

Letters to the Editor

Fawbush dangerous to rural way of life

To the Editor:

Considering the fact that Wayne Fawbush has been in the State Legislature for 16 years, he obviously is responsible for many of the problems we currently face.

Wayne spent lots of time in Halfway this past year charming the folks and listening to their problems. What did he do? He and his Portland pal, Sen. Dick Springer (a lawyer), District 6, put together a ghastly bill that would tell grazers in Halfway, Vale and Ontario how they could or could not graze and utilize their own private property. And this is to protect the spawning grounds of native salmon. But there are no native spawning grounds for salmon in these areas.

How do you folks in Halfway feel about this? If this bill doesn't pass, you can thank Sen. Gene

Timms, who used to be our elected Senator, but was redistricted out of our area. He really raised a ruckus at the last Agriculture and Natural Resource committee hearing about this bill.

And now this card-lock business. Talk about another stab in the back to Eastern Oregonians. Wayne and his West-side buddies really did a number on us with this one, too. He voted yes on SB1215 to take away our ability to pump gas for ourselves during the day and at night when the gas stations have closed.

Wayne must think we're pretty stupid if he thinks we are going to let him consistently take away our rights. Wayne Fawbush is dangerous to our way of life and he needs to go.

Wes Cooley wants this job. Why don't we give him a chance?

Sincerely,
(s) Holly Sullens
Baker City

People lose if Clinton-Gore win

To the Editor:

As Americans are struggling to sort out the rhetoric in the elections this fall, I am concerned the public does not understand the impact to rural, resource communities that the election of Clinton-Gore would have on our families. Bill Clinton said in Portland recently that he will bring the people of the Pacific Northwest and his administration to the table to work out our issues. Folks, we have talked, worked, compromised, and it is never enough. Clearly the Democratic/environmentalist faction in Congress want us off the land and out of the forests.

Clinton-Gore talk more lock-up of federal lands and yet, in Oregon and Washington we have nearly nine million acres of dead and dying forest that need management. The Senate heard testimony on a forest health amendment recently and were they able to talk, agree, or work with us on this issue? No. They voted party lines on this massive problem that never should have entered the political arena. A few days ago, the Federal Lands and Families Protection Act, a labor/industry bill so critical to timber families failed. It failed because the Democratic votes weren't there to support people. Where is the priority? With bugs, birds, and fish.

How will we as a nation produce raw materials if timber, mining, agriculture, and oil exploration are curtailed?

The shutdown of industry is

destroying our economy and yet many in Congress refuse to see it. We need leaders who will stand up to the environmental industry and look at the hard facts. Tourism isn't going to save our rural economies, it takes a solid infrastructure such as timber and agriculture to build from. We have retooled the mills and many of the lost jobs were replaced with higher skilled placements for those employees. We do not export logs from federal land and 70 percent of America's national forest land base is off limits to timber and grazing. We have over three million acres of old growth in Oregon and Washington; we haven't cut the last tree in the west; we lose more trees to wildfires than to harvest and I'm sick to death of hearing these misleading untrue statements from Clinton, Gore, AuCoin, and Ferguson.

Do Clinton-Gore care that our jobs are leaving the nation for resource production in Russia, Canada, and Japan? Do they believe the Endangered Species Act should be amended to include people? Do they believe in the absolute protection of private property rights? No. They believe in more lock-up, more preservation, less individual rights for communities and families. If you think we need balanced environmental decisions please take the time to be informed about the candidates. We all have a lot to lose in November.

(s) Judy Wortman
Enterprise

Who started game?

To the Editor:

So you want to stop this little smear campaign. Well, just who started this game of dirty tricks? I have eight mailings from Wes Cooley calling Wayne Fawbush everything from an idiot to an S.O.B. This is typical GOP negative campaigning while not dealing with the real issues.

Living in Bend, Oregon while driving with a California driver's license for 11 years. Isn't that a bit much for a candidate who is running for Senate District 28? It all depends on whose bull is being gored. Playing by GOP rules, I could live in Prineville and be a candidate for mayor of Bend. If elected, I could then intend to live in Bend.

