

Letters to the Editor...

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To the Editor:

Recently, I was on my way to work when, out of nowhere, a deer on a suicide mission hit my car. The impact was so severe that my side airbags deployed and the safety mechanisms in my car brought me slowly to a halt and also phoned 911.

I was not injured, but I was pretty shaken up.

Three separate people stopped to see if I was OK, and one couple, whose name I did not get, stayed with me until I had made all the necessary phone calls and reached my husband to come rescue me. They were so sweet, kind and caring that I wanted to publically say "Thank You!!"

They did tell me that they also live in Sisters and had recently experienced an encounter with a deer. So they knew how disturbing the incident can be. I am constantly reminded of the wonderful community we have the privilege of calling home.

Thank you again to everyone who stopped and showed me the kindness of the human spirit!

Bette Johnson

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To the Editor:

Now that Sisters City Council has cleaned up it's own house it's time to look at what needs to be done to restore the reputation of the city and community. There still remain many lawsuits and threatened lawsuits over allegations of favoritism and discrimination. This prevailing theme of fear and conflict indicates our City government is broken, and that needs to change.

Over the past two years many key positions of City staff have turned over, with new faces and personalities in charge of providing prompt, professional and courteous service to our community. The resignation of City Manager Gorayeb affords an opportunity to seat at this key position a person of vision with leadership skills who can influence change in the prevailing dynamic of conflict our city has become sadly well-known for. This person will be charged to work with staff to assure they "get it right" the first time and assuring all citizens are treated equitably with the rules applied as written and mistakes are not made by staff that lead to the type of controversy and lawsuits we've seen over the past five years.

Councilors have embraced the "Civility Project" ("Speak Your Peace") and have

spoken with praise of a great staff in-house. Yet they have still to recognize and address the problems that continue to linger, and those issues need to be addressed as well.

For the community's reputation to be truly restored, once a new city manager is seated it is time for Council to take a hard look at what remains. Council needs to show true leadership by reaching out to those who have lingering issues created through errors and actions of former staff, elected and appointed (planning commission) officials, and find a way to resolve those issues. Only then will the community be able to truly move forward.

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To the Editor:

My name is Erik Pronold, and I am in favor of the Sisters school bond that we will be voting on soon. I am for this bond because I know that it is an investment in our vibrant young community.

Our community is based upon the youth of our community. The environment that we have here is perfect for kids to thrive, and it is what makes Sisters so desirable for many young families. Our facilities are deteriorating and are in dire need of updates to keep our buildings from getting worse and for our sports teams to enjoy safe and competitive surfaces.

Not only does the school benefit and the parents and children that attend but those that own homes also benefit from a high-caliber school system. When young families move here for the renowned schools they bring their consumer dollars, too. They also bring added jobs when they move their businesses here. The kids themselves provide labor and also spend money here. The young families volunteer here to improve all social aspects that drive our economy.

I love this community and I love to see our kids thrive. I may be even a little too prideful of our little town. All of this is because of the people who come together to make everything happen. When I coach Little League or basketball or flag football I see how amazing these kids are and I hope that we can give them everything they deserve and them some.

We NEED to invest in our community and we NEED to pass this bond. Please join me in voting for this need in our beloved little town.

Erik Pronold

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Sisters salutes...

On April 21, Property and Casualty Coverage for Education (PACE) awarded one of two Special Service Awards to Leland Bliss, Director of Operations for the Sisters School District. This is a new award that has been created by PACE this year.

In September of 2015, when students from Eugene School District were involved in a tragic vehicle accident near Sisters, Leland Bliss arranged for a Sisters School District bus to pick up the Eugene students and provide assistance to the athletes who were on their way to Bend for an athletic event.

Bliss was quick to give credit to the team of Sisters School District employees who jumped into action providing counseling, food and comfort to the Eugene students when brought back to Sisters. Sisters School



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Leland Bliss

District then provided a school bus to transport the students back home to Eugene.

Congratulations, Leland and to all the staff who helped create a safe and welcoming environment for these students.

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