

LETTERS

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To the Editor:  
I attended the meeting Wednesday night at City Hall where people voiced opinions on whether we should have retail marijuana stores in Sisters. I didn't hear once the effect that it has on families. I know that in a lot of circumstances pot smoking leads to worse drugs. I lived through one son who graduated to meth and ended up loosing his children. It took him two years to straighten out his life. Another lost a really good job when he failed a drug test. I know of a few families that right now are truly struggling with what it is doing to their children. Just because it's legal doesn't make it right.

We have alcohol available to any or all of our children. We all know someone that alcohol has effected their lives. I had an alcoholic grandfather and I was always careful what I drank until I just quit, not wanting to ever put my children through that. How many people has alcohol killed on our highways. Do you realize we have more breweries in Central Oregon than churches? It might be legal, but it doesn't make it right.

Anything addictive and abused hurts families be it cigarettes, alcohol or drugs. We hear a lot about being responsible when we drink, but many aren't. There are all kinds of laws that are supposed to make people responsible, but all you have to do is look through the "news of record" to see that many don't care. Just because it's legal doesn't make it right.

I realize that the majority of people are responsible. Lord knows that I am far from perfect, but I believe that in adding this business to our city if one child or one family is hurt, that is one too many!

Shirley Miller

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To the Editor:  
Ohm, my Gauss! Blazing circuit-breakers!

Watts going on?

I was shocked by the current transmission from CEC's *Ruralite* magazine. The cover story was a high-voltage static discharge that appeared to burst straight from the Committee to Re-elect Congressman Greg Walden.

It blew my fuse.

Please, CEC, no politicking! Just focus on keeping our power on.

Greg will not be getting my volt.

Bob Norin

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To the Editor:  
As I reported last month, the Sisters School District has begun work on updating its mission and vision.

A series of stakeholders meetings is being organized to get input. Our community involvement and feedback in this process is critical. We have two community/parent sessions scheduled. The first session will be held on Monday, March 19, 5:30 p.m. at Sisters Elementary School. Immediately following the community feedback session, at approximately 6:30, we will be hosting a tour to celebrate the facility remodel supported by our capital improvement bond.

The second community/parent sessions is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 12:30 p.m. at the Sisters School District Office. If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, please visit the district webpage, [ssd6.org](http://ssd6.org) or go directly to <https://goo.gl/forms/PmcIHV14mdwcpNBS2> to take a brief survey that will help provide us direction in this process.

Enrollment did grow slightly again this month as we start to prepare for budget season.

Our next Sisters School Board meeting is April 11, at 5 p.m. at the district office. These are public meetings and offer a great way to gather information on the great things happening around the school district.

Curt Scholl

Sisters School District Superintendent

SPRD finalists set

The board of directors of the Sisters Park & Recreation District (SPRD) has selected four finalists for the SPRD executive director position.

According the Board Chair Bob Keefer, "The board received a set of strong applications from a group with very diverse backgrounds. I am pleased that all of our top four candidates have accepted our invitation to come to Sisters for face-to-face interviews with the board and members of the Sisters' community."

The candidates are (in alphabetical order):

• Brandon T. Drawz: Drawz is currently the president of Enterprise Sports Consortium in Morrison, Illinois. Prior to that, he was executive director, SwimMac Carolina in Charlotte, North

Carolina; executive director, Mt. Hood Aquatics; and director of aquatics and recreation, Mt. Hood Community College. He holds degrees from the University of Washington, the University of Arizona, and Arizona State University.

• Todd Garrett: Garrett is the former director of the fairgrounds in Missoula County, Montana. Prior to that, Garrett was responsible for public recreation access for the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Park Department and recreation coordinator/interim director of the City of Whitefish Parks and Recreation Department. Garrett holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Montana.

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