

Candidates Forum

Circuit Court Judge, District 6, Position 1

Vote for one



David D. Gallaher

Dave Gallaher, 35 of Pendleton is seeking the position of Circuit Court Judge for Morrow and Umatilla Counties. He is currently the district attorney for Umatilla County.

Gallaher and his wife, Kathaleen have three children.

His experience in public office includes his appointment as district attorney by Governor Vic Atiyeh in May 1982 and subsequent election in November 1982 for a four year term in that office. From 1974 to 1976 he served as Deputy District Attorney for Umatilla County.

Gallaher lists his community activities as: Elder, Pendleton First Presbyterian Church, Director to the Rotary Club, member of the Blue Mountain Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board, past instructor for the Community Schools Program and BMCC, and past president to the Sixth District Bar Assoc.

He attended Blue Mountain Community College in 1967-68, earned a B.S. at Eastern Oregon College in 1971 and a Juris Doctor Degree from Lewis and Clark Law School in 1974.

Gallaher has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"I make my living in the courtroom. I have been a prosecutor for a total of four and a half years and a private trial attorney for five and a half years. The common thread binding my career together is courtroom experience, both civil and criminal, prosecution and defense. My experience is up-to-date and ready to go for you, as your Circuit Judge."



Robert B. Abrams

Robert B. Abrams, 59 of Heppner is seeking the position of Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Position One. He is currently senior partner of the law firm, Abrams, Kuhn and Spicer.

He and his wife, Marion have five children.

Abrams' previous experience in public office includes: 12 years on the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Directors, Seven years on the Morrow County Mental Health Clinic Board and Eight years combined as District Attorney to Wheeler and Morrow Counties.

He has also been admitted to the Oregon State Bar, the U.S. District Court Bar, U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court. He is a member of the American Bar Assoc., American College of Probate Council and American Judicature Society.

His community activities include: past president of the Heppner Morrow Chamber of Commerce, member to the Heppner Economic Development Corporation, served with the Boy Scouts, active with the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon.

Abrams earned a B.A. in Political Science at Stanford University in 1948 and in 1952 earned an L.L.B. at the University of Oregon School of Law.

Concerning his candidacy, Abrams says:

"My broad experience in civil and criminal law gives me an excellent background to be Circuit Judge. Circuit Judge must deal with a wide variety of legal and personal problems. I not only have a great deal of experience, but have made a substantial effort to keep current with new developments of law. Also, I have actively worked on Bar committees, such as Minor Courts, Traffic Courts and Judicial Administration. I can immediately and independently begin work in all areas of responsibility upon election."

Mayor of Heppner

Vote for one



Justine Weatherford

Justine Weatherford, 70, is running for the position of Heppner Mayor. She is the operator of the Heppner Laundromat, a family owned business, and a free lance writer.

She is a widow and has three children and two stepchildren.

Weatherford has been Precinct committeewoman for Benton County, Heppner Public Librarian, and a teacher.

Her community activities include the Heppner Garden Club, Bookworms, American Association of University Women, Chamber of Commerce, Heppner Soroptomists, Lay Delegate for United Methodist Church and the Senior Citizens Group.

Weatherford earned a B.S. degree at Oregon State University as well as a Masters degree in education. She submitted the following statement regarding her candidacy:

"I am an active senior citizen who has participated in many local groups, who has a strong sense of responsibility, who believes in fairness to all, in the need for constant and honest communication and in the growth of each citizens' sense of pride in this community."

"I've long been interested in all levels of government, have especially tried to learn about this city - its past, present and future - and am hoping to work toward enhancing Heppner's good points and helping to eliminate any of its weaknesses or problems."



Warren Plocharsky

Warren Plocharsky, 43, is seeking the position of Mayor of Heppner. He lists his occupation as forester with the U.S. Forest Service in Heppner.

He and his wife, Irene, have six children.

Plocharsky has been serving the community through 4-H and his years with the city council.

He earned a B.S. degree in Forest Management at the University of Connecticut in 1962 and attended Forest Engineering Institute, O.S.U. in 1978.

He lists his previous experience in public office as his 12 years on the Heppner City Council.

Plocharsky submitted the following statement concerning his candidacy:

"A good and effective mayor should have at least one term of experience on the council. Serving on the council one gains experience and knowledge of city policies and procedures and how the police, fire utility and administrative departments operate and develops a working relationship with city personnel and other council members. Experience on the council will be even more important next year as only two of the six council members will have two or more years experience. One will have a few months experience and three will be new. As mayor I will strive to see that city services are provided effectively and economically so that people's needs are met and taxes are kept at a reasonable level."

Heppner City Council

Vote for one

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Marvin Lane

Marvin L. Lane, 32, is running for Heppner City Council. He is a journeyman lineman for Columbia Basin Electric Coop.

He and his wife, Marie, have two children, ages five and two.

Lane graduated from Condon High School and attended Central Oregon Community College and Lane Community College.

He is a member of B.P.O.E. No. 358.

Lane has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"I've lived in Heppner for 10 years. During that time, I've contacted a broad number of people in town. I feel that this will help me represent the community fairly."



Cara Costa

Cara L. Costa, 36, is seeking the office of Mayor of Heppner. She is currently a secretary bookkeeper at Morrow County Abstract and Title Company and parttime business owner of Rainbow Balloons.

She and her husband, Bob, have one son.

Costa lists her experience as including over 10 years working with budgets and personnel in past positions at the University of Alaska, in the trust department of Alaska National Bank and at the state 4-H office in Corvallis. She is also currently on the Heppner City Council, since May 1984.

