

Your views

Ebbert: Do not rely on your neighbor's vote

To the Editor:

Take a moment to consider the accomplishments of the present administration.

They have passed two major bills: 1) a revenue bill (GOP Tax Bill) of \$3.422 trillion, a windfall tax break for the super rich and corporations; 2) a spending bill (budget) of \$4.407 trillion. That is not really a balanced budget, is it? In fact, it is like having a \$3,000 paycheck and a \$4,000 credit card bill. How long could you do that before you ran out of credit?

Not to worry, we have a successful businessman running the country, right? What kind of business is Mr. Trump in?

There are no factories, so not manufacturing. It is a very small staff, just family and some office workers, so not a service organization. Not a consulting firm — they are not selling expertise in a specialized field.

He built a casino that went bankrupt.

He purchased a hotel that went bankrupt.

In 2004 he filed bankruptcy as Trump Hotels and Casinos Resorts; he had retained control after his previous two bankruptcies.

Again in 2009 bankruptcy was filed as Trump Entertainment Resorts previously Trump Hotels and Casinos Resorts. It would seem his business is “bankruptcy.”

Mr. Trump and his soldiers (think Greg Walden) have upped the game from Trump Entertainment Resorts to the United States of America. The problem is, what bank will give him a “Start-Over Card” for the U.S.? Mr. Trump is the “Deal Maker — is he planning a new government?

The last time there was a balanced budget was the Clinton administration. Is that why he is focused on Hillary’s email?

If you are scared as hell like me and many others, it is time to bring this administration under control.

The way to do it is replace his soldiers (D.C.-Republicans). Whether the replacement is a real Republican or anyone else, we have to make a change. And change happens at the voting booth.

Do not rely on your neighbor's vote. The national average turnout for midterm elections is 40 percent. In this era, every vote counts. Believe it. Go vote.

David Ebbert
La Grande

Whittington: Williams puts clients first

I would like to publicly

announce my intent to endorse Mr. Wes Williams for Circuit Judge for the Tenth Judicial District.

I have known Wes for several years. The last two years, I have had the distinct privilege of working with Wes and his office staff in my role as Office Manager, with CSW Investigations. I have always found Wes to be fair and honest in all his dealings. He is a gentleman and a genuine man. I have the utmost respect for the work ethic Wes displays. I can say I have seen Wes put the needs of his clients and their families above his own. He works incredibly hard to see that justice is served and that the legal system is held to a high standard, as individuals’ liberties are at stake.

Wes has practiced law for more than 20 years. In that time, he has represented people from all walks of life. Wes treats everyone with respect and dignity. He does not discriminate against any social class and treats everyone with equality. Wes believes in the legal system and what it represents.

In a conversation, Wes told me one reason he chose to become an attorney was because of, “Atticus Finch,” the attorney in “To Kill a Mockingbird.” A quote from the book, “Our courts have their faults, as does any human institution, but in this country our courts are the great levellers, and in our courts all men are created equal.”

Annette Morehead
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White: Walden refuses to audition for his job

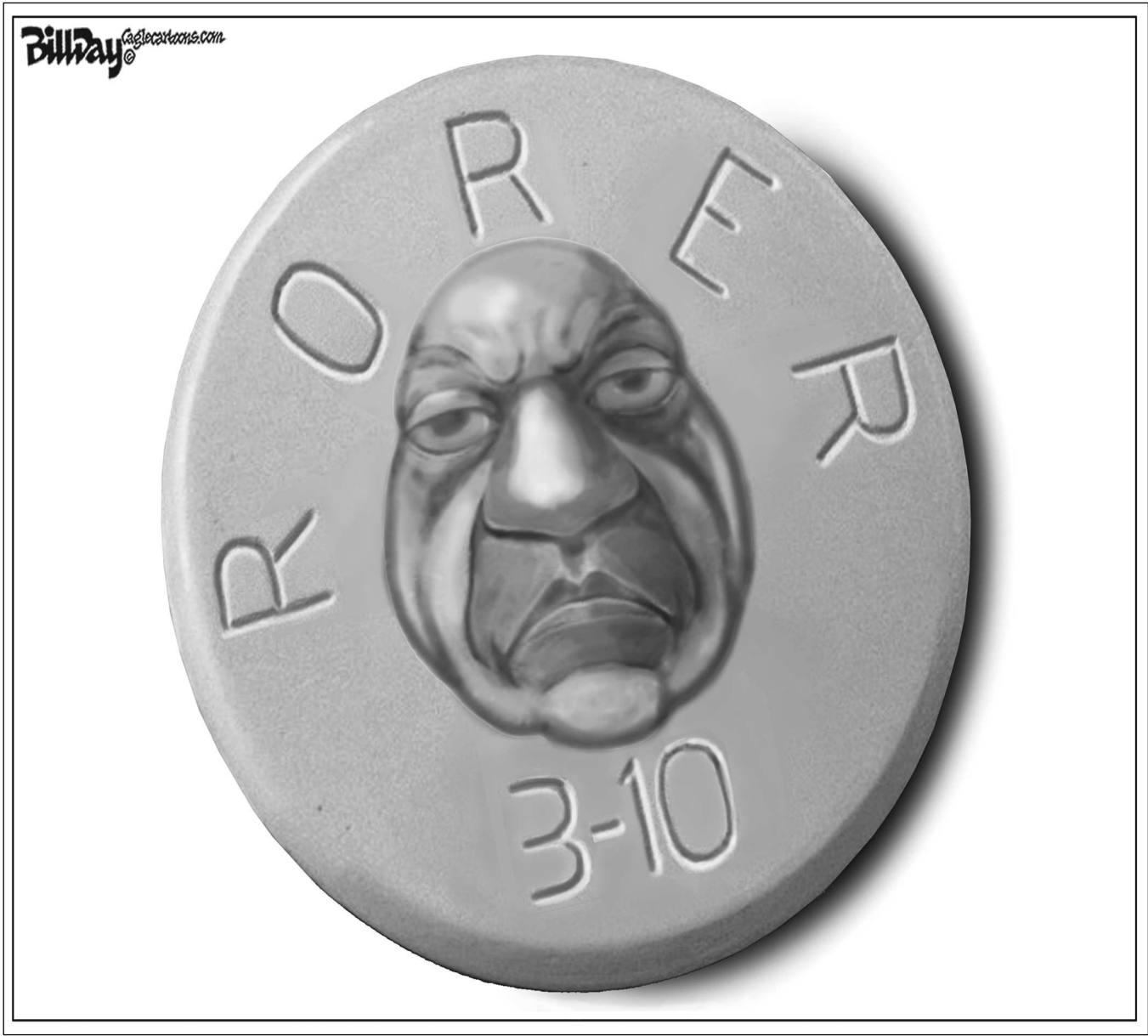
Thanks to The Observer for printing an editorial about Greg Walden’s refusal to debate his opponent, Jamie McLeod-Skinner. Walden has become a professional Washington DC politician over the past 20 years.

