

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

I am writing this as a long-time resident and business owner.

Anyone that has lost money due to the Governor Kate Brown's lock down and "Stay at Home Order":

This direct order was a violation of your constitutional rights, a violation of her signed oath for office and deliberately stepping on the graves of our veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice's for your freedoms.

It is your right to invoice and bill the Governor.

Her order violates your constitutional rights as an American citizen and to do business by choice as an American citizen. Her order is also an act of perjury which violates and contradicts her signed oath of office to uphold state and federal constitutions.

Whether you are a small business owner or now without income. I am asking you to join me and others to invoice your losses and to bill Kate Brown for your lost income.

Please postal mail invoices to:

Governor Kate Brown
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Richard Esterman

Editor's note: Richard Esterman serves as a City Councilor for the City of Sisters. His letter is not written in an official capacity but as he notes, as a private citizen.

To the Editor:

This is in response to Michael Wells recent Letter to the Editor: I have only lived in Sisters 41 years, moving here to raise my children (ages 3 and 5 at the time) in the Sisters School District. My family has had the most wonderful experience of living, thriving, contributing to the Sisters community. So we need two more classrooms at the elementary school — donated materials, builders and volunteers and we have two more classrooms. No problem.

I have no idea where you are from (I can guess), but you might want to check with old timers to see how we get things accomplished. I am available to assist in anything.

Charlene Cash

To the Editor:

I'm not a writer; I'm just a guy

that likes intelligent political debate. I write in what I consider understandable English. In other words, when the reader gets done reading, did they understand my intent? Not whether or not I spelled properly or used proper grammar and punctuation. I can diagram a sentence; I just don't feel like doing it here. Will Rogers is still read today, whether or not you believed his insights, he wrote in understandable English and couldn't spell a lick (sp).

Complaining about political rants, by a writer that simply wants to stimulate readers, is tantamount to your complaining about the ending of a book, without having ever read the beginning. If both sides read just a little bit more of the other side, we might find compromise somewhere in between. You don't need to love a thought, but hating that thought is totally ignorant.

Anyway my current thought or Political Rant is about Monday Morning Politics or Monday Morning Presidency. Using the current pandemic as an example, the President has proposed ordering a bazillion face mask and other PPE to get ready for the next pandemic. He is doing this not for some kind of preventative medical reasoning, but for political gain, which is forced on him by pundits of Monday Morning Politics.

The day this pandemic became a media issue is the same day it became a tool to be placed in the "Got'cha Tool Box." Maintaining this tool box, in preparation for the next political divide, is all at our expense. Nowhere on earth is hindsight more prevalent than American politics. So I ask you; who will be held accountable for the next pandemic, related to a foot-borne virus, where ventilators and face mask will have absolutely no value? For that answer; stay tuned for Monday Night Politics.

Terry Coultas

To the Editor:

In the last issue of *The Nugget Newspaper* the guest editorial I wrote raises the absence of formal, certified qualifications Sheriff's candidate Schaier has for the office.

In response to a similar comment made on his campaign page last week Schaier responded with the following:

"Leadership is a character trait not a college diploma or your credentials

through a state police academy. Leadership takes the courage to understand your strengths but embrace your weaknesses. Leadership is the commitment to surround yourself with people who are loyal to the community and the profession, not to an individual." — Candidate Scott Schaier

Oregon's Department of Public Safety, Standards & Training disagrees with him.

DPSST offers three levels of management/leadership training. There are specific criteria to be accepted for the professional development these courses provide. The Supervisory, Management, and Executive Management courses are meant to prepare a law enforcement professional in her/his profession. <https://www.oregon.gov/dpsst/cj/Pages/Certifications.aspx#SupervisoryNew>

Candidate Schaier's self-definition of leadership reflects, again, his gross lack of even the most basic career accomplishments to date. He is ineligible to even APPLY to attend this training.

