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Hermiston Herald endorses Spicer

Reprinted Editorial from the Hermiston Herald May 2, 2006

Three candidates are vying to fill the role of circuit court judge in the newly-created 6th district.

Steven Fogelson, an attorney in private practice since 1992, and former deputy district attorney for Umatilla County, has put forward some interesting ideas should he win the election. He supports a night court, a drug court and more creativity when issuing sentences.

Fogelson does not, however, have the temperament to serve as judge. Listening to him in private conversations or public forums, one gets the impression that emotion would play a role in Fogelson's sense of justice. There is no place for advocacy in the judge's chair.

Christopher Brauer has a proven track record in his job as Umatilla County District Attorney, a role he has served since 1995. But Brauer's background is almost primarily in criminal law. And while he has some experience in civil law, it is limited, and he lacks experience in family law.

Annetta Spicer is currently a private practice attorney who has also served as Morrow County District Attorney and deputy district attorney. She is our choice to fill the seat as circuit court judge for the 6th district. We like her broad experience in both civil and criminal law, and her emphasis on victims' rights. We also like that she is dissatisfied with the status quo of the current court system. She believes the scheduling of cases and jury selection is inefficient and needs revamping. She is right. Brauer has remarked little about any changes he would bring to the court if elected.

Spicer also has a point in her concerns about the potential for conflict if Brauer were to serve as judge. He has appointed many of the attorneys who would be prosecuting cases in his courtroom.

Of all three candidates, Spicer has the best temperament, background and concern for a fair and judicious court of law.



**STUDENT OF THE MONTH
MAHALEY HUDDLESTON**

Mahaley Huddleston, 17, is currently a junior at Heppner High School. She is the daughter of Mark and Janice Huddleston. Mahaley has two brothers, Kyle is a college freshman, and Jared is an eighth grader.

Mahaley lived in Portland until the age of five. She moved to Heppner the summer before her first grade year.

Mahaley's leadership experiences so far have involved being the ASB vice president and she is an active junior class member. She sponsored the sophomore class by going to the HOBY festival in 2005. Last year she was sophomore class president. She has also helped feed the homeless in Portland with her church group. Mahaley is active in 4-H, HHS drama, and is always looking for new opportunities and leadership activities.

Mahaley consistently maintains honor roll status and is currently taking advanced placement (AP) classes in language arts and chemistry. Mahaley also was part of the Ione/Heppner group that traveled to France this spring. Her career goals are either drama or journalism.

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JUDGE**

Umatilla/Morrow Counties
(Position No. 5)

~ Letters to the Editor ~

The Heppner Gazette Times will print all letters to the Editor with the following criteria met: letters submitted to the newspaper will need to have the name of the sender along with a legible signature. We are also requesting that you provide your address and a phone number where you can be reached. The address and phone number will only be used for verification and will not be printed in the newspaper. Letters may not be libelous. The GT reserves the right to edit. The GT is not responsible for accuracy of statements made in letters. Any letters expressing thanks will be placed in the classifieds under "Card of Thanks" at a cost of \$10.

Help turn our economy around, vote yes for speedway tax

To the Editor:

It is probably too late to change the minds and hearts of voters who plan to vote against the excise tax for the speedway area but we so desperately need the jobs and the new businesses in this county that we have a very hard time understanding those who can't get on board. Are they going to step up and create jobs for thousands of people? This is one of the greatest opportunities in the

state and they're willing to turn it down- what do they think is going to come along and give us anything better? Even with reservations, please vote yes, we need to turn the economy around in this county and we're running out of time to keep more businesses from closing permanently. How many more empty stores do people need to see to get the picture?

(s) John and Nancy
Gochnauer
Heppner

Senior judge supports Brauer

To the Editor:

Voters have an opportunity to elect an outstanding candidate for Circuit Judge (Position 5, Umatilla and Morrow counties), Chris Brauer.

Christopher Brauer has a solid fundamental background of most all phases of law practice, civil, business, probate, domestic and criminal law. He will bring to the court the important qualifications of experience, intelligence and the degree of common sense. Mr. Brauer has shown his dedication to public service

by his distinguished tenure of 12 years as Umatilla County District Attorney. His peers understood his outstanding qualities by electing him president of the Oregon District Attorney Association.

As a former district attorney and member of the bench for this district, I highly recommend and urge your vote for Chris Brauer for Circuit Judge (Position 5).

(s) Richard J. Courson,
senior judge
Pendleton

DA report

Clinton Eugene Springer admitted to violation of probation allegation for Possession of a Controlled Substance. His probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to 20 days in jail and a one-year probation extension from the original expiration date.

Connie Jo Raphael admitted to violation of show cause order allegations for Assaulting a Public Safety Officer. Her probation was revoked and reinstated and she was sentenced to 12 days in jail.

Marvin Alex Poirier was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance 2, a Class C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months of supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$1765 in fines and fees.

Raul Vazquez Hernandez was convicted of two counts of Assaulting a Public Safety Officer, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$6337.55 in fines, fees and restitution.

Juan Carlos Guzman-Madrigal was convicted of Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, a Class C felony. His driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$1826.52 in fines, fees and restitution.

James Everett Baker pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance- Substantial Quantity of Marijuana, a Class B felony. He was sentenced to 10 months in jail, with credit for 150 days served from another case, 24 months probation and suspension of his driver's license for six months.

