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COMMENTARY

Geauga judge decision close

Geauga County voters are fortunate to have their choice of two highly qualified candidates for Judge of Common Pleas Court. Gene Henry is a familiar face on the legal and political scene in Geauga County. His experience with the Geauga County Prosecutor's office would be a valuable asset, as is his broad legal experience.

Hans Veit, an 18-year resident of Russell, draws on a broad background of experience in all phases of the law. His fleeing a totalitarian government as a teenager appears to have given him special appreciation for the freedoms of a democratic society.

Veit must be given a slight edge in this case.

The Henry family was recently involved in an unsuccessful effort to rezone 170 acres of land in Bainbridge for a trailer park. While Henry said he would disqualify himself from any cases involving that property, he would still be party to decisions that would affect other developers and set precedents for future action.

Zoning issues are very much in the fore in Geauga County today, as those living there have so often taken or been forced into a defensive position. The Court of Appeals is the decision-maker when local appeal process fails. It is important to have a judge with no vested interest in zoning decisions or the precedent they set.

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