

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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## Peterson will make hard decisions

To the editor:  
 What is this? Ed Glenn supporting a south county candidate over a north county candidate. Absolutely unheard of you say?  
 Well there comes a time when even I recognize the need for a change to good government. County Commissioner Jim Doherty has demonstrated his inability to serve Morrow County. When faced with a hard decision, Jim talks a big tale but when it comes time to make a decision, Jim dodges and either abstains or tables the matter.  
 A case in point was a perfectly good agreement for the CREZ II and Jim turned it into a personal disagreement where the Commission continued to not vote or table items un-

til the time was running out. Everyone in the entire county has benefited from the CREZ II agreements and now it is not clear who, if anyone, will benefit. See for yourself; watch the county court in action on Zoom.  
 Joel Peterson is willing to show up and make the hard decisions all of the time. He understands that the county hires professional employees to fill a position and sees no need to micromanage them daily. While a resident of south county, Joel will help govern Morrow County for the benefit of us all.  
 Cast your vote for better government; vote for Joel Peterson.  
 Ed Glenn, Boardman

## Elephants in the room

To the editor:  
 The "Elk damage on private land" (GT 9/23/20) failed to include three elephants in the room. Northeast Water Association has culled (shot) around 300 elk on private ground in south Morrow and Umatilla counties in order to bring "private land herds under control." Director JR Cook blamed "increased pressure from the public in the mountains the elk are getting pushed down" on to private land. Cook represents a coalition of local groups that "want the public to have good access to the elk herds and hunting them, but they want them back on public lands."  
 The first elephant that was ignored are the hybrid wolves that are driving elk, deer and soon cattle out of our mountains. These wolves are colonizing our Blue Mountains. The present game management from the Oregon Fish and Wildlife is essentially wolf management, i.e. wolf protection. Instead of killing the wolves, the present plan is kill off the elk by culling and over the counter limitless cow tags. Deer tags in Eastern Oregon have been reduced by 4000 buck tags. Hard to continue ignoring this elephant.  
 The second elephant is fee hunting on private lands. LOP tags are sold by fee hunting contractors on private land to the great financial benefit of private land owners. In many cases the elk have been hazed to keep the herds off public lands. The public is no longer allowed to hunt elk and deer on most private lands (thank God for the Wilkinson ranch) once fee hunting was introduced, therefore the herds remain where the public can not push them back on to public land. We never had this problem in the Heppner unit before fee hunting was legislated. The foothills of the Blue Mountains provided recreation

opportunities that brought multiple millions of dollars into Morrow County. Fee hunting is now reaping the bad fruit of this ill-conceived legislation.  
 The third elephant is the most dangerous because all the "partners" (Rocky Mt Elk, Oregon Hunters Assoc., Oregon Dept. Of Fish and Wildlife, Gurdane Elk Management, etc.) have agreed to fixing the problem by systematically killing off our elk herd to protect private land owners. One of the great reasons Americans chose to live in Eastern Oregon is our heritage of elk and deer hunting. Heppner used to support five gas stations, five grocery stores and six bars and restaurants, primarily because of mountain recreation and hunting. Those three hundred "culled" elk could have supported 300 Morrow County families instead of feeding the continuing anarchy in Portland.  
 These three elephants have been ignored but they are being ignored to our great detriment and delusion. The problem is not our birthright elk herds. The problem is the ill-conceived plans to manage them.  
 Stuart Dick, Irrigon

## Matlack will "Go the extra mile"

To the editor:  
 I've had the pleasure of working for Sheriff Kenneth W. Matlack since January 2005, when he was elected Sheriff of Morrow County. Sheriff Matlack stated he would be a "Working Sheriff" and he continues to prove that daily. He responds to calls, backs up deputies and conducts traffic stops as needed. As well as all of the administrative duties that comes with being the sheriff.  
 Sheriff Matlack has increased the capabilities of the Sheriff's Office in many ways. He has expanded the Patrol, Communications and Criminal Divisions and established Morrow

## Dedication to citizens of Morrow County

To the editor:  
 Today, August 29, I had the pleasure of helping Sheriff Matlack put up campaign signs for the November election. I've worked for Sheriff Matlack almost 16 of my 31 1/2 years at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office.  
 Sheriff Matlack has inspired me with his dedication to the citizens of Morrow County. Sheriff Matlack is the hardest working sheriff I have served under and really does "go the extra mile" for the citizens every day to get our work done.  
 I remember when he was first elected, we had no animal control program. Sheriff Matlack started

a program by funding it himself, allowing us to take stray animals to Pet Rescue. Countless animals have been reunited with their owners over the years because he cared.  
 Sheriff Matlack has many years of experience, is a wise man, looks at the issues, listens to opinions and makes his decision. He has a sixth sense in hiring and I've learned to follow his wisdom. He is always willing to listen to the concerns of the Morrow County citizens.  
 I hope the voters recognize that he is the best choice for Morrow County Sheriff and elect him in November.  
 Terry Harper, Heppner

