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conditions whether domestic abuse issues, or cancer such as breast, ovarian, or cervical. A yes vote would insure continued access to healthcare under the new law.

A session of the legislature was already planned to begin in February 2018, thus the desire to have the vote before it begins, in case the legislature needs to come up with another form of funding to keep the OHP functioning and to qualify for matching federal funds.

Please inform yourself before we have to vote.

Phyllis Lewis



To the Editor:

I am so disappointed at the dismissal of Charlotte Nitcher, a 20-year and very popular and helpful employee of Deschutes County Library in Sisters. After she suffered severe injury requiring major surgery to her shoulder, Nitcher was refused return to her job with any restrictions after months of necessary recovery time.

Sisters' library has been a central part of this community for so many years. This seems to be changing in a library system that does not demonstrate any compassion for employees. There are so many volunteers (20 or so a week) who could have covered the areas that Nitcher was unable to do for awhile.

Twenty Sisters residents were at a hearing to support Nitcher, with much testimony of support. The district library board unanimously upheld her firing despite the obvious support for her. I stated that the restrictions she had were some that even a building contractor would find tolerable to getting an employee back to work. It's a library. It is not driving heavy equipment nor hammering nails.

My disappointment is echoed by so many, including members of Friends of the Library. I suspect our library will suffer consequences, especially in fundraising as a result. This action does not reflect the community spirit of which we in Sisters are so proud.

Bonnie Malone



To the Editor:

We are writing to appeal the decision being made to build the new bus barn facility for the Sisters School District on the Sisters High School campus parking lot.

As it is now, the parking lot gets very crowded, and when attending Sisters events (school or public related) such as dances, the veteran memorial events, concerts, student art shows, SALI, SOAR/SPRD basketball events, football games and even the Quilt Show classes, there is never enough parking.

Even on a regular school day, this can be the case. We believe that the Quilt Show actually operates their shuttle out of the parking lot, don't they?

This idea sounds like an accident waiting to happen. With student drivers (and student driving lessons) busses coming in and out, folks using the facilities and SPRD/SOAR parking needs and then students possibly having to walk to the bus barn for technical classes, it sounds like something could accidentally happen.

Is the unexpected grant money being used for this or the bond funds? We have heard a rumor that they will not be replacing leaks in the school's roof, but will be patching them. You would think that the funds would be better spent on those items.

Please, let's be more transparent with the monies for our schools, especially if it is money that we agreed to pay in the bond that had specifics listed, of which we do not recall a new bus barn, not saying that one may not be needed.

Henry & Kerry Zenich



To the Editor:

I would like to offer my appreciation for the excellent writings of both Jim Cornelius and Craig Rullman (The Bunkhouse Chronicle).

With thoughtful wit, keenness and a kind intelligence one would expect to find on a national if not international level, I feel honored and fortunate that they both find their pen and paper meeting in our beautiful community of Sisters.

Erin Borsch



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