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RE: Letter to the Editor

To the Citizens of Crook and Jefferson Counties:

May 2, 2005 through May 8, 2005 is set aside for the appreciation of those citizens who have served as jurors and potential jurors.

It is difficult to adequately express the deep appreciation each of us feels for your jury service. Time and time again, citizens selflessly give of their time and intellect to carefully decide the facts and apply the law. Through this service, each juror assures the citizens of our communities any cases before the court will be decided by neutral citizens who will carefully listen to all of the witnesses and conscientiously decide the matter.

As a juror, you give life to several of our basic freedoms. Thank you - - - your service is invaluable.

Very truly yours,

George W. Neilson
Presiding Circuit Court Judge

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Circuit Court Judge

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