

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### **We appreciate our legislative delegation, their work**

As you have read in these pages over the last several weeks, the future of our medical school and higher education institutions have hung in the balance as the Legislature worked to find the monies to close the historic \$1.6 billion deficit.

Happily, we are able to write today that the legislature has been able to find the funds to save our schools and support the economic future of our region. While there is still more work to be done to address the budget's structural challenges, and to get our broader fiscal house in order, it is important that we take the time to recognize the leadership of the members of our delegation who put the needs of our community above party and ideology, many of whom will need our support in the fall: Sen. Robert Adley, Sen. Sherri Buffington, Sen. Greg Tarver, Sen. Barrow Peacock, Rep. Richard Burford, Rep. Henry Burns, Rep. Roy Burrell, Rep. Thomas Carmody, Rep. Mike Johnson, Rep. Barbara Norton, Rep. Gene Reynolds, Rep. Alan Seabaugh, and Rep. Patrick Williams.

This was a particularly difficult session, so we also encourage you to take a moment to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts on behalf of our community.

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