

LETTERS

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A programmable spotlight would save \$2.5 million-plus (probably more with the new “truck bypass lane”), and would save the City a couple hundred thousand dollars. It would respond instantly to current traffic conditions and be much less intrusive in the off-traffic hours.

If ODOT wants to spend \$3 million in this area, let them put center-turn refuge lanes on Highway 20 and Highway 126 at the intersections where the major accidents are hurting and killing people.

We don’t need no stinkin’ circle.
Glenn Brown

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To the Editor:

From time to time it is refreshing to find something positive, pleasant, and not a part of an argument among the letters you publish. Thus, I submit the following:

The Luther Metke Corridor Walk-through took place on Wednesday, August 26, and what a great event it was! Its purpose was to build community and edify while honoring and remembering long-time Camp Sherman resident and poet laureate, Luther Metke, who lived a full 100 years. Builder of log cabins, Luther also built bridges, was a Spanish American War veteran, naturalist, philosopher, poet, and family man.

All of these aspects of his life were brought out by the speakers at the Corridor Walk-through: Jim Doherty, Steve Raymen, Kelly Cannon-Miller, Jim Anderson, Sue Anderson, and Jack Kleinhoff. Each speaker, authentic in their self, painted a piece of the picture of Luther Metke’s life, altogether a whole, authentic human being.

Without the planning, hard work, and generosity of Steve Purcival and Craig Shulsted, the bookends of the corridor, along with the vision, determination, dedication, and enthusiasm of Luther Metke’s grandson, Brian Metke, this wonderful occasion would not have taken place. People came from close-by and as far away as Olympia, Washington, Auburn, Oregon, Portland, Salem, Roseburg, Bend, and Bordeaux, France to attend this celebration.

For those who missed it, the Luther Metke Corridor remains, and can be “walked” at any time in Camp Sherman.

Nothing comes from nothing,
Everything from thought.
Not always what is wanted,
Or what we really sought.
With man it’s trial and error,
Although many to consult.
With God; he has the answer,
So already knows results.

Luther Metke

Many thanks to Luther Metke for the life he lived. And many thanks to all who worked and came to the walk-through, making it the success it was.

Susan Carleton

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To the Editor:

Resigning from the Outlaws lacrosse program was a good start; I’d suggest that Mr. Gorayeb maintain his momentum and resign as the City Manager.

Ray Kenny

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To the Editor:

My wife, Judi, recently called the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District office to request an inspection of our property regarding fire-safety improvements we should make.

Fire Safety Manager Gary Marshall came to our ranch on August 28 and carefully explained to us what we could do and how each suggestion would help reduce fire risk. Sisters is extremely fortunate to have a person so qualified and capable to educate the residents in the fire district.

For us, it was an invaluable lesson in fire safety, explained in a logical way that non-experts could understand. We felt all of his suggestions were not only important but also doable. It was encouraging to know that many of the risks of fire damage are preventable.

We are very grateful that the Fire District provides this help.

Jim and Judi Knapp

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Carelessness starts fire; destroys homes

Approximately forty campers from the E Loop of Cove Palisades State Park Campground and 60 residents from a nearby subdivision were evacuated Sunday as fire pushed by strong winds quickly burned through sagebrush, juniper and grass.

Local farmers spotted the fire around 10:30 a.m. and took action to suppress it until fire personnel arrived. Firefighters from Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), and Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests joined firefighters from Jefferson County Rural Fire Department #1 to check the spread of the fire.

While firefighting resources are stretched due to extreme conditions and multiple major blazes in the Northwest, state, federal and county resources worked together to stop the fire at approximately 200 acres.

Emergency personnel from Oregon State Police and Warm Springs Police Department assisted Sheriff

Jim Adkins and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office in notifying residents and campers to evacuate the area. The evacuation order was been lifted and evacuees have returned to their homes and camps Sunday evening.

Two vacant homes and several outbuildings were destroyed by the fire, but no injuries to the public or emergency personnel were reported. Investigators from Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Forestry determined the cause to be barbecue briquettes which were improperly disposed of.

Fuel conditions throughout Central Oregon remain extreme; fire managers urge Oregonians to be vigilant about prevention and limit the risk of starting a wildfire by continuing to practice fire-safety awareness. The public is also reminded that campfires are banned on Deschutes and Ochoco National Forests, Prineville BLM, Oregon Department of Forestry protected lands, and Oregon State Parks.

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