

LETTERS

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Bensons, will provide opportunities for more economic development in our community. This growth may result in the occasional disruption to our way of life. I am willing to accept this. I view the increased activity at the airport as a sign of new energy coming into our community. Something very much needed.

Mike Anglea



To the Editor:

The complete lack of even a hint of traffic enforcement in Sisters is getting dangerous.

Friday, coming back from Black Butte Ranch, I watched a Schulz Transportation semi tailgate the car behind me for miles. That car turned at Barclay, so now he's tailgating me. Traffic was stopped. I let some cars in since I couldn't clear the intersection. The semi driver comes up about three feet from my bumper and lays on the horn.

This is crazy. Someone is going to get seriously hurt and the highway will be shut down for hours. Three feet is not a safe following distance at any speed, there are laws about this. They need to be enforced.

Bruce Berryhill



To the Editor:

I live in Southern California and have been coming to Sisters with my family for years. We spend several weeks here and look forward to relaxing among the pines and hearing the wind through the trees and spending time barbecuing and enjoying the quiet.

However, this last trip was pretty much ruined with hearing a constant and steady drone almost all day for many days. I found out this was due to a new skydiving business. The take-off and landing of planes is not an issue; however the steady drone of the skydiver plane is terribly disruptive to the usual quietness that Sisters had to offer.

Unfortunately, we are saddened to say after all these years of enjoying Sisters, we will probably be looking elsewhere for our getaway.

Donna Lowe
Claremont, CA



To the Editor:

The Sisters airport has been in existence since the Sun was a tiny little thing, there weren't no Moon, and the Big Dipper was a little tin drinkin' cup. Airplanes come with noisy contraptions; quite often the tip of the propeller(s) that move a private airplane through the sky break the sound barrier.

It's been that way ever since the Wright Brothers conducted their magnificent art at Kitty Hawk.

The people who purchased their homes and property within the operating zone of the Sisters Airport must have known that. If they didn't, well...

Back in the 1970s there was a glider operation going full-bore at the Sisters airport; an airplane equipped with a VERY noisy seaplane propeller was towing gliders into the air all day long several days a week. If the folks complaining about today's airport noise had been living here then they'd have really gone berserk.

There is no getting around the fact that airports are noisy places, it's a fact of life. The noises they create are what it takes for their operation to stay afloat and (not often enough) make a profit. The City of Sisters and FAA have approved what the airport does, the parachute outfit operates under the strict rules of the FAA, everything they do is on the up-and-up.

It seems obvious to me that if those who don't like — or want — to tolerate the aircraft noise over and around their homes, they should just sell out, go live where it's quieter and leave the airport alone to do what airports do: make noise and provide other residents of Sisters Country a place to do business as they should be allowed to.

Or, if you're interested in a swap, call me. I live in a nice quiet place, several miles from the noisy old airport; and obviously airport sounds are, to me, another kind of music.

Jim Anderson



To the Editor:

Re: "Increase in airport activity irks some neighbors," The Nugget, June 22, page 1:

It seems like people are just being whiny. It sounds as though there is a NIMBY attitude present among the complainers.

Sure, I understand that suddenly they have airplane noise that is annoying them. I understand that suddenly an unexpected event has changed their daily living significantly, in an unpleasant way. Even so, I think they need to get over themselves, in the same way we all have to get over ourselves. Life goes on. We have to roll with the changes.

Just because you retired here doesn't mean that we, as a town, have retired. Growth and change are always going to be here.

Michelle Ehr



To the Editor:

What happened to the peace and quiet in Sisters? I have a vacation home in Sisters that I take my family to several times a year to get away and enjoy the outdoors. When we were there last, I found our

stay totally miserable as we were annoyed by the constant noise from the skydiving plane.

We couldn't get away from it! We have to literally go inside our house, close all the windows, and turn on the T.V. or radio to get a break from the constant airplane noise.

We have property in Sisters and go up there to get away from noise. It's actually louder in Sisters than it is where we live which is a big metropolitan city. This is the first time since we have had our vacation home in Sisters I've looked forward to going back home to get away from the constant noise.

My intentions were to retire in Sisters because it was one of the most peaceful and beautiful places I have ever been to in my life. I'm now in a "holding pattern" to see what happens with the skydiving operation. Is this a temporary trial thing or are they here to stay? If they are here to stay, I'm out!

Chris Moody



To the Editor:

Ron Leis was one of the gifts that came to my life during the years I served as a pastor in Sisters. He was, I believe, the real deal. To his beloved family, the Lord's comfort to you. He's in the best of Good Hands!

Harold Gott



To the Editor:

From dpreview.com:

"A studio in India, founded by British photographers Charles Shepherd, Samuel Bourne and William Howard in 1840 will close its doors after 176 years in operation. Considered the oldest continuously operating photographic studio, Kolkata-based Bourne & Shepherd's current owner cites the recent major changes in photographic technology as a reason for the closure.

The studio was known for its portraiture, producing images of religious figures and government officials, from the British Raj era onward. Speaking to Indian publication *The Hindu*, a former employee explains that the shift to digital made it difficult for the studio to survive, saying 'How can you expect that a studio can operate in this generation where everyone is clicking photos from their mobiles and digital cameras?'"

Though the studio will no longer be in operation, the current owner says that he'll continue to maintain the shop's collection of historic photos and equipment.

I remember "Fotos in a Flash" on Hood Avenue in Sisters years back. John ran a good photo shop. Thinking about it, there were photo shops in Bend.

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