

Letters to the Editor

Editor's note: Letters to the Editor must be signed. The Gazette-Times will not publish unsigned letters. Please include your address and phone number on all letters for use by the G-T office. The G-T reserves the right to edit.

Support Guy VanArsdale

To the Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to support Guy VanArsdale for Morrow County Judge. I have known Guy VanArsdale for many years.

He has been a very successful businessman in Morrow County. He has worked as a contractor, built roads, flies, logs, owns equipment, kept crews working and has stayed ahead of the business all his life. He always got the job done and did it right.

He is presently the Morrow County Road Department's supervisor. Again, Guy has gotten the job done and done it

well. He is familiar with budgets. Private business and county business require that knowledge and Guy has just that expertise. Again, Guy has gotten the job done and done it right.

I admire Guy for a great many skills that he possesses. He is very astute and manages a great many tasks on a daily basis. There are many candidates, but none any more qualified for the job as Guy VanArsdale. Please vote and support Guy for Morrow County Judge on election day.

(s) Marlene Currin Heppner

Have faith in Lundquist

To the Editor:

We are supporting representative Lynn Lundquist as our representative for District 59.

Lynn has the experience we need in Salem. He has proven to us that he is there to represent us and not the Portland special interest groups that are financing his opponent.

Lynn Lundquist has shown he

Addresses question

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Allen Swenson's April 15, 1998, letter to the editor. Mr. Swenson questioned whether Morrow County wants me as their district attorney because of my driving record. I would like to address his question.

First, Mr. Swenson's recitation of my driving record is correct. However, his implication that I have no regard for the law is not correct. I have never been convicted of a crime. When I was cited for driving under the influence of intoxicants, 10 years ago, I was 23 years old. My blood alcohol content was .08, the legal limit. All of the charges against me were diverted and dismissed as a result of my completing a series of alcohol education classes.

These diversion classes proved to be the cloud's "silver lining". They provided me valuable tools and helped prevent alcohol from potentially becoming a problem in my life. Ironically, I moved on to teach several diversion classes on the subject of Oregon drinking and driving laws. I have grown and matured quite a bit since 1988. In fact, I have successfully prosecuted numerous driving under the influence cases since that time.

Second, the reported failure to appear in Wasco County Court was quite simply a clerical error. In 1995 I mailed Wasco County the scheduled bail for a speeding ticket I received. My payment was never entered on the computer and apparently never received. I moved to Portland shortly thereafter and did not

learn of the glitch until two years later. I re-paid the Wasco County ticket to reinstate my license. I did not knowingly drive while suspended and corrected the error as soon as I learned of it.

Mr. Swenson's question misstates what should be of real interest to the voters of Morrow County. What should be of real interest to the voters are the severe problems with their current district attorney. My candidacy and this election are about the need for change - change made necessary because a statutory rapist was offered misdemeanor treatment in exchange for his promise to marry his 14-year-old victim. Change made necessary because sex offenders go unprosecuted until interim district attorney Bill Hanlon, comes to town. Change made necessary because the current district attorney won't make himself accessible to the public.

No regard for the law? As your district attorney, I will improve prosecution and enforcement of the laws. Crimes will be charged, plead and tried according to the facts and the law. My door will always be open and phone calls will always be returned. Issues such as jail space and increased judge time in circuit court will be tackled head on until a solution is found. These changes represent my commitment to the law and will only occur with hard work and commitment. These issues of real interest are why you should elect David Allen as your next district attorney.

(s) David C. Allen Portland

Lynn Lundquist honorable, trustworthy

I would like to offer my support for Lynn Lundquist in his bid for our state representative for our area. I have found Lynn to be a very honorable and trustworthy individual in my business dealings with him over the many years we have bought good Hereford cattle from him. Lynn was also a hard working president of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association and his lobbying efforts on behalf of cattlemen and other resource users were outstanding. One important bill I recall that he worked hard on during his term as president gave ranchers, farmers, timberland owners, and

others who make their living managing their own natural resources the opportunity to manage on a voluntary rather than a regulatory basis.

Lynn is a champion of education and is a strong supporter of our schools and colleges. We talked with him during a recent trip to Morrow County to visit our school district and were impressed with his commitment to personally visit every school district in Oregon to see for himself what the needs are and to hear from the people living, working and paying taxes in those school districts.

(s) Ned E. Clark Heppner

Vote for Greg Walden

To the Editor:

We do not have much time left to consider our important votes that are coming up soon to elect a new U.S. Representative in Washington, D.C.

As one person that has lived in Eastern Oregon all my many years of life, I am very interested and hoping all our Eastern Oregon voters will be sure and vote and I hope each and every one will vote for Greg Walden.

He is, I believe, our best and

most capable choice for good representation in Congress for us.

He will do an outstanding job for our benefit.

Greg is well aware of Eastern Oregon problems and will make good decisions that will be based on our needs and desires.

Greg is also a good family man as well as a fine businessman in Hood River.

Please vote for our friend, Greg Walden.

(s) Herb Wright Fossil

Correction

(Editor's note: the following letter to the editor appeared incorrectly in last week's Gazette-Times.)

To the Editor:

When I read the Gazette last week and saw that Earl Woods and David Allen are the candidates for district attorney of Morrow County, I decided to do a little background investigation of my own. It wasn't easy. I had to go to the incumbent District Attorney Mr. Woods to get the information necessary about himself to start my investigation, and I had to access the records of the Justice Courts to get the rest. What I wanted to do was to check their driving records. I was finally able to do that through the Motor Vehicles Division, but as I said it wasn't easy.

