

Letters to the Editor

Fels advocate for education

To the Editor:
We are writing this letter in support of Peter Fels for district court judge department 2. We support Judge Fels for a number of reasons, but we would like to identify one area particularly. He is a real advocate for education. He strongly believes that how people perceive the justice system is very important.

At the invitation of teachers in our area Judge Fels has visited classes to discuss issues about the

judicial system. He has also invited classes to visit his court to observe and to become acquainted with the proceedings. After sessions he has then taken time to explain what the students saw and has answered questions. We believe that Judge Fels' interest in connecting the judicial system to education is important for voters to consider.

Sincerely,
(s) Don and Pat Amsberry
Pendleton

Don't let community slip away

To the Editor:
Rural America is at a vital crossroad. Perhaps no other time in our history have we seen more threats to our quality of life. With a troubled natural resource based economy and the severe cut-backs brought about by Ballot Measure 5, the greater Heppner community is a prime example of the challenges the small town, rural way of life faces.

Perhaps more than most rural communities, we have enjoyed a very high quality of life, bolstered by a community library, a swimming pool, a hospital, public safety services, quality schools, parks, the fairgrounds and the like. Now, with the loss of funding for our library, swimming

pool, one of our three police officers and all equipment needs for fire and police protection, we must be prepared to seize every opportunity to retain and regain what will otherwise be lost.

Formation of the Oregon Trail Library District on May 19 represents just such an opportunity. As a provider of educational resources, business development research, leisure time enjoyment, cultural enrichment, and self-improvement, the Oregon Trail Library District is the vehicle that will retain this important piece of our community--a piece we cannot afford to let slip away.

Sincerely,
(s) Gary Marks
Heppner

Murgo for district court judge

To the Editor:
Please vote for Rudy Murgo for district court judge department 1.

As the mother of two children I am deeply concerned about the number of drunk drivers on our streets. These individuals drive under the influence many times before they are caught. This will get worse due to decreasing resources in our police departments.

We need a judge in district court, department 1, who will

utilize the full range of sentencing options. These options-which aren't being used now-do provide us, and our children, protection from drunk drivers as well as provide motivation to drunk drivers to seek help.

This may literally be a matter of life and death. Join me in voting for Rudy Murgo for district court judge, department 1. We need a change.

(s) Dorothy Lewis
Pendleton

Wallace ideal candidate

To the Editor:
I am happy to see such a large group of judge candidates for both district courts. It means that we have a real choice this time.

In position No. 2, I am voting for Jeff Wallace because I think that he has the temperament and training it takes to make a good judge.

Crimes like domestic violence and drugs have become a real problem in this area. Jeff has been prosecuting these types of cases as a district attorney and would bring that experience to the judge position. He has dealt with the police who are investigating drugs in our community. He knows the problems that police deal with in our legal system and the problems that crime victims face as well.

Jeff is also extremely fair in the way that he deals with people. I think that is a very important quality for a judge. Please vote for Jeff Wallace for district court judge in department number 2 on May 19.

Yours very truly,
(s) Valerie Pahl
Pendleton

Student for library district

To the Editor:

I am writing to inform people of the Oregon Trail Library District. If the present situation is allowed to remain, the libraries of both Boardman and Heppner are threatened with closure. These libraries are now funded by city governments that are seriously strained for many reasons.

I am a senior at Riverside High School in Boardman, and have volunteered at the library here in Boardman since my freshman year in school. I use the library for various research and other projects I do in school. Since I live out of town, I must pay a fee to renew my card through the library. I lived in town at one time, and never had to pay. However, my parents did.

The current "balance" is that city residents pay \$40-50 a household, while rural residents

only pay if they want a card. With the new plan, all of the residents in the district pay only \$10-12 a household, or 25¢/\$1000.

It would be beneficial to all involved if there were a library district. I feel that with all the services the Boardman Library offers (such as story hour, tax help and access via computer to many other libraries in the area), I would be very sorry to see our library closed. The opportunities to have a vast bank of information for research, story hour, help filling out their first tax form, or even just to read a really good book are opportunities that would be sorely missed by the young people in this area. Please vote yes for the formation of the Oregon Trail Library District.

Sincerely,
(s) Kelly Spray
Boardman

Vote for Wallace May 19

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Jeff Wallace, who is a candidate for district court judge, position 2. I have known Jeff for over 25 years. I have watched his progress and development from his first FFA public speaking contest to his current position as district attorney for Morrow County. His qualifications make him an ideal candidate for this position.

Jeff is a life long resident of Umatilla/Morrow counties, the area he wishes to serve. He knows and understands the people of Eastern Oregon.

He has both the education and experience necessary for this job. He is an honors graduate from the University of Oregon and a law degree from Willamette University, College of Law. His successful practice of law span both the private and public sectors. He has worked with cities and understands municipal law. He

also serves his state and country in the Oregon National Guard as a captain in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

I am impressed by the way Jeff deals with people. This stems from the fact that he is conscientious and ethical about everything he does. As a school administrator I have always appreciated his handling of cases involving children and sensitive issues. His effort was not only to see justice done but also to protect the innocent in the process.

Jeff is a devoted community leader. A quick look at the community service he undertakes, from scouting to drug prevention workshops, from advisory committees to the Oregon National Guard, he gives of himself.

Fellow voters we have the opportunity to elect the best qualified candidate for this position. The facts tell us that person is Jeff Wallace.

(s) Dan Dalto
Boardman

Murgo fair, thorough

To the Editor:

I urge you to support Rudy Murgo for district court judge for Morrow and Umatilla Counties, department 1. As a former Pendleton city council member, I feel I can speak to the fairness and thoroughness of his work as a legal counsel. He also demonstrates superior skills in interpersonal relations. Rudy Murgo listens and does not lose his composure when deliberating a topic with dissenting views.

Rudy Murgon also takes an interest in his community having served on youth and law related committees and boards. One such committee is the Blue Mountain Community College Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Rudy Murgo would serve us well as a district court judge for Morrow and Umatilla counties department No. 1.

(s) Mary Bates
Pendleton

Glenn has vision for county

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Ed Glenn for county commissioner. I have visited with Ed enough to know that he has a vision of what Morrow County and this area can become in the years ahead. I also believe him to be a person who will listen to all sides of an issue.

be willing to make difficult decisions and stand by them. Finally, Ed Glenn does not fit the stereotypical profile of a politician. I think that's good. Best of luck Ed.

Sincerely,
(s) Sharon Barrick
Boardman

Glenn has foresight, integrity

To the Editor:

Ed Glenn and I haven't always agreed at all times on every issue (i.e., the prison), but I am impressed with his foresight, intelligence and integrity.

He's outspoken, and a genuinely sincere man with a great sense

of duty and a great sense of humor...all qualities it takes to be in politics now days.

I'll be casting my vote for Ed Glenn for county commissioner on May 19.

(s) Dee Gantenbein
Boardman

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