

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Vote Grieb for county commissioner

To The Editor:
The job of Morrow County Commissioner is a half-time job that pays a half-time salary. The duties of the commissioner are to attend weekly county court meetings and to attend to other county business as designated by the county court. The county has three commissioners, one full-time, who is the county judge and chairman of the commission, and the other two, who are considered halftime. Each commissioner is designated to serve as a liaison with various entities such as the neighborhood centers and the chambers of commerce in the county communities.

Ken Grieb has served as county commissioner for two terms and as such he has 90 plus percent of attendance at county court meetings, and he has always been accessible to any entity that has questions or problems that the county can help with.

In addition to operating a sizable farming operation, Ken and his wife Carri have been long-time volunteers at both the elementary school and the junior, senior high school.

Ken has devoted countless hours working with the youth of the area in youth soccer, baseball, basketball (where he currently coaches) and the youth golf program, as well as volunteering for the reading program to help kids get their reading level to a higher standard.

We feel that Ken's experience in county government has given him access to other county and state officials, and has given him the experience working within the confines of government for the greater good of the citizens of Morrow County. We feel the current county court has done a good job of maintaining a solid financial position for the county, which has been extremely important in these difficult economic times.

We feel that Ken's devotion to the citizens of the county and in particular his work with the youth of the area makes for the good solid citizen that we need in county government.

Please join us in voting for Ken Grieb for Morrow County Commissioner.
(s) Larry and Betty Mills, Heppner

Join us in supporting Grieb for commissioner

To the editor,
Please join us in supporting Ken Grieb for Morrow County Commissioner. Ken has served on the Morrow County Court for the past seven years, and during that time we feel that he has worked diligently to do what is in the best interest for the county as a whole. Ken's passion for the county is evident in his commitment to its residents, including our future, which lies with our children. Ken volunteers countless hours in our communities. This has allowed him to build personal relationships that in turn have created the conversations that are required to get to the heart of difficult issues. His past experiences on various boards and committees, and as a county commissioner, have shown that he strives to find common ground and solutions that work, while always representing himself in a professional and positive manner. Please, join us in supporting Ken Grieb for Morrow County Commissioner.
(s) Steve and Lisanne Currin, Heppner

Support Russell for commissioner

To the Editor/All Morrow County Voters:
Please join me in supporting Don Russell for Morrow County Commissioner.

As a third-generation Morrow County resident, Don knows the importance of community involvement. This includes leadership positions in the Boardman Chamber of Commerce, Columbia River Community Health Service, Morrow Education Foundation and many others.

Don has a long and varied business career, operating multiple successful regional businesses on retail and wholesale levels. His government experience includes service as a Morrow County Planning Commissioner, a Port of Morrow Commissioner and a Director for Boardman Rural Fire District.

Please vote for a consistent, reliable and experienced candidate. Vote for Don Russell as your next Morrow County Commissioner.
(s) Raymond Michael, Boardman

Words of support for Don Russell

To the Editor
I would like to encourage everyone in Morrow County to vote for Don Russell for county Commissioner. He is a lifelong resident of Morrow County. Don has been a licensed CPA, a small-business owner managing 90 employees in multiple locations across three counties. Don has served on the Boardman Fire District Board for over 20 years, as Morrow County Planning Commissioner and a Port of Morrow Commissioner for over eight years. Ask anyone who has worked with Don and they will tell you that he is fair and willing to listen. So please join me in voting for Don Russell for Morrow County Commissioner.

Thank you,
(s) John Wenzholz, Irrigon
Former Morrow County Commissioner

Re-elect Grieb for commissioner

To the Editor,
Please join me in supporting and re-electing Ken Grieb as Morrow County Commissioner.

I am writing in support of Ken Grieb for re-election as he is one of the most civic-minded people I know. Ken has continually helped link county efforts with youth-development opportunities. As an educator, I appreciate his perspective on sustaining a county that is built around service learning. He is a problem-solver who understands responsibility with the many endeavors he supports in our county with both his time and resources. Ken has also been a strong supporter of youth activities and community events. He coaches many youth sports and really cares about the youth of our Morrow County communities.

