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Furthermore, public records show out of all the candidates, regardless of position running for election this May, the only candidate that has a worse voting record than Ms. Martwick is Jason Heym.

These two are asking for your vote for circuit court judge, yet neither one can be bothered to vote.

I for one will be looking at the records of each candidate, I will choose the candidate that has a proven track record in Columbia County and cares enough about our Country and our County to vote.

Daniel Adams
Rainier, OR

Jason Heym responds: *As a registered Independent I have fewer opportunities to vote in our predominately two party system. It is frustrating but hopefully will change as more people register as Independent. I think my independence from the yolk of a major party affiliation and record of deciding for an issue or candidate on the merits shows that I will be a fair and impartial judge.*

Judge Jean Martwick responds: *Here at the end of campaign season, we see and hear many allegations and half-truths. It is understandable that those who have not been able to make a strong case for election with the voters will resort to saying almost anything to win by default. As your incumbent Judge, I will stay with a higher standard, this is not only what voters expect, but it is who I am.*

I appreciate the comments I have seen in letters to the Editor about

voting. As the mother of a Veteran with a 100% service connected disability, I too believe that we all should honor warriors, those who have protected our freedoms, by voting. I will work to be a more consistent voter in the future. I urge readers to vote and exercise their rights as Citizens.

As a long term member of the Columbia County legal community, and an active community volunteer I understand the people of Columbia County, and am honored to be your judge. I have lived and worked in the county long enough to know that it is equal access to justice and a life-long commitment to public service that are the real qualification for this job.

It is time to rise above politics and focus on providing Justice for ALL of Columbia County. I ask for your support to remain as your judge and thank you for the honor of serving our community in this position of honor and trust.

To the Editor,

I, for one, like Clatskanie. I like what our town is about, and what our community stands for. I am proud to have raised a family here.

So it really bothers me when some Portland attorney moves to Columbia County barely three years ago, decides to run for judge, and insults our community!

In an interview with the South County Spotlight ("Appointed Judge Draws Challengers in Three-Way Race" February 14, 2014), Jason Heym, candidate for the Columbia County Circuit Court, said "I just happen to be an excellent lawyer, and so I work at one of the best law firms in the state.... My clients expect much more. The caliber of law is much higher, frankly. When people out in Columbia County have a very complicated case, they don't run down to the local strip mall to hire their lawyer. They come to me." Never mind that that's incredibly conceited. It's also highly condescending. Do we not have sophisticated-enough lawyers here? Are our professionals not smart enough to handle complex issues?

Jason Heym, how are you going to be a good judge if you look down on all of our attorneys? How will any Columbia County Attorney be able to appear in front of you and feel that their client will be heard?

Let's get respectful elected officials, not those who are nasty while asking for our vote!

Please join me in voting for Cathleen Callahan for circuit court judge.

Shelli Brown
Clatskanie, OR

To the Editor,

Although I cannot vote in the upcoming election (I live in Washington State) I'm glad to support the campaign of Jean Martwick who is up for re-election as Columbia County Circuit Court Judge.

My father, who was suffering from dementia and had lost contact with all family, was involved in an automobile accident. Although his life was falling apart he had the good fortune to have Jean Martwick assigned to his case. She worked countless hours with a friend of his to navigate the system and get him the help he needed and a safe place to live. Jean even drove my father to the Oregon Veterans Home because he liked to walk and that would be a better environment for him. He died and she attended the memorial.

It is easy to become jaded about politics and politicians but Jean Martwick is a shining example of what an elected official should be. She is a compassionate, qualified, determined and responsible woman.

Please support Jean Martwick in the May primary; you are lucky to have such an outstanding judge in Columbia County.

April Lubin
Seattle, WA

To the Editor,

It's time for change.

I appreciate those who give of their personal time to work toward public good and am convinced it is important now to move away from professional politicians whenever possible. Wayne Mayo and Cathleen Callahan are two people on the ballot for election who have proven themselves by making a difference, donating many hours of community service to improve our lives here in Columbia County. Please join me in voting for them.

Upcoming Events

Potluck and Movie Night - Friday, May 16th, Potluck 6:00 PM, Movie 7:00 PM at the Vernonia Grange, 375 North St. "The Blues Brothers" starring Jim Belushi and Dan Ackroyd. All ages welcome - please note: the movie is Rated R for language.

Country Gospel Music Night with the Buzzell Family - Saturday, May 17th, 6:30 PM at the Scout Cabin.

History of the Pendleton Round-up - Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Vernonia Library. A series of offerings from OPB - The Oregon Experience - will be shown and discussed.

Upper Nehalem Watershed Council Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 17, 10:00 PM - 2:00 PM at the Vernonia Grange. Contact Maggie Peyton for more information. 503-429-0869 or maggie@nehalem.org.

Jr. Salmon Auction - Thursday, May 22, 7:00 PM at the Vernonia Schools. A fundraiser for Vernonia Schools arts programs and Vernonia Hands-On Art. Doors open at 6:30 PM, Auction at 7:00 PM.

Mobile Mammography - Thursday, May 29, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Vernonia Health Center, 510 Bridge St. Call to schedule an appointment: 503-681-4035 or 503-936-7149.

Vernonia High School Graduation - Saturday, May 31, 1:00 PM at Vernonia Schools.

Ride to Remember and The Logger's Daughter - Tuesday, June 3, 6:30 - 8:00 PM at the Vernonia Library. A series of offerings from OPB - The Oregon Experience - will be shown and discussed.

Arnold Reed
Scappoose, OR

To the Editor,

This is what Wayne Mayo said to me the other day. Not only does Wayne care about Columbia County as a whole, he also cares for individuals and their part. Columbia County is made up of many individuals that need to work together to make this area prosperous, safe and a great place to live. We need commissioners that have integrity, ingenuity in creating jobs and concern for the families of this area.

We have known Wayne Mayo for over 16 years. In that time, he has worked hard to raise successful children, hire employees through his contracting business and better the lives of residents in Columbia County.

In 1999, Wayne wrote the
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Vernonia Weather April 2014

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
1	50	33	.09
2	50	33	.12
3	53	38	.02
4	52	38	.13
5	54	45	.07
6	63	43	0
7	64	42	0
8	74	43	0
9	64	35	0
10	59	30	0
11	62	31	0
12	64	33	0
13	70	29	0
14	67	32	0
15	65	32	.02
16	57	44	.17
17	54	46	.30
18	47	34	0
19	55	38	.23
20	62	40	0
21	62	40	.41
22	55	37	.60
23	52	43	1.16
24	52	43	.07
25	57	38	.05
26	53	34	.57
27	53	34	.20
28	55	33	0
29	76	37	0
30	83	39	0

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