Ione Community Church prepares for annual auction, barbeque

The Ione Community Church is already selling tickets for their 44th annual Auction and Barbeque on Saturday, June 3 at the Willow Grange in Ione. The country store and silent auction will begin at 10

a.m., the live auction begins at 10:30 a.m., and a pit barbeque dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m.

For advanced dinner tickets or more information, contact Ione Community Church at 422-7530 or ask any ICC member.

Pettyjohn reunion to be held in Ione

All the friends and family of William Steagal Pettyjohn and Mary Ellen Mizell are invited to gather on Sunday, June 18 at 12 noon at the Ione American Legion Hall for a reunion.

Meat, rolls and drinks will be furnished, salads and desserts should be brought. For more information, contact Margo Sherer at 422-7428.

(s) Rev. Grace Drake
Heppner

Voisin strong opponent for Congressperson

To the Editor:

I have not seen nor heard local publicity concerning any of the four Democratic nominees who wish to oppose Congressperson Greg Walden in the general election in November.

For those who have not sent in their ballots, I would like to speak a good word for Carol Voisin, the one woman seeking the nomination.

I first met her in 1972, in Berkley, CA. I was a first year student at Pacific School of Religion, beginning my study for a master of divinity degree. She was a first year enrollee at the Graduate Theological Union, to seek a doctorate of theology degree. We were regular dining hall companions and participants in lively discussions.

For the next two years, she and I, with one other woman student, were apartment mates, on and close to the campus buildings. We have remained in contact during these intervening 30 years. She is now teaching at Southern Oregon University.

I found her to be very focused about her goals in life and fair and inclusive in her attitudes toward fairness and justice. She was able to ask pointed questions, was willing to listen to others points of view, yet insisting on clarity of opinion. She works hard and persistently, in study and work.

In the Bay area, she has been a home owner, found improving her home to meet earthquake code was necessary; she was willing to serve on community planning and development committees. She is thorough and fair in her analysis of situations.

To vote for anyone for public office is an investment of personal trust in the integrity of that person. I perceive Carol to be a person worth of that trust and recommend her for your consideration.

(s) Grace Drake
Heppner

Rhea, one of PMH excellent caregivers

To the Editor:

I read with pleasure and gratitude Molly Rhea's letter of appreciation for the hospital's staff of caregivers. Some of them I know well from the 10 years of so when I was at the hospital often in the role of volunteer chaplain.

Most readers probably noticed that Molly, herself, wears three hats, administratively. Last week, I appeared at the Home Health offices for my regular foot care- at 12:30 p.m., because I was being "worked in." Who came to trim my toenails? Molly Rhea. Yes, the members of the staff are a group of special people and excellent caregivers, including Molly Rhea.

(s) Rev. Grace Drake
Heppner

School board to examine program

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Morrow County School District.

-approved the second reading and adopted district financial policies.

-tabled a decision on drug and alcohol policies until further discussion at the May 15 work session.

-approved classified/confidential personnel for hire for 2006-07.

-agreed to discuss the issue of employing a school resource officer (basically a police officer) in the schools at the request of board member Ken Matlack, who is also the Morrow County Sheriff.

-agreed to consolidate the June and July meetings to one day, June 29, at 7 p.m. at the district office.

- a c c e p t e d resignations and retirements for: Amber Kellison, Sam Boardman Elementary School second grade teacher; Gretchen Kirchner, Riverside High School ed assistant; Elisabet Flores, SBE kindergarten teacher.

- a p p r o v e d employment for Alissa Daltoso, half-time RHS language arts teacher, replacing Lea Mathieu who is on sabbatical for the 2006-07 school year; Juana Santillan, ACH English as a second language teacher; Ryan Preuit, Irrigon High School advanced math teacher; Michael Cates, SBE PE teacher; Raul Alvarado, ACH PE teacher; Franca Hernandez, SBE second grade teacher; Anne Osterland, Irrigon Elementary School sixth grade teacher, replacing Jim Keyes; Sonia Sanchez, WRE counselor; Harold Poehling, WRE music teacher; Beth Dickenson, HHS vo-ag teacher; Michelle Stone, HES K-1 teacher.

- a p p r o v e d promotion for: Lisa Konecny, IHS library tech, replacing Sharon Sample; Diane Skoubo, RHS library tech, replacing Kay Ceton.

-approved transfers for Kevin Harper from RHS technology ed to SBE English language learner teacher; Marianne Smith from SBE third grade teacher to half-time HES third grade teacher and half-time HHS art teacher.

- a p p r o v e d rescinding retirement for HES teacher Cara Osmen and hiring her for a half-time temporary third-grade position at HES.

-heard the following announcements: board work session, Monday, May 15, prior to the budget meeting, 5:30 p.m., district office; budget meeting, Monday, May 15, 7 p.m. district office; Boardman Community Education Committee meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m., Riverside High School; Irrigon CEC meeting, Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m., Irrigon High School; Heppner CEC meeting, Monday, May 22, 7 p.m. Heppner Elementary School; Memorial Day holiday, Monday, May 29; Morrow Education graduation, Thursday, June 1; Heppner High School graduation, Saturday, June 3; Riverside High School graduation, Sunday, June 4; last day of school for students, Wednesday, June 7; last day of school for teachers, Friday, June 9.

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