

Letters to the Editor

Wallace more competent

To the Editor:

For 11 years, 1981 to 1991 inclusive, I held the judgeship of the district court for Umatilla and Morrow Counties which comprise the Sixth Judicial District. During this period I observed the courtroom work of most of the lawyers for the district and such observation included Jeff Wallace and Peter Fels who are the current candidates for the position. With attorneys and public officials writing in support of their choice, it is felt that, perhaps my opinion, based on actual court proceedings, might shed some light on the matter.

It is important to comment that none of the letters which I have read in support of Mr. Fels have mentioned his work in court, few as his work as an attorney.

Based on personal observation, Mr. Wallace is more competent than Mr. Fels in the matters that come before a district court. May I urge the voters to consult the Voter's Pamphlet, page 174, where the background and experience of each candidate is listed. Mr. Fels pales in comparison. Mr. Fels does not list any experience in handling of felony cases and, if he has had experience, why was it not listed? The experience, hard work,

fairness and leadership of Mr. Fels are mentioned but it does not follow that Mr. Wallace doesn't have experience, in fact, more than Mr. Fels, and in more areas of the law. As for the hard work, fairness and leadership qualities listed, Mr. Wallace has exhibited evidence of hard work in the preparation of his cases tried before me, together with fairness and leadership in presenting his case to the jury or the court. Several letters have mentioned the bilingual abilities of Mr. Fels as a plus for him but I differ on this factor because the court is not to address a litigant except through his attorney.

Mr. Fels became the district judge by an appointment from Governor Roberts. The bar poll conducted did not list Mr. Fels as the clear selection of the attorneys but the appointment went along political lines. Again, in the letters in support of Mr. Fels, few, if any, have mentioned that their selection is based upon their observation in court or as his attorney for them.

Mr. Wallace is the better candidate for the judgeship and I earnestly urge you to cast your vote for him on November 3.

Ralph Currin
Former District Court Judge

Carlson works for seniors

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Louis Carlson as Morrow County Judge.

I have worked with Judge Carlson on a number of issues affecting senior citizens in our county. He is a problem-solver with proven leadership skills, fair in his decision-making and has worked diligently for the growth

and expansion of services, programs and facilities for seniors in our county.

I have always found him accessible and willing to assist with any questions asked of him.

I urge voters in Morrow County to retain him as Judge.

Sincerely,
(s) Merri Reamer
Boardman

Uffelman valuable asset

To the Editor:

Making laws should be done by persons who have had years of experience in the real working world. You are most fortunate that Steve Uffelman is willing to serve as your state representative in Salem. His several years as mayor cannot help but make him most valuable in the Oregon Legislature. Many of the young legislators with whom I have served in the past are willing to experiment with new laws. They just do not have enough experience to realize the devastating side-effects their ideas can have.

I chair the Interim House Mandates Committee. My husband and I were impressed with Steve's knowledge of local governments and schools when we visited with him recently in Prineville.

Please send Steve Uffelman to Salem to serve with this Willamette Valley rural legislator who was born and raised at Lakeview. He will be a valuable asset to Eastern Oregon and the state.

Sincerely yours,
(s) Liz VanLeeuwen
Halsey

Wallace earns reputation

To the Editor:

When voters go to the polls in November they will be faced with many tough decisions involving many candidates. The one which may have the most personal impact is the race for district court judge for Umatilla/Morrow counties. If you are a victim of a crime, your decision could affect how you are treated in the justice system.

In nearly two decades as a police officer in Umatilla and Morrow County I have seen many lawyers in both district attorney offices gain experience only to leave for better paying jobs west of the Cascades. One man

has stayed in the area through thick and thin. Jeff Wallace has dedicated his career to serving the best interest of the law abiding many citizens of Umatilla and Morrow Counties.

It is no wonder why Jeff Wallace is endorsed by the police officers of all the area agencies and our district attorney in Umatilla County, Dave Gallaher. We know him and have worked with Jeff for all the years he has already given to the area. He has earned his reputation for fairness and honesty the Eastern Oregon way, he earned it.

Donald W. Christensen
Hermiston

Fels puts others first

To the Editor:

I have known Judge Peter Fels since before he became a judge and I know that Judge Fels has more than the necessary qualifications to be the best choice, i.e. community involvement, bilingual, fairness, good listener, integrity, leadership, hardwork, and has given a good example of his capabilities since January.

