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**Letters to the Editor**

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit. The G-T is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters.

**Huge difference between member of the board, and board member**

To the Editor:

In recent days the Morrow County School District budget committee completed its review of the proposal presented by Superintendent Anderson for funding district operations in 2000-2001. The budget committee comprises seven school board members and seven appointees. This group is charged with the task of reviewing all expenditures submitted by administration and making a recommendation to the school board to adopt or reject any or all included items. To assist in this task a budget document, in excess of 300 pages, was printed and provided to all committee members to be individually assessed and then reviewed collectively. During this process three public meetings were held, individual concerns were addressed, and explanations provided for items that were questioned by the committee and citizens viewing the process.

The point being that Barney Lindsay attended the above-mentioned meetings and failed to ask the questions he posed last week in the East Oregonian. The proper forum was available and he failed to step forward with his

concerns in the arena in which he could receive answers. The fact that he neglected to bring his budget document to one of three meetings should not be interpreted as disinterest in this process.

At the conclusion of the budget process, in open meeting, Barney Lindsay voted to support the proposed budget, including the \$1,000,000 local option levy.

The passage of the local option is an integral part of the new budget and would act to buffer the impact of staff and program reductions by allowing the funding of 10 additional staff members. How can this individual cast a vote to adopt, in a meeting where he is accountable, and then go public with the reverse message?

This disingenuous display has, single handedly, set back education in Morrow County more than any act seen by this observer in the recent past. The students and parents of Morrow County deserve better.

One day Lindsay may learn the huge difference between "member of the board" and "board member."

(s) Dwayne Carroll  
Boardman

**A true member of the board**

To the Editor:

I would just like to thank Barney Lindsay for being a "member of the board," as Dwayne Carroll stated in the May 3 issue of the East Oregonian.

In my opinion, a board should consist of members of the board, who act on the behalf of the people they represent. Mr. Carroll made me feel as if by

being a board member you did not represent the group that elected you, but followed as a group or herd behind the shepherd. Thank you Barney for not being afraid of the wolves and standing on your own, voicing the opinion of the group that elected you. Barney, you are a dedicated and true member of the board.

(s) Bobbette Lovgren  
Heppner

**Isn't it time we said no?**

To the Editor:

This letter is written to thank Barney Lindsay for supporting what the people want rather than blindly supporting a superintendent's wishes. Lindsay's own straight-talk express shouldn't be derailed.

How can superintendent Anderson justify spending what little money the district has for scholarships and expenses for more administrators? The principal's position open last year had many, many applicants. What does Superintendent

Anderson want? Properly brain-washed in-district administrations that will toe his line? More benefits for administrators. What justification is there for getting rid of badly-needed teachers while doing foolish things such as this?

We have had superintendents for decades that have pursued their own personal political agendas instead of student's interests.

Isn't it time we said no?

(s) Meg Murray  
Lone

**Sad to hear of museum funding loss**

To the Editor:

I was very sad to read in the paper that the Morrow County Museum lost funding and two great employees. Marsha and Tami did a great job and I was fortunate enough to see much of

the love and care they gave to the Museum. May I say to both of you, job well done.

The Museum is an asset to the community, so let's hope funding come back in the future.

(s) Luvilla Sonstegard  
Heppner

**Can drive to benefit local girls**

Fund raising events for two local girls who plan educational trips this summer have been scheduled. A can drive to benefit Kathleen Greenup and Danielle McDowell will be held on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 1 p.m.

Because they are few in number, they won't be able to go door to door. Anyone wishing to donate returnable cans or bottles, is asked to call Merilee McDowell at 676-5238 or Janet Greenup at 676-5822 for pickup.

Kathleen will stay with a middle class Mexican family in San Miguel and study at the internationally acclaimed Academia Hispano Americana.

The cost for this program is \$1375 which includes tuition at the academia, room and board with a Mexican family and round trip air fair. An account is set up at the Bank of Eastern Oregon for anyone who would like to help with Kathleen's expenses. A dinner and afghan raffle to benefit Kathleen will be held in June.

Danielle McDowell has been accepted into a two-week summer program of the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Boston.

Danielle has an account for donations at Klamath First Federal bank in Heppner.

**Oregon well served with Lundquist**

To the Editor:

If you have not yet returned your ballot for the primary election we would urge you to vote for Lynn Lundquist for Secretary of State.

Lynn's leadership qualities are well known. He has served two terms as state representative, which included one term as Speaker of the House. It was in this position he demonstrated his ability to work with people on all sides of an issue. This will be a

most important quality for the Secretary of State who must represent all the people of Oregon.

His leadership ability in the private sector has also been demonstrated, both as a successful businessman and also working with state agencies as representative of agriculture.

The state of Oregon will be well served with Lynn Lundquist as Secretary of State.

(s) Ray and Norma French  
Heppner

**A mother's heart**

To the Editor:

A mother's heart is a very rare thing, so full of different feelings it's hard to explain. She gives birth to many lives, yet each has a special place. You care for them and teach them from their very first days. You worry, you fret and you hear yourself say, "Will they ever grow up? Or will it always be this way?" Then one day you look around and wonder

where the years went and they can never be found. You find yourself alone and a little bit sad, but yet, you're happy for the great years you've had. So you begin a new life, just your husband and you, and find yourselves talking about how the years flew.

(s) Glenda Hughes  
Heppner

**Dam releases to be adjusted**

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers will manage water releases from Willow Creek Dam to help educational coordinators with this year's Watershed Field Days May 10 to 11 in Heppner.

Event coordinators requested that the Corps modify water releases from the dam to ensure a consistent amount of water in Willow Creek below Lone. Corps reservoir regulators will adjust releases from the dam, as needed, to correct for changes in flow from Rhea, Hinton and Shobe creeks, all unregulated tributaries of Willow Creek.

After the event, Corps

regulators will adjust releases from the dam to their normal operating schedule. During the spring, the Corps fills the reservoir for summertime use, but continues to release three cubic feet per second of water to meet minimum flow requirements.

The Corps operates Willow Creek Dam for flood damage reduction, recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement.

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April 12, 2000  
Sen. Ted Ferrioli  
750 W. Main  
John Day, OR 97843

Dear Sen. Ferrioli:

The Oregon Fairs Association endorses your candidacy for re-election to the Oregon State Senate. This is an unprecedented action that reflects the gratitude county fairs feel for your unwavering support of kids and communities in every Oregon county.

Kind regards,  
*John H. McCulley*  
John H. McCulley  
Executive Secretary

As your State Senator,  
I've worked hard to support  
county fairs and 4-H activities  
throughout Oregon.  
I urge you to get involved.  
It's a learning experience that  
will last a lifetime!

Sen. Ted Ferrioli  
*Ted*



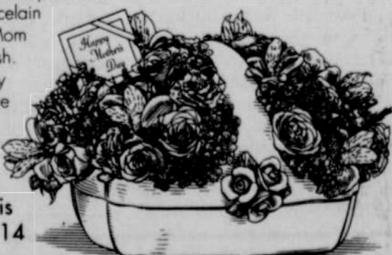
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