

DEATH NOTICES

Elizabeth A. ‘Beth’ Daniels
Umatilla
Feb. 17, 1930-Oct. 16, 2016

Elizabeth A. “Beth” Daniels, 86, of Umatilla died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016, in Hermiston. She was born Feb. 17, 1930, in Sunnyside, Wash. A private family celebration will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

David P. Marin
Umatilla
Feb. 24, 1998-Oct. 10, 2016

David P. Marin, 18, of Umatilla died Monday, Oct. 10, 2016, at his home. He was born Feb. 24, 1998, in Ventura, Calif. A celebration of life service will be held Monday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. at Burns Mortuary chapel in Hermiston. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online guest book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Umatilla school board supports bond

I am writing in support of the Umatilla School District bond measure on the November ballot. This bond will allow the district to make needed improvements at all three schools in Umatilla — McNary Elementary, Clara Brownell Middle School and Umatilla High School.

As a parent of two children at McNary, I would like to highlight the needs at the school. This school was built in the 1970s. It has been well maintained by district staff, but at this point needs to have the roof replaced and to have new heating and cooling controls installed in order to be more efficient and to save the district money long term. However, the biggest challenge at McNary is the cafeteria. The school currently runs just under 700 students through the single cafeteria for breakfast and again at lunchtime. A snack and dinner are also provided to those students who participate in the district after-school program. The kitchen is small and outdated. If the bond is approved by voters, an entire new cafeteria would be built at McNary — this is the most important project at this school that bond funds would address.

The Umatilla school bond will NOT increase taxes for Umatilla citizens, the new bonds are estimated to continue the same tax rate of the current bonds, just longer. Also, if voters approve the bond, the Umatilla School District will receive an additional \$4 million from the state of Oregon for district projects.

I encourage the Umatilla Community to vote YES on

this school bond — to protect our students, to protect our educational investments and send a clear message that the Umatilla community is dedicated to quality education.

TOBY CRANSON
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AND PARENT

Our district staff has done a wonderful job of maintaining our buildings, but there comes a time when funds are needed for capital improvements.

There are two really great things about this bond. One is that it will NOT increase taxes for Umatilla citizens, the new bonds are estimated to continue the same tax rate for the current bonds, just longer. The second great thing is if voters approve the bond, the Umatilla School District will receive an additional \$4 million from the state of Oregon for district projects. This opportunity will not come again from the state for a long time, if ever, and is a great benefit to the district — essentially receiving a free \$4 million.

TRAVIS EYNON
SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

The Umatilla School District is a small, rural district, but there are really great things going on. We have an amazing after school program which focuses on STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Math — where students are learning all types of hands-on skills in these areas. The Umatilla School District also has a renowned robotics program, with teams consistently competing and winning across our region and across the nation. Students who graduate from Umatilla are also doing great things. One of our 2015 graduates won the coveted Gates

Millennium Scholarship and is currently attending Dartmouth College.

The Umatilla School District has dedicated teachers and staff who are doing a wonderful job of educating our students, but our students and their educators deserve school facilities that are functioning properly and updated. Our district staff have done a wonderful job of maintaining our buildings, but there comes a time when funds are needed for capital improvements. Now is the time for voters in our community to approve the school bond and make these investments possible.

LESLEY CLAUSTRO-SANGUINO
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

I would like to address the needs at Umatilla High School. This school continues to be the flagship building of the district. Built in 1999, the high school is a beautiful facility, serving our students well. However, the roof must be replaced, and updating the HVAC systems and controls will allow our high school to remain in top condition for years to come. If approved by voters, the bond will complete these projects; otherwise the school will have to find other funds in the district budget. Investing in these needed capital improvements now will ensure that our elementary and middle school students will still get to enjoy a wonderful high school building when they are older.

JON LORENCE
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Trump threats show he is unfit to lead

We must realize how very important this Presidential

election can be. The second debate shows us that Hillary Clinton’s opposition for the presidency will stop at nothing to be elected. Threats of jail in the debate for Hillary if he is elected. This is a new low even for this person. Is our country a third world banana republic? I believe we are still a democracy!