The real hard GOP has two primary planks in its platform: 1. To transfer the wealth from the poor to the rich; and 2. to secure the ownership of the land for those who deserve it-those who have the money. The other planks

are window dressing to lure people to the party. It is truly the party of the rich and famous.

Now they want a change-a change to what? When we send a freshman candidate to the legislature they learn two things: 1. to respect their peers, be quiet, listen, don't make waves; and 2. the location of the bathroom. This is not the kind of representation that I want. We need effective leadership and we need it now.

If you want something to worry about, read on. The supreme court has been saying: when the farmers of our constitution gave us the right to bear arms, they were not referring to our individual rights but to the militia. If George Bush is reelected, he will appoint another justice to the supreme court. Then you can kiss your guns goodbye; and Roe vs Wade will be history.

(s) J.H. Jackson
Prineville

Randy Miller man of integrity

To the Editor:

I encourage friends and neighbors to learn more about Randy Miller, candidate for Secretary of State. I think you will like what you see.

Oregon is in dire need of leadership in state government. Our institutions of education, human services, and public safety depend on it.

Randy Miller may be the most qualified person to seek statewide

office in many years. He has distinguished himself during 10 years in the Oregon legislature as a leader who is fair, articulate, and a man of integrity. He is a respected businessman and attorney.

I enthusiastically support Randy Miller. I hope you will also.

Sincerely,
(s) Mrs. Marion T. Weatherford
Arlington,

Defeat Measure 9

To the Editor:

There seem to be two kinds of people in the world: open-minded, and close-minded. The open-minded look at everything they encounter as new and exciting information, and have a capacity to grow, change their minds, learn and formulate different conclusions. When they run into difficult information, they try to learn more before formulating a response, and enjoy the challenge.

The close-minded persons look through the information presented to them, and choose those tidbits that reinforce the ideas that they already have in their minds.

They, when presented with a new and/or difficult situation, rely on their previous conclusion, no matter its validity, to carry them through the upset created by "change." They tend to misquote data and ideas because of this; the Bible, scientific works, etc. get "picked through" for tidbits to support these old prejudices. I believe that these people have a mental framework that simply cannot handle a change-in fact, it terrorizes them.

These are the same persons who refuse to acknowledge errors and learn or change. Now that communism is gone, who do we blame? I voted for this government, I can't be wrong, the world's gone to hell, so there must be a reason. The economy is a disaster, at the hands of my own vote? This is the stuff that schizophrenics are made of. No wonder there's a fervor. Gotta blame, gotta blame.

The few close-minded conservative leaders are able to manipulate others into believing almost anything. The close-minded persons simply do not have the mental capacity (not necessarily IQ related) to do otherwise; the fears they have of AIDS, poverty, unemployment, etc., simply cannot be handled within their grey matter. A good God simply would never do this, so it must be human caused. I'm a good, God-fearing, hard-working, patriotic soul, so it must be caused by the others that aren't like me.

These people have enough cognitive power to rationalize their thoughts and actions, and feel that their beliefs and actions are the right, chosen path. They also elevate their beliefs above others, and even proclaim their ideas to be "the word of God", or at least similar to the word. Once their thoughts and prejudices co-mingle with "the word of God" as they perceive it, others' ideas and beliefs don't have a chance.

Religious zeal has been a problem for governments for forever in time. I guess our collective wish in America was that we were somehow "above" that, that our Christian ethic was above all tolerant, accepting, inclusive and forgiving. Sorry, when the stress factors get too high, such is not the case.

The challenge is thus: a vote, especially on a constitutional amendment, is a matter of laws and procedures. It is not a religious act and is not based on

Wallace competent, professional

To the Editor:

I am asking the voters of Umatilla and Morrow Counties to elect a person with integrity and experience as district court judge, Jeff Wallace.

Jeff is from the Milton-Freewater area. It's important to have the eastern part of Umatilla County represented in our state and county offices. Too often, this area is unrepresented.

Jeff Wallace will ably serve as district judge. I've known Jeff for many years. He's a very competent and professional attorney who has most recently been the Morrow County prosecutor. He has handled drug cases, drunk driving and other types of criminal cases. He has been representing the people of the State of Oregon.

