell's working knowledge of water policy, economic development, environmental, and agricultural issues.

The Oregonian pointed out that Walden knows his way around Washington and wouldn't "spend the first year figuring out where the restrooms are located." Kevin Campbell knows his way around the 2nd Congressional District. He knows Mt. Vernon, Mission, Frenchglen, Fields, Crane and Spray. Perhaps knowing your way around the district you hope to represent is just as important as knowing your way around Washington.

The 2nd District is often accurately described as broad, sprawling, as taking in "all of Eastern Oregon." These descriptions imply the geography is broad, but the issues are narrow and easily defined. Our district is broad in

every way. We face unique and specific challenges in communities as diverse as Pendleton and Paisley, as Medford and Monument. Kevin has devoted the time and effort to understand and develop practical, detailed responses to these challenges.

Some things, like the location of a restroom, can be learned in a five minute tour. Others, such as how to allocate our natural resources in a sustainable fashion which enhances our communities, schools, and our lives, require a little more effort. It requires the kind of effort Kevin put in driving over 300,000 miles working on behalf of the citizens of Grant County.

The 2nd Congressional District race is the type voters cry for and too seldom have a chance to participate in. We have two qualified candidates who are not polarized by the traditional, partisan, knee-jerk issues. The race demands a thoughtful response from voters, that they delve deeper into the experience of the candidates on topics critical to the 2nd District's future. I believe voters who make this effort will concur with the nurses, teachers, farmers, and conservationists who have found Kevin Campbell to be the clear choice for Oregon's 2nd Congressional District.

(s) Robert Stubblefield
Monument

Court separate from health district

To the Editor:

There is an issue in Morrow County that needs some clarification. It involves the Morrow County Medical District and the Morrow County Court. While the names of each entity start with Morrow County, they are not the same nor governed by the same people.

The health district has its board of directors and the court has its judge and commissioners.

Lately, there has been confusion expressed by some that think the court has some power or jurisdiction over the

hospital and other medical facilities. That simply is not the way it is. True, several years ago, the hospital operation was a function of the court but that changed when the medical district was voted into being.

The selection of court personnel should not be based on the problems of the health district. Rather it should be based on the qualifications of the candidates that deal only with the management of county affairs. Again, the court cannot intervene in the operation of the medical district.

(s) Dorothy Krebs
Boardman

It makes good cents to vote yes on BMCC bond

To the Editor:

Just a reminder to voters in Morrow County to take a careful look at the Blue Mountain Community College proposed bond issue because:

- Last year 875 Morrow County students took college classes at Blue Mountain.

- Full time students received mileage reimbursements of \$200 each term (one-third of their tuition cost).

- Internet and distance learning classes scheduled this fall (in) Morrow County.

- 100 percent of the amount of the bond issue goes to BMCC, none to state.

- Antiquated Morrow Hall was built in 1964, six other buildings in 1975.

- Last bond issue was in 1974 - Morrow County's taxes comprise 4.7 percent of the college budget

Also remember that outside business that desire to locate in Morrow County always ask about our quality of education and about proximity of colleges and universities.

It just makes good "cents" to vote yes on the Blue Mountain Community College ballot measure.

(s) Louis Carlson
Morrow County Judge
Heppner

Throws support to Tallman

To the Editor:

As a former candidate for Morrow County Judge, I feel it is important that the voters of all of Morrow County elect the most qualified person for the job of judge. I also feel it is equally important to elect the person that will best represent all of Morrow County.

After spending many hours during the primary campaign discussing issues and goals with

Terry Tallman, I am convinced of Terry's sincerity and qualifications. Terry is not only capable of leading Morrow County into the 21st century, but he is also the person that will look out for the best interest of all Morrow County and strive for county unity.

I urge you not to turn this election into a North-South issue, but rather an issue of who is the best-qualified person to lead our county. If you think you would have voted for me as county judge, I would urge you now to cast that same ballot for Terry Tallman.

(s) Rollie Marshall
Heppner

Vote for Leann Rea

To the Editor:

I have served with LeAnn Rea on the Morrow County Planning Commission for the past three years and found her to be a very capable person that analyzes a situation to the benefit of the county and the parties involved. I feel confident she would apply this fairness to the county commissioner position and serve our county and the population well.

(s) Art Kegler
Boardman

Oppose mandatory vote by mail

To the Editor:

The effort and purpose to put the mandatory vote by mail law into effect has not been successful.

Mandatory vote by mail is not in effect in any other state. Saving money is not the reason for this absurd change; it is control. Each and every well meaning newspaper and other media should oppose this idea as it is open to fraud-and denial of timely election results.

Keep Oregon elections free. Vote no on Measure 60.

(s) Alberta Bryant
Newport

Chamber supports BMCC bond

To the Editor:

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce supports the BMCC Bond Measure. Our area is very fortunate to have Blue Mountain Community College meeting the needs of all ages of students through full-time education and a variety of expanded programs and services to outlying communities. During the past year, BMCC registered 825 enrollments from Morrow County residents. Many have benefitted from the new technology enabling them to take courses "online" or through video conferencing.

Having a college in close proximity is one of the factors important to people who wish to relocate, thus adding to the local economy and quality of life. Computer training, the small business development service and farm/ranch management are just a few pluses of our college. It is important that the college expand, upgrade facilities, and have up-to-date labs and classrooms. A yes vote is a vote for the economy of the area and advanced educational opportunities for one and all.

(s) Mike McGuire, president
Heppner Chamber of Commerce

The following people urge you to VOTE for

Leann Rea

Morrow County Commissioner

on November 3rd

Pete and Laurel Cannon
Marvin and Tanna Padberg
Dustin and Karen Padberg
Keith and Judy Rea
Darrin Padberg
Darrell and Alvina Padberg
Katherine Lindstrom
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Leonard Munkers
John and Linda Bristow
Birdine Tullis
Helen Pettyjohn
Marty Brannon
Ron and Karen Haguewood
Helen Crawford
Rudy and Jackie Bergstrom
Dallas Dalzell
John and Mildred Eubanks
John and Rene Ledbetter

The Hardman Community Center

would like to say **Thank You**
to everyone who helped to make
the oyster feed a big success
once again!

Vote YES on the Morrow County Unified Recreation District ballot issue

The following students and concerned community members would like to express their support for a yes vote on the Morrow County Unified Recreation District ballot issue. We understand that this courtesy vote is advisory and that passage will result in **NO TAX INCREASE** to taxpayers. We also understand that recreation district activities, whether they be school or general public, have been a success story for Morrow County and should be continued.

Dorothy Krebs
Laurel Cannon
John & Ronda Powell
Joe & Jeri McElligott
Gary & Becky Hunt
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