

LETTERS

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the asphalt path would unanimously agree that what Sisters NEEDS are living wages and affordable housing that will attract young families; that will, in turn, support our local economy year-round and keep our school district solvent. That’s what Sisters needs.

This is not just quibbling over semantics, as the difference between need and want is huge. It is imperative that our entrusted elected officials can responsibly discern between the two.

Alan Unger doesn’t get it, and he won’t be getting my vote, either.
Steve Madsen

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To the Editor:

Our crew was flying a 12-hour mission off the coast of Vietnam (1972) looking for communist vessels attempting to bring weapons into the north.

During a time of boredom a “deplorable” brought out a copy of *Playboy Magazine*. Naturally, being “normal” males and away from our wives for five months, we ignored the magazine and continued our discussion on flower arrangements and favorite recipes. Yeah, right.

You’re offended as a woman? Then you ought to be terrified at what is at risk for our country; the self-righteous hypocrites feigning disgust in the face of \$20 trillion in debt, Benghazi cover-up, top-secret emails cover-up, fast and furious, voter fraud, Obamacare disaster, IRS as a political tool, open borders, inter-city crime raging, terrorism, and the attack on our Constitutional rights.

The fact is that the “good-ole-boy-and-girl” establishments of both parties are terrified that Trump wants to clean house, so the only way to stop him is character assassination.

Yes, men can be pigs. I would like to meet, however, the woman that never made derogatory, sexual, demeaning, racial, religious, or appearance remarks about others in private or otherwise. Will you please step forward? That’s what I thought. Now get out and vote to make America great again!
Jeff Mackey

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To the Editor

Please consider the re-election of Alan Unger as Deschutes County Commissioner.

It appears that we do have two good candidates to choose between. I will share with you why I support re-electing Unger and allowing him to continue the good work he has been focusing on.

I know Alan through working together in collaborative organizations to restore the health and wellbeing of our Central Oregon watersheds and forests. Alan chairs the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project, and is also a member of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, the Deschutes River Conservancy,

and the Watershed Alliance. Alan believes, as I do, that the missions of these organizations are very important to the sustainable ecological, economic, and social well-being of our region.

I have been very impressed and appreciative of Alan’s commitment to stay involved in the work of these organizations as a County Commissioner.

Alan believes that a community functions best when everyone contributes in a civil and respectful way ... understanding and respecting our differences and looking for common ground to build on and move forward. These values have become apparent in my work with Alan.

I also noticed on his website that he is involved in many different organizations in Central Oregon — seemingly focusing mostly on job creation, K-12 education and career preparation, forest and watershed management, and transportation issues. Alan represents us as a county commissioner, as chair of six organizations, vice-chairing two, and as a member of 13 others.

In this way he is working hard for and with us. Let’s re-elect him so he can continue his good work.

Bill Anthony

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As a member of the liberal contingent you have labeled as a “shame-based, militant, secular-fundamentalist, virtue signaling, self-loathing, malignantly seething, accusatory, devious, segregationist, exclusivist cult” who has female “plumbing” and believes in “rules of discourse” and civility, I appreciate Mr. Rullman’s exposing his apparently true “content of character,” according to reference he made in the October 26 *Nugget*, to Martin Luther King’s dream.

Now we all know that the good old cowboy full of folksy stories sports a flipside, which appears to be full of the vitriolic anger that prevents discussion to find common ground with anyone of differing opinions. As a woman, I recognize the fear that many men harbor in the prospect of losing control, as women continue to seek equality and opportunity on all levels.

Perhaps Mr. Rullman could read the report from this week’s October *U Magazine* as to the status of women right here in Oregon in terms of violence, wage and wealth gap, systemic racism, health barriers, and economic fragility, among other areas. And then he could do more than a “ cursory study of world history” to get his facts straight about gender issues and the place of women historically, up to this very moment!

Thank you, Dan Glode and Ken Serkownek, for “getting it” and for your civility and clarity of expression. Meanwhile, many of my “secular cult” members will pray for relief of the pain behind Mr. Rullman’s anguish, just as soon as they finish their volunteering to help all people with “fundamental” needs and rights for education, food, homes, opportunities, healthcare, safety and well-being.

Wendie Vermillion

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Enjoy a meal,
help Furry Friends

Furry Friends Foundation (FFF) is the Open Door’s “Dine for a Cause” beneficiary for the month of November.

The Rickards family began Dine for a Cause in February of 2015, and each month a different nonprofit organization is featured. The nonprofit receives 10 percent of the gross receipts for every Tuesday of the month.

Furry Friends is a local a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving families with pets. They sponsor spay/neuter, vaccination, chipping, nail-clipping and deworming services through Bend Spay and Neuter Project.

FFF also maintains a pet-food and coat bank. Veterinary assistance is available to families in financial crisis on a case-by-case basis. FFF is the only nonprofit offering these services in Sisters.

They provide a vital resource to many families in Sisters, including seniors living on a fixed income.

“We get all sorts of requests. I remember the call

from a neighbor of a senior woman who had turned off her hot water in hopes of saving money for her sick kitty’s medicine. Furry Friends was able to help,” said founder Kiki Dolson.

It’s the little things that can make a huge difference to a family’s monthly budget. Sponsoring a rabies shot and county licensing fee with a chip means a lost pet can be found.

FFF has facilitated pet adoptions, provided crates and live-traps for feral cats, and aided in just about any need a family with pets may have.

“We are thrilled to be this month’s nonprofit,” Dolson said. “It is so generous of Dan and Julia Rickards to do this for the community. Furry Friends operates solely on the generosity of the community through fundraising.”

Stop by the Open Door for lunch or dinner on any Tuesday during the month of November and support Furry Friends. The Open Door at Clearwater Gallery is located at 303 W. Hood Ave.

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