Jeff has also represented private clients while in his own law practice in Milton-Freewater. That will give an added dimension to his ability to be a fair and impartial judge. He has been a trial lawyer with many years of courtroom experience.

a religious principle. The separation of church and state is fundamental to the union. Good Christians have been a significant reason for the success of America, their ethics, hard work and principles of justice have been invaluable. So have the contributions of atheists, Jews, Buddhists, and all other peoples. No people may self-elevate their contribution above the contributions of others. (If this were the case, only those that have given their lives in service to the country should be allowed to vote.) All the rest of us have the responsibility of inclusion, not exclusion.

Oregonians have endured 20 years of hating the mis-applied and misunderstood "quote" of Tom McCall about come visit, but don't stay. The message of this amendment is much, much worse and the impact for Oregon will be more severe, more damaging and more lasting.

I am a fifth (at least) generation Oregonian, born in Eugene, raised in a small rural town on a dairy farm, a high school letterman and valedictorian, a Viet Nam veteran, a small businessman gone broke, a property owner and an Oregon Republican (which has a special meaning to me), and a believer that Oregonians do not want this kind of state constitution.

I am not qualified to judge who is fit to participate in this state's democracy and who is not. What I am should not and does not matter. A law abiding, vote-by-vote "political agenda" is the American way. Using the fear of a political agenda is a scam and a sham, or an agenda of their own that's not what they claim. If you don't like my vote, change my mind or vote against me. A political agenda to be feared is the out-of-state, big money organizations that try to make up Oregonians' minds for them. Remember the pressure to not pass the bottle bill? Just think what the \$2 million spent on this measure could have done in Oregon.

Oregon does not need a bad reputation. Business and tourism will suffer as well as individuals. Measure 9 is bad legislation and bad lawmaking. Tell the world again that we are progressive, intelligent and tolerant-not reactionary and fearful bigots.

To quote Jonathan Nicholas of "The Oregonian," when talking about inspirational Oregonian Ron Schmidt: "He taught me what it takes to be an Oregonian. It has something to do with being willing to take risks, with caring, with being decent, with being a maverick, with being forgiving, with never, ever being afraid. But mostly, it has to do with recognizing that being an Oregonian is a responsibility, not a right. It has to do with cherishing this place, with revering its special magic."

Simply: vote no on Measure 9.
(s) Steve Earl
Portland

Measure 7 will adversely affect business

To the Editor:

With all of the campaign excitement and publicity on the Nov. 3 ballot there is an issue that has not received much publicity, Measure 7. Measure 7 proposes a split tax roll allowing "business" property to bear larger tax than "residential" property. On the surface this might sound appealing particularly since the advocates say that this would raise more funds for our schools. Wrong.

This is not true. All that this measure does is replace with local taxes an equal amount of dollars we would be receiving from the state and then only if we had a tax base of a sufficient amount to cover the required funds. We do not have such a tax base.

Secondly the term "business property" includes farms and

apartment buildings. Only the single family home occupied by the home owner would be exempt, not second homes or vacation cabins.

This measure will adversely affect business development in Eastern Oregon. Our economy is very fragile. We have affordable housing shortages in many of our communities. This measure will further delay any private enterprise housing developments as it would add 15 to 20 percent to the operating costs of an apartment project.

The only effect of Measure 7, as I see it, will cost us jobs, increased taxes and give Salem more funds and leeway to stall off doing anything constructive to solve the states budget crisis.

Yours very truly,
(s) John A. Prag
Boardman

Sheriff's Assoc. supports Wallace

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for Jeff Wallace in his effort to be elected district court judge. Having worked with Jeff for the past several years, I feel secure in voicing support for his candidacy.

As president of the Morrow County Sheriff's Employee Association, I recently conducted a poll of the membership regarding the district court judge's race. Our entire membership voted to endorse Jeff Wallace.

Mr. Wallace has an extensive background in criminal law and has served as a prosecutor in both

Morrow and Umatilla counties. In his present position, as district attorney of Morrow County, he has worked tirelessly to prosecute the cases presented to him, while maintaining a friendly and approachable demeanor to those he works with.

