

LETTERS

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at Hwy. 20 and Barclay, I noticed it really reduced the excess speed of eastbound traffic through Sisters, and it was easy to get across the highway there.

One sheriff's deputy told me that the intersection of Highway 20 and Barclay as it is now with no traffic lights, was one of the most dangerous in Deschutes County. Given that, I've always wondered why the traffic light wasn't permanently installed.

Additionally, I was told by the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office that Sisters was going to have some radar speed signs installed like the ones seen on Highway 20 in Tumalo. We really need them, as it's hard to cross the highway in town with people driving through 20-mph zones at speeds well in excess of 35 mph and upward — and I have to wonder why this rarely seems to be enforced.

Let's spend our money on radar speed signs at both ends of town, put in traffic lights, save considerable expense, and put the roundabout idea into the scrap bin along with the back-in-parking fiasco, where it belongs.

Steve Allely



To the Editor:

I am a frequent visitor in Sisters and have stayed at Black Butte Ranch for years. Recently, my grandchildren rented bicycles in Sisters because the bikes at Black Butte Ranch were already rented. We all talked about how wonderful a paved path would be for return of the bicycles.

This led to a talk about how much more fun it would be for them and their friends if they could ride to Sisters for treats, movies, books, etc. We adults also talked about how much we would like to be able to safely ride to Sisters for groceries, etc. In addition to saving fuel, we would also work our muscles in a very manageable way. A paved path, safe from cars, taking us on a fun and short enough ride for us would be a fine addition to the community. I hope this path happens.

When contemplating a second home we often compare Black Butte Ranch to Sunriver and talk about our families' wishes and recreational opportunities. The bike path would be a major plus for our rental/second home. We spend way too much time in the car, and our family members all enjoy biking. As the

grandchildren age and want a little freedom, a safe, smooth path would provide that. It would be such an enhancement, not only for our use, but for fuel economy in general. Hope this helps with the decision-making.

Ann Ruttan



To the Editor:

At the start, the proposed roundabout was not recommended or desirable by either Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) or the trucking industry. Currently, a roundabout intersection is published as the option supported by the general community and ODOT.

Undoubtedly there are people in the community that want a roundabout on the highway. However a small but active and influential group can often appear to be the majority, case in point is the back-in parking on Cascade Avenue [sic]. Back-in parking will soon be converted into conventional parking, at an economic loss, compared with installing conventional parking in the first place. The roundabout decision seems to be following the same pattern as back-in parking.

I grew up in New Jersey, where there were many circles on highways. Even a few decades ago these circles were being decommissioned or modified because of the high rate of accidents. There is difference in right-of-way rules between roundabouts and circles, but the basic difference remains between circular intersections and lights. Do we really want to see Oregon become more like New Jersey?

Looking at Bend's roundabouts on the more heavily used intersections, it is apparent they are failing and creating long lines during busy times. I can't speak to data on roundabouts in highways in Oregon, not sure if we even have any. Common sense dictates that a traffic light would be safer than a roundabout, and regulate traffic much better, particularly during times of increased traffic.

A number of people still do not understand rights of way or usage of roundabouts, driving through Bend's roundabouts makes this apparent. Everyone knows what to do at traffic lights.

If we install a traffic light at the intersection of Barkley and Highway 20 instead of a roundabout, we would not need to experience "back-in parking 2.0."

Thomas Pryor

Obituary

Phyllis Gertrude Saunders

July 11, 1923 – April 1, 2015

Phyllis Gertrude Saunders of Sisters passed away peacefully at home with her family at her side. She was 91.

A private committal service took place at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Covina Hills, California, on April 13, 2015.

Phyllis was born July 11, 1923 in London, England, to Ernest and Gertrude (Summerton) Ansell. She married Robert C. Saunders on December 26, 1941 in London. In 1950, they emigrated from England and became naturalized U.S. citizens in 1962. Phyllis moved to Sisters in 1998 to be closer to family.

Phyllis enjoyed quilting, knitting, and going to dog shows. She also took great pride in following her son Al's coaching career in the NFL. But, most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Phyllis is survived by



her son Alan (wife Karen) Saunders of Alameda, CA; daughter Denise (husband Mike) Hooey of Sisters; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Other survivors include her sister, Audrey Hunt of London, England.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Saunders, and both parents.

Memorial contributions in Phyllis' memory can be made to Partners in Care Hospice, 2075 N.E. Wyatt Ct., Bend, OR, 97701 or to a local animal shelter.

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