

**LETTERS**

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2018-2019 school budget. The next official budget meeting, coinciding with the school board meeting, will be held May 2 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  
SSD Superintendent



To the Editor:

I believe that Patti Adair would be a breath of fresh air in the Commissioners' chambers when she is elected to replace Tammy Baney.

Our county needs another look at how our tax dollars are being spent, as well as preserving the pristine waters and beauty of our neighborhoods.

She will dig in and work tirelessly to get our county on the right track, back to our roots of sound fiscal policy. We want someone with her integrity and expertise (she is a former CPA) to be one of our leaders.

Do the homework, read the voter pamphlet, and vote for Patti Adair.

Jayne Simmons



To the Editor:

Measure 9-121, the Sisters Schools Local Option, is a "no-brainer" when you vote in the coming election. Vote YES to renew the local option.

Voters in the Sisters School District have wisely renewed the local option in four previous elections. In voting yes, it doesn't increase your property taxes by one penny. What it does do is ensure that we don't have to lose 26 school days, or fire 15 teachers, or eliminate current programs involving art, music, sports and other extra-curricular activities.

We all want the kids of Sisters to have the best educational opportunities possible. That's why

they currently outperform their peers statewide and are exceptional in Central Oregon in terms of test scores and graduation rates. So, to keep our kids, our schools and our community thriving vote yes and renew the Sisters Schools Local Option.

Patrick Smith



To the Editor:

At a town hall meeting set up by the Redmond Patriots in March, I listened to Commissioner Tammy Baney and learned why after her 12 years in office it's time for change.

Tammy was asked about working in Salem, specifically if she received compensation and exactly how that work benefits Deschutes County. Her answer was that of a true politician. She explained how important her role was, what great things she was doing, but never answered the question.

When asked why the 2015 commissioners "opted-in" to cannabis grows she stated that they were afraid of how the residents would vote so they made that decision for us. Then she wanted to know how the challengers would fix the mess that she helped create.

While families here work two and three jobs to get by, Tammy had no excuse for why she voted YES to an additional 3.7 percent raise on top of the automatic 5 percent raise county employees receive plus a cost of living adjustment.

While bragging how she stood with residents through the recession, she forgot that she voted to increase property taxes 3 percent every year. She then touted that there is a decrease coming but neglected to point out that it was Phil Henderson that fought for this.

We need NEW commissioners that are focused on Deschutes County. Leaders who will respect our hard-earned dollars and protect our way of life, putting family and community safety first.

That's why I'm voting Patti Adair for County Commissioner Position 3.

Carolyn Spicer



To the Editor:

Recently, I have received requests to "subscribe" to *The Nugget*. Whatever inclination I might have had to do so vanished when I read the recent essays of Editor Cornelius and his cowboy buddy, Mr. Rullman, especially on the subject of guns. We now have gone to Rullman's demonstration of Godwin's Law that says discussions of this type inevitably result in someone referencing the Holocaust in support of their empty argument.

Fear not, Messrs. Cornelius and Rullman (and others similarly inclined) may fondle their firearms in the privacy of their respective homes. I don't care.

However, I won't be coming around to their houses to ask for charitable donations.

Oh, and in anticipation of some who might claim that I am just some liberal ignorant of firearms, let me disabuse you. I was the Firearms Petty Officer on the submarine I served on in the United State Navy, fired several military weapons, including a fully automatic one, and qualified as a Marksman on the .45 Caliber service pistol.

It would be better if *The Nugget* just focused on what it can credibly write about: local issues and events.

Michael Wells



To the Editor:

It's not often Zoe and I allow signs on our old barn. The exception will be in support of Tammy Baney. As a tireless advocate for our community, she has a history of creating healthy outcomes. She is a proven fiscal conservative.

It's difficult to put into words the importance we put on Tammy's reelection. Simply put, she is the best. She represents the heart and soul of Central Oregon.

Bill and Zoe Willitts



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