Judge Fels is also a genuinely nice person, someone we can be

proud to know as a friend and neighbor.

Being a judge is a serious responsibility and Judge Fels does take being a judge serious and will serve us well.

Now more than ever we need more people like Judge Fels who puts others first and this is our chance.

Don't forget to vote, it does make a difference.

(s)Barbra Mentzer
Pilot Rock

Keep up healing, elect Carlson

To the Editor:

Judge Louis Carlson has done a good county wise job. We must reelect him so he can continue his good work.

Besides his business expertise at the court house on budgets, roads, taxes, etc., he and Betty have both done a lot for the mending of grudges between the north and south

ends. They have not missed anything which has gone on in the north end since he took office.

Grudges only impair health, friendships, business; you name it. Lets keep up the healing process by electing Louis Carlson Judge.

(s) Mabel Allen
Boardman

Wallace has right experience

To the Editor:

I am writing your newspaper to ask the voters of Umatilla and Morrow Counties to elect Jeff Wallace as district court judge. He's the most qualified candidate and should be elected.

Jeff has been a prosecutor in Umatilla and Morrow counties and knows the area. His opponent is a former legal aid lawyer who was a political appointee of Governor Barbara Roberts. It's obvious to me who has the right kind of experience and training - Jeff Wallace.

Jeff has the endorsement of virtually every law enforcement association in Umatilla and Morrow counties. He also received

the endorsement of area attorneys in a recent bar poll. The people who are involved with the court system have made a clear statement as to who is the most qualified candidate.

I have known Jeff Wallace for over 30 years, both as an attorney and as a person who grew up in the Milton-Freewater area. He was involved in 4-H and FFA and is a person of good character and values. It's important for a judge to understand and reflect the values of the community.

Let's elect Jeff Wallace as our next district court judge.

Sincerely,
(s) Al Beard
Milton-Freewater

Fawbush works for rural health care

To the Editor:

South Morrow County was not part of Wayne Fawbush's district until December 1991. Shortly thereafter, he came to Heppner, introducing himself to his new district constituents. That's when we met for the first time.

We can speak about what Mr. Fawbush has done for rural health from a personal viewpoint. After that first meeting, he took time to tour the hospital, clinic and nursing home and to find out what the issues really were threatening the existence of our fragile rural health care system.

Within two months, he arranged a meeting between the directors of the Office of Rural Health and the Office of Health Policy; and local citizens to review the issues. Involvement with these two agencies became pivotal in later securing a Rural Health Care Transition Grant, and having our voice heard at the state level.

Despite this being an election

year, he has continued his efforts on our behalf. Mr. Fawbush was in town during our state nursing home survey process in February, 1992. When we applied for the Rural Health Care Transition Grant, he called us to offer to send a letter of support (which he did). He has continued his efforts in our behalf with the Oregon Hospital Association to ensure our hospital stays open.

With two-thirds of Oregon communities with populations less than 5,000 having no health care providers, protecting a dwindling resource is an uphill battle.

Mr. Fawbush deserves the endorsement of rural health care providers and their advocates. He has been working for us and will continue to do so. He has been a senator for several years and is an effective leader who knows the ropes and can get things done.

Respectfully submitted,
(s) Jeanne S. Berretta, M.D.
Edward S. Berretta, M.D.

Wallace knows criminal law

To the Editor:

As a former Oregon State Police Lieutenant, I know firsthand the problems of crime in our communities. Jeff Wallace is my candidate for district court judge because, as a long-time prosecutor, he does too.

Several years ago, I was the victim of a residential burglary. Jeff prosecuted the case and obtained a conviction. I appreciated the competent and professional manner in which he handled my case and the cases of other crime victims. Jeff is one of the most experienced prosecutors in Eastern Oregon. He deals with crime victims on an almost daily basis. He has established a victim's program through his office to help them deal with the justice system. He has also set up a child abuse prosecution team to make it easier for victims of child abuse to testify in court and cope with the trauma of child abuse.

When you elect a judge, you need to consider that person's background and experience. You need to consider whether he has a background in criminal law. You need to consider if he has ever been in private practice, dealing with real clients in the real world. Jeff has, and that's why he is my candidate.