In closing, Ken is great to work with and continually voluntarily serves on several committees within our county. My experiences working with him have always been very positive and I appreciate his down-to-earth and friendly yet professional demeanor. In his current position as a county commissioner he is able to keep things well balanced, organized and running smoothly. I believe that his commitment to Morrow County is to be commended. Please join me in voting Ken Grieb for Morrow County Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted by,
(s) Matt Combe, Heppner

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office has released the following report of marriage licenses:

April 17, 2014: -Tony Ayala, 18, of Hermiston and Reyna Yahayra Perez Arredondo, 18, of Hermiston.

April 18, 2014: -Adam Paul Doherty, 34, of Heppner and Molly Sue Turrell, 29, of Heppner.

End taxpayer-funded abortions

To the editor:
Every day tax-paying Oregonians provide the revenue for 11 abortions. That adds up to over 4,000 abortions that Oregon taxpayers fund every year.

If you believe that surgically ending the life of a living baby (the baby's heartbeat begins at six weeks) is an acceptable form of birth control, this letter is not for you.

If you do not believe in abortion as a choice for birth control, then are you willing to sign a petition to allow all Oregonians a voting opportunity to stop our tax revenues from being spent for abortions?

This petition drive needs your support. The unborn cannot speak or defend themselves. You can go to www.Oregon2014.org for petitions. You can contact your pastor if you attend a Bible-believing church. You can contact me and I will send you petitions.

Only the Samaritan was willing to help his neighbor in distress. The others were unwilling to get involved.

The reason I am writing this letter is to illustrate one small but inescapable truth. Those unborn babies have a Heavenly Father. We all know the difference between right and wrong. We have an opportunity to do the right thing and defend and protect the unborn by ending taxpayer funding for abortion.

I exhort my fellow East Oregonians to get your names on that petition before the deadline early this summer.

Signed,
Stuart Dick, Irrigon

John 3:16 is not about coming out of the closet

To the Editor:
The E.O. front page article "Out In a Crowd," when read, reads as if Christianity gives approval of homosexual behavior based on some flimsy research at the Umatilla County Fair of a number of denominations selling food.

The young man whom this article is about states, "I am a very strong Christian. That was a very big no-no for me. And I was very worried."

You should be very worried and you should not ask people what they think; you should ask God what He thinks. Jesus Christ the Lord would tell you man does not live by bread (food) alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of God's mouth (Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4).

"It is written," said Jesus Christ to Satan. Many in the apostate church believe that adultery, fornication, effeminacy, abuse of themselves with mankind (homosexuals), that these sins of the flesh are acceptable, and you will find with most Christian denominations in America that their fellowships are filled with people committing these sins. But God's word is clear to all who can read that the human body was made in God's image (Genesis 1:26) and is the temple of God on earth, not the building commonly called "a church" (1 Corinthians 3:16).


"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man (person) defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise."

I would tell you, young man, and all reading this at this time of the Passover commonly called Easter in Christian denominations, that John 3:16 is not about coming out of the closet. Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, gave his life freely in obedience to his Heavenly Father for the final atonement for sin. It is finished (John 19:30).

To all who are committing any one or all of these sins of the flesh, I would tell you that God loves you and died for you on the cross. Jesus has paid the price for your sins. We are all guilty, yet God freely gave his life that we can have life eternal, but only His way. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Please read the Word of God for yourselves. For God saith, "Cursed is the man who trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:5, 9-10). Now is the time to repent and be saved. Only Jesus Christ can save you, none other. Happy Easter.
(s) Beryl Stillman, Lexington

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months and show—in case attached; the county has to retain every bit of it for 18 months and show—in case the state or federal agency shows up for an audit—that it's all being used for its intended purpose. While the county can't share any of the furniture, at least not yet, Wolff did say that, as they integrate it with what they already have, they might find they have surplus of their own that they can share with other agencies.



COVER OREGON™

Cover Oregon open enrollment is ending on April 30. So if you or someone you know is still in need of health insurance Pioneer Memorial Health District is offering free assistance with the application on Monday April 21st and Tuesday April 29th at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. To call for an appointment contact Anna McElligott at 541-422-7043 or 541-571-3054.

"I can't make any guarantees, though," she said. "I'm still trying to figure out what we've got, because there's so much stuff."

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