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why should you get so many column inches to push your agenda?

I would like to see a constructive community discussion about gun violence. I sincerely wish that gun advocates would choose to be part of the solution and come up with rational, reasonable proposals. Raging against the existence of IP 43 is rather pointless. IP 43 is part of a democratic process. Do you have a problem with that? If you don't like IP 43, develop your own ballot proposal.

Democracy at its best is teamwork. In Sisters Country, if you're not willing to engage constructively, you should get off the soapbox. Let's abandon the bullying tactics and get to work.

Lauren Davis

To the Editor:

Mr. Rullman has given us a column that, while it may have rambled aimlessly about for many paragraphs, did finally drive home a concrete point: "Nobody gets my guns. None of them. Ever. And I mean that sincerely."

Uh, OK Craig. Did you think we were going to question your sincerity? Combined with the imagery he set the piece up with at the beginning, sitting around polishing his AR-15s, it's a pretty powerful message.

I found the tone of Mr. Rullman's piece to be offensive, inflammatory, and divisive. In my opinion, completely inappropriate for a small-town newspaper that serves a community of diverse political persuasions. Fine for a letter to the editor. Maybe acceptable for a guest column (that carries the editorial disclaimer at the bottom). But not for a regular weekly contributor that clearly represents the paper itself.

I don't begrudge the paper its editorial opinions. Mr. Cornelius has already given us a relatively measured editorial regarding his views on IP 43. But I believe the paper has an important responsibility to modulate the tone of the rhetoric. That's what Sisters Country has been talking about and working on for months. How can we remain civil, locally, especially in light of the divisive atmosphere nationally? I believe the paper plays an important role in establishing that atmosphere of civility, and that the tone of Mr. Rullman's piece does not contribute to it.

Stuart Scofield

To the Editor:

With the local option vote coming upon the horizon, I am writing as a student that went through the Sisters School District for 12 years of schooling. As a college student at the University of Oregon, after my first two terms, I realized I was more prepared for college than I thought I was.

Going into college, I was told that lectures would be intense and would move fast, and the workload would increase exponentially. The workload did increase, and lectures can be intense, but I didn't feel like a fish out of water. I felt as if I could keep up, and that is credited to the experience I had as a student in the Sisters School District.

Taking classes such as AP Government with Gail Greaney and AP English with Samra Spear shaped the way I take notes, the way I analyze literature and have academic discussions and debates. My Writing 121 class my senior year with Matthew Bradley taught me not only HOW to write, but WHY we write and HOW we can write to make a difference. Three years of Spanish with Janis Quiros allowed me to enter into a higher-level class at college.

With these classes, I was shaped by the teachers at the front of the classroom guiding me in how to take notes and the best way to conduct myself as a student. When I got to my first classes at the U of O, I felt prepared to successfully interact with professors. I was told that professors wouldn't interact with students like teachers did in high school. However, that has not been the case for me. In high school, I was encouraged to speak with my teachers and administrators like an adult.

Being the editor of the yearbook my senior year taught me a lot about how to conduct myself around professionals and adults which helped me tremendously in interacting with professors and other academic individuals in the college setting.

If it weren't for the schooling experience I had in Sisters, teachers that taught me how to be a successful student, and doing projects that required me to conduct myself as an adult, I would not be the successful student in college that I am today.

The local option bond will keep funding in the school district so students feel that they are getting a well-rounded educational experience in Sisters.

Ceili Cornelius

HABITAT: Orientation meeting set for Wednesday, May 2

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they live through building or improving an affordable place they can call home," said Darleene Snider, Sisters Habitat construction manager. "We want to engage women of all skill levels to join their friends, families and neighbors to build up their communities and lend a hand to Habitat by signing up for a How to Use Tools Safely clinic on Saturday, May 5. The clinic will equip women on the build site, and offer the volunteers invaluable skills to bring back and use in their everyday life."

Snider will lead the team of women volunteers at the Village Meadows subdivision (corner of McKinney Butte Road and Desert Rose Loop). This is her fifth year as a team

leader and she is excited to work with women in the community landscaping a home, framing walls and building heat and garage container enclosures with three Habitat homeowners.

Shifts during the build week will run Tuesday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No construction skills are needed to participate during the event, Snider said.

“ We want to engage women of all skill levels... – Darleene Snider ”

To sign up for the clinic and to volunteer during Women Build week, volunteers should contact Marie Clasen at 541-549-1193. Volunteers participating in the build week should be prepared to attend an orientation on Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sisters Library.

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