Let's elect as our next district court judge the candidate who has the kind of experience this position calls out for. That candidate is Jeff Wallace.

Sincerely,
(s) Keith Lewis

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This Weeks Lunch Specials

- Mon. - Closed
- Tues. - Ole!! Mexican Food (Every Tues.)
- Wed. - Chinese Noodles (Every Weds.)
- Thurs.-Char Broiled Prime Rib Sandwich
- Fri. - Salmon Loaf
- Sat. - Lasagne
- Grilled Homemade Sourdough French Bread
- Sun. - Chicken Noodles and Dumplings
- Grilled Homemade Sourdough French Bread
- Fri. Eve. - Steamed Clams & Grilled Razor Clams
- Sat. Eve - BBQ Spareribs (All You Can Eat)

All Dinners Include:
Relish Dish, Salad, Soup,
Homemade Sourdough French Bread (When Available)
or Loaf Bread, Sherbet

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Measure 9 promotes hatred

To the Editor:

I grew up in Heppner. I am extremely proud to be an Oregonian and feel lucky to have spent my youth in a safe, nurturing rural town. When I think of Heppner, I think of a community of people who taught me that each individual should be honored and acknowledged, regardless of ethnicity, religious bent, or level of education. Christian ideals of loving one's neighbor as oneself were fundamental to life in my hometown.

The current election brings with it a test for all Oregonians: do we really and truly believe in justice and equality for all our citizens? Measure 9 is a proposed law that would require discrimination against homosexuals.

We don't all have to agree about the normalcy or correctness of each person's lifestyle or sexual practices. However, the jump from not understanding or fearing a person to discriminating against or hating that person is huge.

Homosexuals are people. They

need food and shelter and jobs to continue to live in, and contribute to, our society and our state. I love my homosexual friends. I see their fear as, week by week, reports of hate crimes increase. Skinheads are a reality in Portland. They beat black people to death on the streets. They killed a lesbian woman and a gay man in Salem last month. This is not media hype. Condemning one group of people has already resulted in splitting our communities, legitimizing one group's morality at the cost of peace and safety on our streets.

Remember what Oregon stands for. To me, Oregon is a place where civil liberties are cherished, not a place where groups of citizens can be singled out as perverse. We are facing hard economic times in this state and across the country. We need to pull together and work to make things better. I cannot see how any of us would gain by creating a climate of distrust, fear and hate in our state.

Vote no on measure 9.
Sincerely,
Alice Abrams
Portland

Vote for Miller

To the Editor:

As auditor of public accounts the secretary of state is responsible for audits to prevent wasteful spending such as carpet in the Archives Building.

Also of particular importance to rural areas is his position on the State Land Board. The governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer constitute the State

Land Board responsible for the management of lands.

Involved in a family lumber business, Randy Miller knows the value of multiple use of lands. He would give rural areas a much-needed voice. A vote for Randy Miller is a good vote for Eastern Oregon.

(s) Bob & Suzanne Jepsen

Fels committed to youth

To the Editor:

As members of the education community we must stress the importance of retaining Peter Fels as judge in the Umatilla-Morrow District Court. Judge Fels has demonstrated a commitment to our youth both by visiting our

schools and through his fair judicial decisions. Peter Fels is a dedicated public servant and a man dedicated to community involvement. Join us in voting for Judge Fels this November 3.

(s) Bryan and Alice Traylor
Heppner

Disappointed in area businesses

To the Editor:

I was very pleased to see the Pendleton City Council, at its regular meeting October 6, vote unanimously to oppose ballot measure 9.

I am also disappointed that only a very small number of area businesses are willing to take a

stand against this discriminatory measure. Business owners would really be surprised to know how much of their business is supported by what is, unfortunately a mostly invisible gay and lesbian population in eastern Oregon.

(s) Kevin Lawson
Pendleton

Hang Frank!

Don't be afraid to hang our Frankenstein windsock outside this Halloween.

He'll only invite the trick-or-treaters in for a treat!



Come in soon and let us help you decorate for Halloween. We have everything you'll need—cards, partyware, and accessories.

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Don't Miss Our BIG
MOONLIGHT SALE
Thursday, Oct. 29, 5 to 8 p.m.
Enter To Win!

Door Prize Drawings at 5, 6, 7, and 8 p.m. (need not be present to win)

Enter All Day Long Thursday!

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