Walden collects so much money outside of his district and has coasted to easy victory so many times, that he has apparently lost sight of the fact that he’s auditioning for a job.

He can’t be bothered to meet his constituents in person and explain whatever he’s doing to raise so much money from outside of his district.

He’s hoping that we don’t notice how his votes on issues such as net neutrality and health care hurt his own constituents while benefiting the big financial interests that fill his campaign coffers.

A telling statistic is that



only 3.7 percent of Walden’s financial support comes from donations under \$200, as compared to 46 percent of McLeod-Skinner’s support.

I think it’s high time that we retired Walden from politics and replaced him with someone who cares about the people who live in District 02. Please join me in voting for Jamie McLeod-Skinner in November.

Jon White
La Grande

Morrison: Most capable and qualified candidate

I have practiced law for nearly 30 years, and have lived in La Grande since 2000.

I met Wes Williams within months of coming to this community and have known him for close to 20 years. During that time, Wes has helped me with difficult aspects of my own cases, and I have had the opportunity to observe Wes in court during some of his most challenging and difficult trials.

I am supporting Wes for judge in Union and Wallowa counties because I believe he is the most capable and qualified candidate for that position.

Our judicial district’s two judges must be able to handle both civil and criminal cases, which have very different rules and procedures, and different subject matters.

In his decades of practice, Wes has gained extensive experience in both areas, giving him a broad understanding of the law that a judge needs to know. His

experience will enable him to hit the ground running, and to immediately handle both kinds of cases knowledgeably and efficiently.

Wes is committed to treating people fairly. I believe that if he is elected, he will treat the people who appear in his courtroom with respect, and without regard to family heritage, income level, or status in the community.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to vote for Wes Williams. He is the most qualified candidate, and will provide our counties with the best and fairest judge.

Anne Morrison
Attorney at Law
La Grande

Clark: Keep Greg Walden

Several years ago an informational meeting was held at Spooky’s in The Dalles for state retirement employees. Our two state legislators, Representative Greg Walden (R) and Senator Wayne Fawbush (D) were there to answer questions.

Walden gave us solid facts; Fawbush got up and tried to be funny and said nothing. Fawbush did nothing for our district but hold office. Walden worked hard for the good of Oregonians all his years in office.

He has proven himself the right person to represent us in Congress. His opponent, McLeod-Skinner, has spent most of her career in California. She was fired from the only real job she has had in Oregon as City Manager of Phoenix. She then decided to run for Congress.

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We will publish our last letters on Friday, Nov. 2. Election Day is Nov. 6.

The only thing she has going for her is she is a liberal, leftist Democrat — which is all some people care about. The typical Democratic politician wants to live high on the hog at taxpayer expense (as Wyden and Merkley).

Jamie’s wife works for a state agency located in Salem and her children go to school in Eugene (outside the district). Yet according to their voter registration, they “live” in Terrebonne (near Redmond) with Jamie’s mother.

Our state is once again on fire, and it seems like the only person that will do anything about it is Rep. Greg Walden. On top of the forest management legis-

lation that he worked to pass back in March, he has worked to include more legislation into the Farm Bill.

This is nothing new — for the last eight years he has been fighting for common sense changes to the way we manage our forests. I’m tired of choking on smoke every summer.

This never used to happen because we took care of our forests. I am thankful that Greg Walden hears us on this issue and is working to fix it. “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” Greg Walden is a proven worker for our good. Let’s hold fast to him!

George Clark
The Dalles

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