## Khrushchev's message 61 years ago

To the editor:  
 The following is not meant to be political but a commentary on where our country is heading.  
*Khrushchev's Message 61 years ago:*  
*Khrushchev also said, "We [Communism] will bury you." A quick read but a lasting thought. Pretty scary now. A sobering reminder. Almost exactly sixty years ago since Russia's Khrushchev delivered this.*  
*Do you remember September 29, 1959?*  
*This was his entire quote:*  
*"Your children's children will live under Communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will*

*finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We will not have to fight you. We will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."*  
*Do you remember what Russia's Khrushchev said in 1959?*  
*Remember, socialism leads to Communism. So, how do you create a Socialist State?*  
*There are 8 levels of control; read the following recipe:*  
 1. Healthcare - Control healthcare and you control the people.  
 2. Poverty - Increase the poverty level as high as possible, poor people are

## Doherty works hard for our county

To the editor;  
 Jim Doherty is in a November runoff to be re-elected as county commissioner in Morrow County. I have been watching Jim since meeting him over a year ago, and he will get a vote from me. I encourage everyone registered to vote in Morrow County to vote for him as well.  
 Jim looks at situations from all angles and attempts to steer decisions in a manner that will benefit everyone in the county. Jim works hard advocating for our county in Salem. Jim spends time trying to understand the way things operate and is not afraid to push for improvement even when it is unpopular.

This behavior is exactly what we need in our local government.  
 As a business owner raising my family in Morrow County, I want Jim Doherty working for me as county commissioner. I know that with him in office, someone is thinking of each individual and each entity when making decisions. Jim has been commissioner for one term, and during that time he has developed and adapted. I believe he will only become more effective with time in office. Please join me in voting to retain Jim Doherty. Morrow County deserves to have Jim Doherty as part of our team.  
 Thank you for your time,  
 J. Fletcher Hobbs, Boardman

*easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them.*  
 3. Debt - Increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to increase taxes, and this will produce more poverty.  
 4. Gun Control - Remove the ability to defend themselves from the Government. That way you are able to create a police state.  
 5. Welfare - Take control of every aspect (food, housing, income) of their lives because that will make them fully dependent on the government.  
 6. Education - Take control of what people read and listen to and take control of what children learn in school.  
 7. Religion - Remove the belief in God from the Government and schools

*because the people need to believe in ONLY the government knowing what is best for the people.*  
 8. Class Warfare - Divide the people into the wealthy and the poor. Eliminate the middle class. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to tax the wealthy with the support of the poor.  
 These statements made 61 years ago are more relevant today than any time in our history. It is time for people to pay attention and make informed decisions to protect what our country stands for.  
 The poodle is off the front porch and the pit bull is in the back yard.  
 Roger Britt, Heppner

## Matlack is a people person

To the editor:  
 This letter is to explain why Sheriff Ken Matlack should be re-elected on Nov. 3, 2020. He is a people person and is very much appreciated by us and many others in Morrow County. We first met him in the spring of 2008 when we first moved here. He knocked on our door and after introducing himself he

explained that he was running for sheriff and would appreciate our vote. He also shared what he planned to do to make our county a very safe place to live.  
 We voted for him because we appreciated his attitude and we felt that he would be the best man for the job. Since then I have felt very safe living here in Irrigon. There was a time

when I thought our house had been broken into. I called 911 about 11 p.m. and within minutes Sheriff Matlack came to our house. He said, "Let's investigate together." In no time we both decided that a bird must have flown into our window and broke it.  
 We were very impressed with the way he cares about people and

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 caters to our needs. He sent his deputies to our house when we had a fraud complaint with our bank. The problem was solved and we had our money returned. We were elated as it was several hundred dollars of losses.  
 Cordially,  
 Stanley and Linda Anderson, Irrigon

## THERESA CRAWFORD FOR MORROW COUNTY JUSTICE OF THE PEACE



- Strong work ethic
  - Common sense
  - Compassion in and out of court
  - Fairness, consistency and respect
- "I will treat the people of Morrow County and all who come before me with respect, consistency, effectiveness and fairness."  
 ~ Theresa Crawford
- Please like my facebook page  
 Theresa Crawford for Justice of the Peace
- You can also email me anytime with questions  
 t\_buffy@live.com
- Vote November 3rd**



**Re-Elect  
 MATLACK  
 SHERIFF**  
**" GO THE EXTRA MILE"**

- Lifetime area resident
- Over 40 years Law Enforcement Knowledge
- Proven record, leadership and experience
- A working Sheriff

• Experience • Leadership • Integrity

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