If he is elected there will not be a Sen., Joe Biden to pass protective legislation for women and girls. Women’s rights are human rights as Hillary Clinton said in her speech in Beijing 20 years ago. These rights are worth protecting now as they were then. We are not chattels or objects owned by anyone, we have the same rights at this time due to our long line of Presidents including President Barack Obama who supports the rights of all of our citizens.

We have, in Hillary Clinton the most qualified person to become President. She is a caring, serious, steadfast person that has plans and policies to work for a better tomorrow.

She will get the job done for us all. Please VOTE!

Hillary Clinton for president — we are stronger together

JAN BEITEL
UMATILLA

Lehnert is sheriff for the future

My friend’s nine-year-old granddaughter shared she hated school. “Why?” they pleaded. But before she could answer, many reasons were presented to her, allowing her the opportunity to reflect upon her blessings.

Finally, when pressed on why she now hated school, she rolled her eyes and said, “I’m in the class with all the addicts’ kids.” She went on in her nine-year-old viewpoint to explain how disruptive and chaotic too many classmates’ lives were. Her grade is very different than past, and will it be better in the future?

Sheriff Terry Rowan states on his website “It’s not in me to take a back seat; I

have a desire to serve and make the community safer.”

However, you look at Umatilla County, it is not safer. Especially it is not safer for children. Since 2006, our county has had a very visible meth and opioid issue. We have policies and agencies that must be transparent and up to date. We deserve someone who has the collective support of police agencies, not just board memberships. We deserve someone who will question misspending.

Change is the law of life. We could spend time looking to the past or present but we will be certain to miss the future. And the future is our children. Please vote for Ryan Lehnert. He is the children’s sheriff’s candidate.

Back seat or front seat, it doesn’t matter if the vehicle is headed off a cliff. Not only does Umatilla County need a new driver, it needs Ryan Lehnert to stand up, not sit down as the new sheriff.

CAROL MCMULLIN
HERMISTON

Feeding my shoe addiction

I am the proud owner of two new pairs of Nike shoes.

I’m absolutely thrilled with the Nike Free Connect. Released in June of this year — shoes have release dates just like albums, who knew? — I got the fluorescent yellow ones with black accents. A co-worker said my feet look like victims of assault by a highlighter. Whatever, they are sweet and so comfortable. They provide all the pleasures of walking barefoot, but without the risk of stepping on goatheads.

The other pair is the 2016 version of the women’s Air Max. I have a past model and really liked them, so the new and improved model caught my eye. They are like walking on a cushion of air ... hmmm, maybe that’s why they have “air” in their name.

My quest to go on a Nike shopping excursion started when I was watching the Summer

Olympics. I was salivating over all the awesome gear.

However, my pocketbook doesn’t always agree with my wants and needs — yes, needs. A woman can never have too many shoes. Besides that, for some cruel reason my feet grew in the past few years and many of my shoes don’t fit anymore.

I had heard that people can sometimes get passes to shop at the Nike Company Store — the privilege comes with a 50 percent discount. I had no idea how common folks could obtain one of the passes, so I expressed my desire on a Facebook post.

Within a short period of time, Martin Alvey, one of my old high school buddies, sent me a private message saying his son worked for Nike and could probably

hook me up. I’ve never even met Sean Alvey, but he was a trooper and took care of the details.

Pepsi or Coke, Ducks or Beavers, beer or wine, Nike or Adidas — people often have their own preferences. I’ve been a fan of Nike dating back to my high school days when I bought my first pair.

From a very young age my mom and pops taught me to set goals and work toward them. I got a job at the Coos Bay Library, initially making less than \$2 an hour. I had to shelve a lot of books and wait on numerous patrons before I earned enough to buy those beautiful white leather high tops with Nike’s signature red swoosh.

Fast-forward 40 years and there I was at Nike’s headquarters in Beaverton. There was a



Tammy Malgesini
INSIDE MY SHOES

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