

LETTERS

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doesn't appear to be adequate parking, so it is not unusual to find cars parked along the side of the road, complicating traffic and adding to the congestion. We now have skydivers landing in the field across from the airport and then walking across Camp Polk Road with all their gear to get back to the airport. How safe is this really when it involves both sides of a major road so close to town?

I, too, have nothing against the sport or the people involved, but it is for sure a faulty, erroneous location.

Lynne Keller



To the Editor:

In response to the Susan Tank letter to the editor, concerning Andrew Lustcutoff's perceived slight to fathers the world over for having exhibited such ignorance and insensitivity by mentioning, in his well-written article about three local bike racers, that Shawna Palanuk was a mother early in the text while not identifying Creed Siebel as a father until much later in the article.

Are you freakin' kidding me? Surely we can all agree that devoted moms and dads (oops, now I've done it too) are a good thing and try to remember a time when we weren't looking for imaginary slights and injustices where none exist.

While I consider these thing I'm also going to try and remember a time when a black box lying in the street wasn't seen as "suspicious" and it didn't require an Oregon State Bomb Unit, the Deschutes County Sheriffs Department, the City of Sisters Public Works Department and a water cannon to invade the privacy of an innocent and gender-neutral "portable wood router with some accessories."

Sheesh, get a grip.

Patrick A. Rose



To the Editor:

Hats off to Jim Cornelius for his excellent historic commentary on the Middle East, "The Long Echo of the Arab Revolt," (*The Nugget*, June 15, page 25).

We need first-class historical background pieces such as this in order to maintain our perspective amidst violent events.

Bill Stevens

To the Editor:

In an interesting turn of events I was advised this past Friday by the Deschutes County human resources director and county legal team that (sheriff candidate Deputy Eric) Kozowski's political campaign team has requested to review my now-10-year-old personnel file.

This an apparent response to my critical commentary in the public forum of his qualifications and experience to be elected sheriff of Deschutes County.

Harassment? Intimidation? Poor judgement? Take your pick.

When I related this to friends of mine in Wallowa County their response was illuminating — they are not surprised to hear of the candidate endorsing such a tactic.

Reminds me of the bad old days under Greg Brown.

As for me, I stand by George Orwell who wrote "If you have embraced a creed which appears to be free from the ordinary dirtiness of politics — a creed from which you yourself cannot expect to draw any material advantage surely that proves you are right."

Greg Walker



To the Editor:

Yesterday, I was walking my dog, in town on a long leash, along an old ditch line right off of Elm Street.

I did not even see the fawn laying in the grass, it was so tiny. My dog has absolutely no interest in deer, never chases or even looks at them. The dog was sniffing the grass, the baby jumped up, crying and bolted.

The doe came out of nowhere. I had not even seen her, and attacked my dog, very swiftly, and kicked him in the head. The dog staggered and was dazed.

The doe gathered herself for a second attack with both front legs. It all happened so fast. I yelled "No!" the dog tried to scramble away as I hauled on his leash (he weighs 85 pounds).

We managed to escape further assault as the doe decided to run after her little one. Thankfully. No serious injury to fawn, doe or the dog.

In the woods I am careful and watch for babies this time of year. This can happen, right in town.

Karen Keady

Amateur Radio Field Day set at park

Amateur Radio Field Day is an annual event that is a training exercise and contest combined. Ham radio operators from the High Desert Amateur Radio Group will construct a complete operating station at a remote location in a short amount of time.

The objective is to work as many stations as possible on amateur radio. The event is designed to develop skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well as to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of amateur radio.

Visitors will be able to see the stations in operation.

The public is invited to visit the station on Saturday, June 25, from noon to 8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 26, from 8 to 11 a.m., at Creekside Park at Highway 20 and East Jefferson Avenue in Sisters.

Ham radio operators will be available to discuss "communications preparedness" with people interested in knowing what they can do to stay in touch during disasters.

There will be a special station available that will allow members of the public to talk on the air.

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SISTERS SCHOOL DISTRICT #6 NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

A public meeting of the Sisters School District #6 will be held on June 21, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Sisters School District Administration Office, 525 E. Cascade Ave., Sisters, Oregon. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 as approved by the Sisters School District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at District Administration Offices, 525 E. Cascade Ave between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or online at www.sisters.k12.or.us. This budget is for an annual budget period.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Last Year 2014-2015	Adopted Budget This Year 2015-2016	Approved Budget Next Year 2016-2017
Beginning Fund Balance	\$2,604,625	\$2,739,876	\$2,524,105
Current Year Property Taxes, other than Local Option Taxes	8,909,120	9,154,326	10,151,787
Current Year Local Option Property Taxes	946,480	957,834	1,127,277
Other Revenue from Local Sources	2,058,627	1,701,184	1,797,765
Revenue from Intermediate Sources	28,362	16,200	16,200
Revenue from State Sources	2,387,122	2,052,307	2,053,592
Revenue from Federal Sources	480,109	463,177	464,273
Interfund Transfers	290,846	151,000	298,225
All Other Budget Resources	1,675,832	0	10,600,000
Total Resources	\$19,382,123	\$17,235,823	\$29,023,203

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Salaries	\$5,538,535	\$5,612,881	\$6,037,535
Other Associated Payroll Costs	3,432,133	3,312,752	3,560,541
Purchased Services	1,262,393	1,521,685	1,794,830
Supplies & Materials	1,201,402	1,354,150	1,501,360
Capital Outlay	11,500	34,400	9,730,250
Other Objects (except debt service & interfund transfers)	166,058	136,064	143,316
Debt Service*	4,401,007	4,712,891	6,052,286
Interfund Transfers*	290,846	151,000	288,285
Operating Contingency	0	400,000	285,000
Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance & Reserves	0	0	250,000
Total Requirements	\$16,303,874	\$17,235,823	\$29,023,203

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY FUNCTION			
1000 Instruction	\$6,657,479	\$6,720,663	\$7,182,390
FTE	60,702	61,778	66,013
2000 Support Services	4,630,990	4,728,721	5,014,448
FTE	39,313	39,811	42,133
3000 Enterprise & Community Service	323,552	401,235	443,869
FTE	4.4	4.4	4.45
4000 Facility Acquisition & Construction	0	118,463	9,524,875
FTE	0	0	0
5000 Other Uses	0	0	0
5100 Debt Service*	4,401,007	4,712,891	6,054,636
5200 Interfund Transfers*	290,846	151,000	288,285
6000 Contingency	0	400,000	285,000
7000 Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance	0	0	250,000
Total Requirements	\$16,303,874	\$17,235,823	\$29,023,203
Total FTE	104,415	105,988	112,806

* not included in total 5000 Other Uses. To be appropriated separately from other 5000 expenditures.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES AND SOURCES OF FINANCING **

Due to increased state funding the 2016-17 Budget is based on the current legislative approved two year education budget of \$7.376 billion dollars and a 49/51 split between years. Although our projected weighted Average Daily Membership (ADMw) remains the same as last year the increase in overall state funds has allowed the District to increase instructional staff by 3.5 FTE and support staff by 2.5 FTE along with current employee compensation increases.

PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (Rate Limit 4.0997 per \$1,000)	4.0997	4.0997	4.0997
Local Option Levy	0.75	0.75	0.75
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	\$1,814,063	\$1,801,563	\$2,867,420

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS		
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1
General Obligation Bonds	\$8,705,000	\$10,700,000
Other Bonds	\$5,874,546	
Other Borrowings	\$431,655	
Total	\$15,011,201	\$10,700,000