Jeff is an Eastern Oregonian who will serve the voters of Morrow and Umatilla Counties well. I urge you to join me in the support of Jeff Wallace for District Court Judge.

Sincerely,
(s) Gary Warren,
President Morrow County
Sheriff's Association

Payne is what's needed in Salem

To the Editor:

I am writing to tell you about a very remarkable person deserving of our consideration. This person is a native of eastern Oregonian, schooled at Baker High School, Eastern Oregon State College, Duke and Oxford Universities. He has spent the past six months--seven days a week, 12 to 14 hours a day--going door to door and meeting the people of Eastern Oregon. This person is our candidate for state representative Michael Payne.

I personally know Michael to be one of the brightest candidates in Oregon. He never stops working, and he is running an amazing grass-roots campaign.

When Michael Payne did not have a big campaign budget, he stretched his dollars by hand-

painting and assembling all the lawn signs we see from the Snake River to the edge of The Dalles. Michael Payne doesn't spend his campaign contributions on dinners in fancy restaurants; Michael instead carries a sack lunch everywhere he goes and stays with supporters, not in motels.

With four years of experience working for Representative Mike Nelson we need Michael Payne in Salem working for us. His hard work, outstanding education, and conservative campaign-spending examples are exactly what is needed in our State Representative. Let's send a fighter to Salem by voting for Michael Payne.

Sincerely,
(s) Andrew L. Marlette,
Baker City

Wallace understands justice system

To the Editor:

As a police officer who has worked with Jeff Wallace on many different cases, I can tell you that, of the candidates in this race, Jeff is the only one who really understands the criminal justice system.

Don't take my word for it. Check with someone in law enforcement. Check with the people who are in and around the

court on a daily basis...the ones who really know the score. They will tell you that Jeff Wallace is the clear choice.

This is too important a position to let Governor Barbara Roberts' political appointment stand. Vote for Jeff Wallace in the Umatilla-Morrow County District Court Judge race.

(s) Greg Sayles
Boardman

Glenn has a vision for the future

To the Editor:

Ed Glenn is second to none in his ability to study the facts and his insight to the dynamics of Morrow County. His perception of the present and vision for the future will serve us well.

Ed's efforts to keep us informed through the pages of the Chronicle were nothing short of heroic and with that energy and ability as our county commissioner, Ed will be a great asset to us all. He will strive to support

our agricultural economy but at the same time seek to diversify our economy in a way that will only be beneficial.

I urge you to vote for Ed Glenn for commissioner.

(s) Ken Turner

Protect interests of North end

To the Editor:

Seldom is there an issue as critical as the race for Morrow County Commissioner. The north end of the county must continue to have representation on the county court. Without that broad representation, the entire county will suffer.

Ed Glenn from Boardman, is the only candidate who can assure that the interests of the north end will be fairly represented and considered for the next four years. Ed knows the problems and opportunities of not only the north end, but the county as a whole. He will represent us well. I'm going to vote for Ed Glenn for county commissioner and I hope you will too.

Sincerely,
(s) Michael B. Collins
Pendleton

Ed Glenn from Boardman, is the only candidate who can assure that the interests of the north end will be fairly represented and considered for the next four years. Ed knows the problems and opportunities of not only the north end, but the county as a whole. He will represent us well. I'm going to vote for Ed Glenn for county commissioner and I hope you will too.

(s) Dan Creamer
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Jeff Wallace understands people

To the Editor:

I write to urge all voters to vote for Jeff Wallace for district court judge for Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

Jeff knows and understands the people of Eastern Oregon. He was born and raised on the family farm near Umapine. He has proven himself to be a leader, having served as a state FFA officer, in the National Guard, as Weston City administrator and as Morrow County District Attorney. Jeff has also engaged in the private practice of law, representing clients in a variety

of matters, both civil and criminal.

I have known Jeff Wallace since 1980, when I returned to Pendleton to practice law. Jeff is intelligent, congenial, and fair-minded. He is a gentleman in every sense of the word. I believe he has a firm understanding of what a judge is required to do and would not seek to substitute his personal beliefs for rules of law. He is the best candidate for the job.

Sincerely,
(s) Michael B. Collins
Pendleton