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welfare. Sitting around the table, sharing dinner or breakfast with them, they have become my friends and neighbors.

On any given day, I may run into one or two of them around town. Instead of averting my eyes and passing in silence, I greet them like I do any of my friends. When I ask them how they are doing, I am sincerely interested to hear their answer. If I drive by one of my new friends walking down the street, my inclination is to offer them a ride.

Now, I know them individually as Sean, Gene, William, Jeff and Gina. I have heard a little of their stories, their hopes, and their struggles. I care about them and they are so gracious to me, full of thanks and appreciation for what Sisters is doing to try and ease their burden a little.

A phenomenon I have noticed occurring is an outgrowth of the efforts to establish the shelter. The petty complaints and divisive suspicions that have set some citizens against one another have given way to a true sense of community, with the singular goal of providing needed shelter against the ravages of winter for our citizens who lack stable housing.

Actions speak louder than words, they say. The actions

of the shelter organizers, volunteers, donors, and the businesses who have offered so much in the way of food, services, and goods, truly exemplify the heart of Sisters. When we pull together in love and with good intentions, there's not much we can't do.

My heart swells with pride for our little town. I am grateful we are serving our neighbors and bringing some light and warmth into this dark winter.

If you haven't yet, please consider volunteering to prepare a meal, spend seven hours as a shelter host, or donate some winter clothing (men's, women's, and children's). Your life and the lives of our shelter guests will be the richer for your efforts.

For the month of February the shelter will be located at Sisters Community Church, 1300 W. McKenzie Hwy. In the hangar building behind the baseball field, accessible from McKinney Butte Road.

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doctor visits etc. longer to reach if you live north of Highway 20.

Traffic lights were installed and were wonderful, but they were removed. Now, I hope this roundabout is not a disaster like "back-in parking." Everyone objected, but the city did it anyway and enforced it. We, the people, paid for it and then paid to remove it in order to return to the usual way of parking.

I am glad of my move from Camp Polk Rd. to a condo on the south side of Cascade Avenue.

Mickey Duehren

To the Editor:

I am supporting Senate Bill 6 for humane trapping of wildlife in Oregon. As a veterinarian, Oregon must advance the humane and effective improved animal capturing techniques. Over 37 states now use these humane traps with daily checking. Oregon must follow as well. The use of sharp-toothed traps results in severe and painful injuries that are barbaric. I support the American Veterinary Medical Association policy of banning conventional inhumane traps. Legitimate science and management practices that necessitate the capture of wildlife must employ the most humane traps and techniques. These humane

traps and techniques reduce injury and stress as well as minimizing pain and suffering to wildlife. Moreover, these humane traps prevent capture of non-target animals such as pet dogs and pet cats.

David K. Johnson, DVM, DACLAM

To the Editor:

I sent the following email to my Congressional Representative Greg Walden. I urge other constituents that he represents to speak out too.

Trump's executive order banning citizens from seven predominately Muslim countries would have allowed all of the hijackers of 9/11 to enter the U.S.A.

All of the hijackers came from countries the president has business interests in.

This is clearly a conflict of interest worthy of impeachment.

If you do not have the integrity to speak out on this, you are part of the problem, and this is the problem:

National Plagiarism

Hitler: Blame it on the Jews.

Trump: Blame it on the Muslims.

We have seen this play before. It doesn't end well.

You took an oath to defend the Constitution, not to defend a narcissistic megalomaniac.

Dean Billing

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