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To The Editor:

I write this letter to the citizens of Colton, especially to those who have asked me over and over again why I haven't responded to the negative letters that have appeared the past few months in the *Courier Observer*.

One reason has been to honor a request from my opponent, Grace Hawley, who came to my office in the town hall as the campaigning began and said that she hoped everyone would run a clean campaign.

I responded that it was the only type of campaign I knew how to run. When the negative letters started appearing, I figured it was "politics as usual" after all and continued to get out and talk with the people of Colton instead of responding to the misinformation, half truths, and untruths contained in those letters.

The only thing I've ever wanted was for Colton's Town Board to act like a town board, work as a team and do what is best for the citizens who elected them in the first place.

That has not happened. If I am elected town supervisor, I expect that to change. Every member of the board deserves to be heard, and I have listened to each of them. That will not change.

While I'm writing at this time, here's a question for my own political party. Why is it that the Colton Republican Committee has not published one letter of support for the candidates who are running on their party line?

If the committee won't show its support then I will. I have always been a team player and believe it is everyone's right to run for public office - to take advantage of the unique opportunity to give back to our community.

That's why I am running for supervisor. Therefore I strongly support Mickey Nesbitt, Mary Jane Watson, Ed Wright and George Wright who are running on the Republican Party line for political office in the town of Colton.

In closing, I tip my hat to all of the candidates, both Republican and Democrat, who have run positive campaigns. Now it's time to get out and vote on Tuesday.

Thank you to the many people who have expressed their support for me and the way I conduct town business.

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