I first checked Mr. Woods' driving record and discovered that over the last 10 years Mr. Woods has had two citations for speeding over the 10 year period, one in 1991 and one in 1993.

I next obtained the driving record for Mr. Allen and found it to be of much more interest. Over the period of the last 10 years Mr. Allen was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants in 1988, and in the process submitted to a breath test which showed his blood alcohol to be greater than the legal limit. This resulted in a suspension of his driver's license. Thereafter in 1995 he failed to appear for a hearing in the Wasco County District Court and as a result he was suspended again, this time for a period of two years and two months. During this period he was not supposed to drive in Oregon. But he did. In 1996 he was convicted of Driving While Suspended Infracton and in 1996 and in 1997 he was convicted for driving uninsured. Because of this and a few other minor citations Mr. Allen last November received a warning letter from the Department of Motor Vehicles. In addition he has a speeding ticket pending in the Heppner Justice Court which I'm told might impact his right to drive in Oregon.

I don't have a perfect driving record myself, but I'm not running for the top law enforcement legal position in the county. I wonder if we want a district attorney who apparently has no regard for the laws that he might be expected to enforce?

(s) Allen A. Swenson Heppner

Keep Lundquist

To the Editor:

One can always tell an election year, not only are the letters of support being sought, but also the newspapers and mail are used daily, mostly for the campaign messages of the candidates. Now I don't object to any form of campaigning as long as the information is truthful. And, unfortunately, there are ads coming out that I take issue to and they are not by any means truthful.

We support Lynn Lundquist for state representative. Lynn does indeed understand land issues and certainly is a friend of Eastern Oregon and is doing a great job in Salem. Despite the stories, and please know that they are just stories which are coming out against Lynn Lundquist, Lynn will be happy to address any and all issues you may wish to inquire about. Lynn is a member of the Cattlemen's Association and supports them. He is a rancher and cattlemen and therefore understands agriculture, natural resource issues and how very important our family jobs and wage needs are.

Please keep Lynn Lundquist as your state representative by casting your vote for him election day. He is doing an outstanding job in Salem for you and me.

(s) Tom and Marlene Currin Heppner

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

Helen Martin from Hermiton visited her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Brazell and other friends on Monday.

Math contest winners announced

The 1998 Morrow County School District Elementary/Middle/Junior High School Math Contest was held April 9 at A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon, with many county participants.

Fourth grade winner was Amy Jepsen and fifth grade winner was Jenny Atkins, both Heppner Middle School (HMS). Sixth grade winners were Luke Murray, HMS, and Johnny Collin, Lone Middle School (IMS). Seventh grade winner was David Harris, Columbia Middle School (CMS), Irrigon, and eighth grade winner was Jesse Gutierrez, Heppner Junior High School (HJHS).

A complete list of winners follows:

Fourth grade: first-Amy Jepsen, HMS; second-Krystal Nairns, HMS; third-Roy Kilkenney, HMS; fourth (tie)-Roy Proctor and Michael Merrill, both HMS; fifth-Heidi VanGorder, Sam Boardman Elementary School (SBE); sixth (tie)-Zachary Neeffe and Krystal Kegler, both SBE; seventh-Krystal Temple, home school; eighth-Jace Jones, SBE; ninth-Amanda Walker, A.C. Houghton Elementary School (ACH); 10th-Jackie Dike, ACH.

Fifth grade: first-Jenny Atkins, HMS; second-Shanna Rietmann, HMS; third-Carly Costello-SBE; fourth-Taylor McElligott, IMS; fifth-Kasie Peterson, IMS; sixth (tie)-Josh Lankford and Cara Kennedy, both HMS; seventh (tie)-Cory Harris and Jasmine Hankins, both SBE; eighth (tie)-Jessica Burns, and Leah Wilson, both ACH, and Andrew Baker, SBE; ninth-Megan Skinner, SBE; 10th-Stephanie Gisi, SBE.

Sixth grade: first (tie)-Luke Murray, HMS, and Johnny Collin, IMS; second Zach Baker, CMS; third-Brian Haguewood, HMS; fourth-Danielle Looslie, HMS; fifth-Natalie McElligott, IMS; sixth-Landi Busey, CMS; seventh-Crystal Nunoz, CMS; eighth-Chantea Macaulay, HMS; ninth-Lyndon Hirai, CMS; 10th-Stefanie Hanson, HMS.

Seventh grade: first-David Harris, CMS; second-Thomas Bauska, CMS; third-Sally Calvert, HJHS; fourth-Doug Orwick, HJHS; fifth-Nic Armstrong, CMS; sixth-Caitlin Orem, Lone Junior High School (LJHS); seventh-Daniel Jepsen, HJHS; eighth-Jamie Moore, CMS; ninth-Alysun Burns, CMS; 10th-Jaysi Bennetto, IJHS, Rachel Howard and Cindy Gall, both HJHS.

Eighth grade: first-Jesse Gutierrez, HJHS; second-Cameron Sanders, CMS; third-Shelley Rietmann, HJHS; fourth-Jon Bennett, HJHS; fifth-Brendan Busey, CMS; sixth-Brian Rust, HJHS; seventh-Jodie Carlson, HJHS; eighth-Matt Gordanier, CMS; ninth-Julie Proctor, HJHS; 10th-Brad Bowman, HJHS.

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