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try bring some clarity to the muddled mess of clashing agenda driven administrative egos.

A concerned citizen,
Shirley McBride

To the Editor:

I find it odd and concerning that our new mayor, who was never elected by the citizens of Sisters, would take to task David Asson, recently re-elected, for trying to add some much-needed transparency about the food-cart fiasco.

The recent decision by the City to allow food carts for the ex-mayor doesn't pass the smell test regardless of how our city officials try to spin it. It isn't about the food carts, it is about the process used to allow them. Kudos to Asson for trying to keep the public informed.

Criticizing a fellow member of the Council in a public forum shows not only a lack of taste but also the lack of even the most fundamental of management capabilities.

It looks like our Council, AKA the gang that can't shoot straight, is carrying on business as usual.

Bob Norman

To the Editor:

In church we periodically learn of all the ancient kinds who send their armies to conquer other countries (after all, the Bible is our best history book!).

Two thousand years later it doesn't seem to have changed; the Mideast is still a scene of constant wars. Today groups like Isis (sic), certain Muslim groups are still trying to conquer territory and impose their lifestyle upon them. Without wealthy kings, where is the money coming from to provide all the modern weaponry? Arms companies around the world will say that they "just sell to brokers" and care less where the guns go. If we shut off the oil, will the wars stop? I doubt it, if history is a guide!

Why then do countries like ours feel that it is their prerogative (duty? privilege? moral imperative?) to try to stop them all? Is someone here likening our arms companies to ancient kings and that the final name of the game is "keeping your armies busy" and "make money"? All I can think about it is that it is usually women, children, and innocent citizens who ultimately pay the price for every war! I don't recall much about that in the Bible!

Russell B. Williams



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Amy Abramson is taking donated school supplies with her to Guatemala.

GUATEMALA: Sisters is rallying to help kids in Guatemala

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an easy thing for me to take down there," she said.

Abramson says she's become "kind of obsessed" with education issues in rural Guatemala. Illiteracy rates are very high — 31 percent across the population in general and 60 percent among indigenous peoples. Barriers to education are high. Primary education up to grade six is government-funded, but beyond that it is not free. Rural people cannot afford further education, nor can they readily travel to the urban centers where middle schools are located.

Many children drop out or never progress past the sixth grade level, moving into the fields to work in agriculture.

Providing school supplies is a small but important way to ease the financial burden of education and to provide sometimes-scarce materials.

Abramson is also volunteering at a dental clinic for five days on this trip.

As often happens in Sisters, the project has caught on with others. Nancy Russell at Stitchin' Post has a group knitting caps for infants at a Guatemalan orphanage.

"It's unfolding into this really cool thing," Abramson said.

For more information, call Abramson at 541-610-8028, email amy@blueburroimports.com or stop by the store during business hours.

Learn about mythology at library

Dr. Eleanor Sumpter-Latham digs deeper into the development of classical mythology at the Sisters Library Tuesday, February 3, at noon, as part of the Know Myth series offered through the month of February at Deschutes Public Libraries. The program is free and open to the public.

According to Dr. Latham, "Greek and later Roman mythologies are, in general terms, 'sky-god' (as opposed to 'earth-mother') systems." However, both cultures

adopted and adapted local deities into their systems as their territories increased. During her presentation Dr. Latham will focus on familiar adaptations of several main gods and goddesses as well as minor deities from around the world, highlighting the similarities of mythology from culture to culture.

"We will also briefly look at the incorporation of local heroes and ancestor worship," she says.

Dr. Sumpter-Latham

earned her Ph.D. at the University of Washington in 1993. She currently teaches writing and literature courses at COCC. Dr. Latham has been a part of library programming, presenting programs on Virgil and why we love vampires.

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