

**More Letters to the Editor**

**From page 3  
Will support Jail Bond measure**

To the Editor:  
I will be supporting the levy for the new jail in Coumbia County. The jail will be used by the Sheriffs Dept., all city police depts., Oregon State police officers, and occasionally, federal law enforcement officers. The new jail would cost \$38.00 per year for a home assessed at \$100,00.00.

The present jail is not capable of holding those criminals that need to be held. According to *The Spotlight*, the jail was designed to hold 33 male prisoners and six female prisoners. During the period beginning Sept. 27 and ending Oct. 3, the daily average population in the jail was 42 male prisoners and seven female prisoners. The present jail is obviously not large enough and the Sheriff's Office has been forced to release criminals such as burglars, sex offenders, and drug dealers due to overcrowding. Columbia County is also renting jail space from Yamhill County costing taxpayers thou-

sands of dollars. With a new jail, this won't happen. As the county continues to grow, the problem will only intensify unless the levy is passed.

Join me and vote yes for a new jail!

**John Almack  
Scappoose**

**Doubts expressed about DeShazer**

To the Editor:  
In the primaries I was appalled when I heard Colleen DeShazer make the comment she wanted the roads wider so children could play in the streets. Well now she has outdone herself.

At the Candidates Fair (in St. Helens, Oct. 1) she was asked what she thought about people using drugs and why there were rumors of her using drugs. Her first comment was she knew this would come up sooner or later. Then she said she's not responsible for what her family does. I took this to mean that her family may use drugs. She continued, saying that she had no problem with drugs as long as they weren't

around the schools and sold to our children. First of all, I still believe using drugs is illegal in our society, so what makes it right in her mind that it's OK?

Drugs are a devastating disease in our society and we have to continue fighting the battle against drugs.

Is this the type of person we want as a County Commissioner?

**Cindy Herzog  
Warren**

**Protect community, vote Yes on jail bond**

To the Editor:  
In the first six months of 1998, over 300 convicted or arrested people were released who should have been in jail. There was no room.

We need to protect ourselves and our community.

The present jail is 30 years old and has 33 beds for male inmates and six beds for females. Columbia County has to rent beds from Yamhill County.

The cost for the proposed jail is \$38 per year for a \$100,000 house. This new jail will help to protect our county.

We need you to get out and vote. We need your vote for a new jail.

**Maxine Davidson  
Warren**

**Taylor informed, hard worker for district**

To the Editor:  
I didn't know (Oregon Rep.) Jackie Taylor the first time I voted for her: my vote was based on the good things people said about her. Since that time, I've gotten to know Jackie, and she still gets my vote. She's informed, honest, and works very hard for the people she represents. She takes her job seriously and has earned the respect of all who know and work with her — even her opponents.

Because of term limits, this will be Jackie's last term in office. With a strong vote from us, I think Jackie can be an even more effective voice for us in Salem. I urge you to vote for Jackie Taylor for 1st District Representative.

Sincerely,  
**Diana Boom  
Scappoose**

**WGS "Fan" behavior needs correction**

To the Editor:  
I attended a WGS Jr. High home football game the other night. We didn't win, but the kids played very well and I was proud of all of them. I wish I could say the same thing for the "fans."

Other kids were throwing and kicking a football on the sidelines, others were running up and down the bleachers, parents talked loudly about everything but the football game.

These students and their coaches have worked very hard to prepare for these games. They deserve the respect and attention of the people that are supposedly there to see them.

Kids, if you want to throw a football around, go over to the grade school field and throw it. High school team, when your practice is over, go clean up and come sit in the stands. Don't sit on the sidelines. No one should be on the sidelines that is not a member of the team.

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