

Letters to the Editor

education to economics — he has the interests of our area as his main concern. Steve resides in Mesa. He is a cattleman, farmer and serves as a fire commissioner.

Because of the way the primary election is set up, you must vote Republican in the primary if you are going to vote for Steve as your State Representative.

He will do a good job as our representative.

— Bill Briggs
Othello

Thank You Dr. Matta

To The Editor:

Six months ago, my son Roberto Pruneda III was born in Othello Community Hospital, where I was born 31 years ago. I have always been an Othello type of guy. I recently bought my first home in Othello and I don't plan on leaving Othello. I firmly believe that I can raise my family in a town that offers so much to its community.

One positive thing that I have personally witnessed is the caliber of doctors in Othello. One in particular is Dr. Matta.

My boy, Robert, was diagnosed with meningitis when he was two weeks old. It is because of Dr. Matta that my boy will live a "normal life." He went the extra mile to ensure that my boy was 100 percent okay.

When we took my boy to see Dr. Matta at eight in the morning, he admitted my son to the hospital. Fifteen hours later and after a long day, he came back and performed a spinal tap, which Dr. Matta wanted to perform because he wanted to be 100 percent sure that my son's bladder infection did not

spread to the spinal fluid. Robert's nurse told me, "I don't know why he is doing that (spinal tap) because we know what type of infection your son has."

Sure enough, the infection was in the beginning stages of meningitis. My son was immediately airlifted to Sacred Heart Hospital and given three antibiotics in Othello to neutralize the infection. The doctors in Sacred Heart told me that if Dr. Matta had not performed the spinal tap when he did, and did not give my son the antibiotics before airlifting him to Spokane, my son would have not been able to live a normal life.

After being in the hospital for one month, my son rebounded and is recovering fine. We recently again took my son into Othello Community Hospital for respiratory complications. Dr. Matta again went out of his way to help my son. I am pleased to say that after talking to doctors in Spokane and seeing how he cares for all the clients he sees, Dr. Matta is one of the best doctors in his field in the state of Washington.

On behalf of my family, we would like to thank Dr. Matta for all his efforts that helped save the life of my son Robert III. The community of Othello should feel proud of have a doctor like Dr. Matta serving the people of Othello.

— Roberto Pruneda, Jr.
Othello

Republican Support

To The Editor:

We have four good Republican candidates running for the 9th Legislative District. All four have agriculture backgrounds, but only