

## More Letters

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your family, your livelihood, please vote yes on Ballot Measure 5-67.

**Cherie Moylan**  
Deer Island

### Hyde well-informed, consistently effective

To the Editor:

I support Commissioner Tony Hyde for County Commissioner. In working with him on community problems, I've found him to be responsive to solutions for problems facing the county. He is attentive and effective in working on emergency management, solid waste and recycling, and as a volunteer on the county jail initiative, I welcomed his sincere concern and interest in addressing this critical problem.

I'm working with him now on a forum of elected officials from eight Oregon counties who are convening on the Endangered Species Act listing

for salmon. He is consistently available and well informed, asking tough questions and raising very legitimate concerns. He represents the county's interests well and is considered by experts to be a strong member of the forum.

He is also well respected as an effective working representative on the Association of Oregon Counties and is recognized nationally and consulted about emergency management issues. As a long time observer of government in Oregon, I can say with certainty that Tony Hyde is a real asset to our county and we should keep him working for us.

**Judith Mandt**  
Scappoose

### Burge's priorities are what we need

To the Editor:

After watching the first debate between the candidates for county commissioner, it

was obvious that the best choice was Scott Burge. He was the only candidate to stand on the side of the taxpayer and not higher taxes and more government. His plan to make roads his number 1 priority really struck a cord with me. We need more people like Scott, who will prioritize the important services government provides and focus on doing just those few things well. Finally, I'm supporting Scott because he is the only candidate to pledge to have regular monthly office hours in every city. That's the kind of representative we need in Columbia County and that's why I'm casting my vote for Scott Burge for County Commissioner. Please join me in supporting not only a good person, but a great candidate for office.

**Gerald Wilson**  
Rainier

### Re-elect Hyde for good representation

To the Editor:

May I urge you to vote with me to re-elect Tony Hyde to a second term as Columbia County Commissioner, Position 3.

Tony has always worked hard, and very successfully, to improve the economic vitality of the entire county. He has been instrumental in bringing vital industry and jobs to our area. He has both the ability and determination to continue to work in the best interests of all of our citizens.

Tony has the understanding of the needs of our communities learned through his experiences as the ex-mayor of Vernonia and his four years as county commissioner. He is clearly the best choice to continue as a leader in our county government. He will continue to lead us toward worthwhile economic and social goals. Tony has all the leadership skills, knowledge and experience that are vital to the position.

We must retain Tony Hyde

as Columbia County Commissioner. Your vote for him is essential in keeping Columbia County moving progressively.

It is especially important to the Vernonia area that Tony is retained as Commissioner. Never before has Vernonia had such a positive influence in county matters and never before have we had such a successful advocate for the things that really matter in Vernonia. Re-elect Tony Hyde.

**Art Parrow**  
Mayor of Vernonia

### Vernonia needs to re-elect Tony Hyde

To the Editor:

I would like to urge my fellow Vernonian to vote for Tony Hyde for County Commissioner Position 3.

Tony has given our community great representation the last four years.

Vernonia needs Tony Hyde as our County Commissioner!

**Shirlee Daughtry**  
Vernonia

### Moving to Vernonia as soon as she can

Dear Vernonia:

I don't even know if any of you will remember me, but I was the only stranger in town for several days in mid-January. The fact that I stayed alone at the Vernonia Inn, a plumpish grey-haired woman with a cane, who went in and out of shops talking with whoever cared to engage, and ate in a different cafe on Bridge Street every day should jog a few memories.

Except for a couple of minor *contretemps*, my trip home from Vernonia at the end of January was uneventful and interesting. The trip was all I had hoped, and I felt sure I had found in Vernonia the home I had been looking for. I had made some warm connections, even on the train back, and a rare sunny day greeted my return to San Francisco. The very fact should have given me some kind of warning.

Anyway, a very surly cabbie finally arrived to take me home to my sunny windows and my beloved Molly-dog. He drove so fast and so wildly through traffic that I had to ask him to please slow down, to which his answer was to drive even faster. (*I have got to get out of this city!*) I actually asked for his name and number to report him, I was so upset. As you will see, I soon forgot all about it, indeed, until now, early October, the incident has been pushed out of my memory by later events. When we made the turn into my neighborhood, we encountered a police barricade, and only my pleas that I was coming home from a trip, had luggage, and am partially handicapped, moved the officer to let us through. The next turn, to my block, thrust the truth home. Several fire en-

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