

LETTERS

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and pets. And (what Oregon is now experiencing) regulation confusion surrounding public consumption and law enforcement.” Mentioning youth, there have always been adults who buy alcohol for kids. The same will happen with marijuana.

There will be those who see a value of offering marijuana for sale in Sisters for tax revenue. But like Colorado, which was the first state to have retail marijuana stores, the cost of increased law enforcement, drugged driving incidents, fatal crashes and loss of employee productivity may well use up the increased tax revenue.

Many who call Sisters home won’t be allowed to vote on whether to allow marijuana sales in the district because that decision rests with those who make up the city population. Hopefully, these citizens will want to keep Sisters unique and avoid negative marijuana headlines. Why jump off the cliff just because other towns and cities are making the marijuana leap?

Fred Boyd

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To the Editor:

Since the most popular and compelling argument in support of legalizing marijuana sales in Sisters is the tax revenue it would generate, regardless of whether or not you are in favor of allowing pot shops in town, it seems prudent to maximize the potential tax revenue and vote in favor of Measure 9-123.

Greg Werts

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To the Editor:

On a recent road trip through four western states, I was struck by the pristine beauty of the designated public lands sites abounding, knowing that the west holds over 90 percent of such lands for all

Americans.

Greg Walden has supported not only the occupiers at Malheur, but the administration’s efforts to sell these lands to private investors for development, i.e. oil drilling. He has repeatedly voted to remove healthcare for thousands, remove safety protections for toxic emissions from factories, mining, autos and has advocated NRA ideas on gun usage!

His efforts to curb our wildfire issues have been minimal and worst of all, he stands with the Trump climate change denials, regardless of global agreement.

His appearances in his largest constituency have been rare and limited in allowed attendees, unlike Jamie McCleod-Skinner’s visits to the vast reaches of this district to listen!

Meanwhile, Jamie McCleod-Skinner promotes actual ideas for renewed healthcare; fervently believes in climate change as a priority; opts for gun-safety measures, not removal; and wants to re-examine regulations meant to protect us on all levels! Her experience in water issues hits us at the core in Central Oregon and her working in international, urban, and rural areas offers a wide perspective. She is also supporting public school needs over mass charter-school funding.

Why has Walden supported a president who is documented as lying well over 3,000 times? We need a fresh voice who will gently ruffle some feathers!

Come meet her at The Belfry, October 23, 5 to 6 p.m.

Wendie Vermillion

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To the Editor:

Deschutes County voters will soon be making their choices for County Commissioner. With this vote we will have the opportunity to elect an individual who will make decisions based on what best serves the needs of our county’s residents, not what is politically correct or less controversial.

Patti Adair’s opponent believes our current marijuana regulations “have achieved a middle ground as they have not been challenged by an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals or the courts.” The apparent concern here being that to put forth any additional regulations addressing issues such as water usage, odors or other concerns could result in the courts overturning or weakening existing regulations.

Deschutes County residents deserve a commissioner who will make decisions based on what best serves the needs of the county. “Reasonable” and “middle ground” can be acceptable in many instances but not when they fall short of meeting safety, welfare and quality-of-life standards.

Patti Adair is a person with the skills, courage and experience to do this difficult job. As a former Certified Public Accountant she served as financial advisor to individuals and businesses both large and small. This extensive financial background gives her a wealth of experience making her uniquely qualified to serve as our next Deschutes County Commissioner. The demands on municipal budgets to do more with less have never been more acute. Fiscal restraint and spending prioritization are imperatives. We cannot continue to see taxes increase at double the rate of population growth.

A recent columnist in *The Bend Bulletin* described Patti Adair as a far-right Republican and her opponent as a moderate Democrat. As is typical of so many political writers, Democrats seem to be moderate and Republicans are always far right. If being opposed to unrestricted municipal budget growth, believing the sanctuary state law may not be in our best interest then the far right label can be applied to voters of all parties. Forget the derogatory labels and look at the candidate’s skills and goals for our county.

Please join me in voting for Patti Adair for County Commissioner Position 3.

Andy Sichler



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Food & Home Issue

It’s fall! Cooling temperatures conjure up thoughts of spending more time inside and getting a jump on holiday shopping lists. Enjoy a mug of peppermint hot chocolate, the aroma of slow cooking roasts and baked goods, pull out the warm socks and sweaters, take the youngsters to the pumpkin patch, stock up on good reads, and revel in the ambiance of candlelight and warming fires. Pets aren’t the only ones ready to curl up next to the hearth!

Our all new FOOD & HOME themed edition is the perfect way to connect with anyone needing your products and services to create perfect fall memories and experiences. Nugget writers and columnists are taking notes and checking them twice to pen engaging articles that will have customers heading your way.

Share your best restaurant recipes for libations and food in ads that put you at the top of the list for entertaining with you. *Design overnight and activity packages for earlybird bookings.* Do you make handmade, signature products that showcase individual lifestyles and make perfect gifts?

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