Her community service includes: co-superintendent and lay reader at Heppner United Methodist Church, Cub Scout Secretary-Treasurer, planning committee member of Rolling Hills Run, Co-chairperson of Morrow County Rodeo Parade, Morrow County CowBelles, American Association of University Women and Co-chairperson of Artfactory.

Costa earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education at Western Michigan University and recently received her Oregon teaching certification.

Regarding her candidacy, Costa says:

"I encourage open lines of communication on all levels of city participation. I would plan on setting up specific hours at city hall when people could stop in and talk one-to-one. I encourage and support active attendance and participation at city council meetings. Communication process only works as well as the people who participate. I would like to see funds used to the fullest potential and am currently investigating both state and federal grants which may be available to Heppner. Heppner is a beautiful city and its residents are caring for each other which makes me very proud to live here and be a part. I would like to work more with the residents and believe with my enthusiasm and progressive attitude, Heppner can become even better."



Floyd Wilks

Floyd Wilks, 33, is running for Heppner City Council. He is currently a minister to the Church of the Nazarene in Heppner and a school bus driver.

He and his wife, Sharon, have three children.

Wilks lists the following community activities: member of the Morrow County Juvenile Service Commission, Parade Judge, support programs for Senior Citizens and Neighborhood Center, involved in the police chaplaincy program and appointed to the city council.

His educational background includes Spokane Community College and ordained in the Church of the Nazarene through Nazarene Colleges.

Wilks has submitted the following statement regarding his candidacy:

"I am concerned and interested in people, their family, their lives, their job. I am not a politician nor do I ask or seek to be one. I am running for city council because, 1. I was appointed, the law requires a city council member to be voted on in an election, therefore we will abide by the law; 2. I am interested in our city and community, making it a better place to live; 3. There is a need to be met and a job to be done; I want to help people."

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

County Surveyor

Vote for one



Earl D. Ming

Earl D. Ming, 34, of Irrigon is running for the position of Morrow County Surveyor. He is a professional land surveyor, employed by R & M Surveyors and Consultants, Inc.

He and his wife, Karen have two children.

Ming states he has completed two years of college for surveying and engineering.

His community activities include the Lions Club and the Neighborhood Crime Watch in Irrigon. He has also been active with the Boardman Volunteer Fire Dept., Morrow County Search and Rescue, coached Little League as well as served on the Little League Board in Boardman for two years.

Ming has submitted the following statement concerning his candidacy:

"I reside in Irrigon and will be able to work closely with the Planning Department and Morrow County Court. Morrow County has a need at this time to have a county resident for county surveyor."

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David Krumbain

David H. Krumbain, 40, of Pendleton is running for position of Morrow County Surveyor. He lists his occupation as a consulting engineer and surveyor for Krumbain Engineering Ltd.

He and his wife, Vicki have three children.

Krumbain has a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University.

He lists his previous political service as being Morrow County Surveyor since 1977 and Umatilla County Surveyor since 1979.

His community activities include: Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, Umatilla County Juvenile Advisory Council and the Boy Scouts District Committee.

Krumbain has submitted the following regarding his candidacy:

"I would like to complete the organization of the surveyor's office and corner records."

County Sheriff

unopposed



Roy L. Drago

Roy Drago, 53, Boardman, is running for Morrow Co. Sheriff. He has served in that capacity for over a year since his appointment after the resignation of Larry Fettsch.

Drago and his wife Gail have three children.

He graduated from high school in 1947 and has an intermediate certificate from the Board of Police Standards and Training.

Drago's prior police experience includes six years with the Eastside Police Department with three years as patrol sergeant and two years as

a reserve officer. He also served as a special patrolman with the Yonkers, New York Police Department. He worked as a Deputy Sheriff with Morrow County from August 1, 1980 until he was appointed Sheriff on April 20, 1983.

He worked for the Oregon State Highway Department in the Astoria area from 1947-1950. He then served for five years in the U.S. Army as a Platoon Sergeant and Motor Sergeant.

Drago is a member of the OSSA, NOCOP, and a member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Blue Mt. Community College.

Drago has submitted the following reasons for his candidacy.

"To build and maintain a professional sheriff's department, to better serve the citizens of Morrow County while staying within budgetary realities of today's economic situation."

Auxiliary sets flea market

The Heppner Post No. 87 American Legion Auxiliary will finalize plans at a November 5 meeting for a flea market to be held at the Legion Hall November 10.

Those who are interested in renting a table or selling their wares may contact Rita Hedman at 676-9278 by November 3.

Happy 35th Al Vinson

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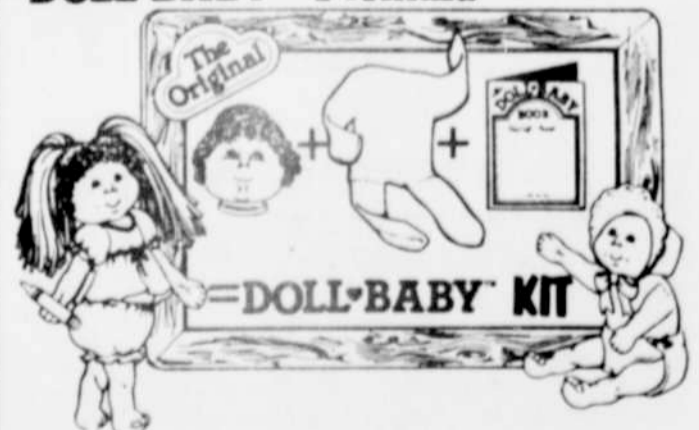
Retired educators to meet at Stanfield

The Oregon Retired Educators Unit 9 will meet at the Stanfield Senior Center Saturday, Nov. 3 at 11 a.m.

A business meeting will be followed by a luncheon and an address by State President Tom Sommerfield concerning ballot measures.

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