

Pick Hawley

To The Editor:

A small group of dissenters in the town of Colton have worked hard, very hard, these past few years to destroy certain individuals and certain ideas. It borders on a cult like frenzy.

The former town supervisor was their main target and they were unrelenting in their hatred of him. At one point this past year, a small group contributed money to hire a private investigator to place the former supervisor and two of the council members under surveillance. It was money, time and energy wasted, but it was troublesome.

They threatened and promised to stalk, smear and damage those that stood up against them or worked to bring about positive changes to the community. They celebrated and proclaimed a "dark cloud has been lifted from Colton" when the supervisor resigned. They now applaud like seals every act and pronouncement of the current Deputy Supervisor.

They consider themselves "Colton Citizens" and formed a committee to offer an alternative form of government. They conducted a survey to collect information on other residents and have yet to perform a civic deed. They announced a Neighborhood Watch. Unless the pri-

vate investigator was a member of the watch patrol and only three residents of the town needed to be watched, I am not sure of its value or of its existence.

You know them. They protested the spraying of the caterpillars. They protested the settlement of the litigation with the state even though we have not realized a significant increase in our taxes and we did not have a payback of nearly a million dollars. They took the resignation of the former assessor and proclaimed it a firing. They protested the grant of a million dollars given to the town. They protested how it would be spent. They protested that it wasn't being spent in a manner of their choosing. They write letters. They call names. They lie.

There is really only one method left to the town to bring this conduct to a halt. Support for Grace Hawley will bring new structure. The town has been embarrassed and damaged by these individuals. The Republican Party has all but been destroyed. I am voting for Grace Hawley for Town Supervisor and encourage you to do the same.

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