Paraphrasing retired Navy SEAL officer and author Jocko Willink:

"People look for the shortcut. The hack. The shortcut is a lie. The hack doesn't get you there. To reach goals and overcome obstacles... will not happen by itself. It will not happen cutting corners, taking shortcuts, or looking for the easy way." — "Discipline Equals Freedom," Willink

Candidate Schaier is looking for the hack, the shortcut. He says so himself. Good leaders don't need the hack. They do the hard work, make the cut, prove themselves, and by doing so earn the right to lead.

Greg Walker (ret)
USA Special Forces
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To the Editor:

When I heard about the stump removal along highway 20 west of Sisters, I could not believe it. This is absurd!

Never before have I seen stump grinding occur after a logging project in the woods. Then I see Peter Murphy on TV saying ODOT is removing the stumps because they are a "hazard" to cars drifting off the road. What?! As if a few thousand trees are not a hazard!

I immediately knew the story was BS! Then I realized what was going

on. The folks that were "heartbroken" and "devastated" by the removal of these trees just could not stand seeing those damn stumps! The reminder of the "horror" they witnessed! What a waste of money!

I said it before and I'll say it again, GET OVER IT!

Not staying home.

Kris Nirenberg

To the Editor:

I have not said much about this year's senior class, the Class of 2020.

I want to start by congratulating you on your pending graduation! I also want to be clear, it is unfair that you lost the spring of your senior year due to COVID-19. Please do not take this as a political statement. Regardless of the situation, the Class of 2020 did not get a prom, a spring sports season, final music performances, and no traditional Sisters High School graduation ceremony. Additionally, you lost the unofficial events, the interactions with staff and classmates that spontaneously arise as your final semester unfolds.

Some folks will downplay the situation because they won't know what it feels like to have their senior year stripped away at the last minute.

I am sad for you, but if there is any group that can plow through this in creative ways, it is your group. There is no pandemic strong enough to silence you or dent the passion of the Class of 2020. Keep your head up and keep fighting. Please know that we need you because you provide us hope for our future. This year may not be what you envisioned, but I'm eager to see what you do with it.

Although the spring of 2020 has been different than any of us would have imagined, know that you have a community that stands behind. Thank you to our staff for their work during these challenging times, I could not be more proud of our staff and how they have responded to this crisis.

Together, we will come through this, and we will look at the world differently. Be kind to yourself, and wrap each other in support and love.

Thanks to the Class of 2020, you give us hope for our future. I know you will make the Sisters community proud.

Curt Scholl
SSD, Superintendent

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DISTRICT

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SISTERS PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING			
A public meeting of the Board of Directors of the Sisters Park & Recreation District in Sisters, Oregon will be held on June 9, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83126042075). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 as approved by the Sisters Park & Recreation District Budget Committee. A summary of the budget is presented below. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained by visiting the Sisters Park & Recreation District's website at sistersrecreation.com . This budget is for an annual budget period. This budget was prepared on a basis of accounting that is the same as used the preceding year.			
Contact: Jennifer Holland, Executive Director		Telephone: 541-549-2091	Email: jennifer@sistersrecreation.com
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - RESOURCES			
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	Actual Amount Fiscal Year 2018-2019	Adopted Budget Fiscal Year 2019-2020	Approved Budget Fiscal Year 2020-2021
Beginning Fund Balance/Net Working Capital	172,169	167,268	258,266
Fees & Other Service Charges	519,142	548,700	547,340
Grant, Donations and miscellaneous revenue	10,594	262,283	132,150
Revenue from Short term debt	75,000	75,000	75,000
Transfers from other funds	0	7,000	40,000
Current Year Property Taxes Estimated to be Received	512,949	523,960	514,900
Total Resources	1,289,854	1,584,211	1,567,656
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT CLASSIFICATION			
Personnel Services	483,039	657,081	657,415
Materials and Services	474,473	477,371	423,234
Capital Outlay	51,851	195,500	64,000
Debt Service	75,667	75,700	75,700
Special Payments	0	20,000	20,000
Interfund Transfers	0	7,000	40,000
Contingencies	204,824	99,158	187,207
Unappropriated Ending Balance and Reserved for Future Expenditure	0	52,401	100,100
Total Requirements	1,289,854	1,584,211	1,567,656
FINANCIAL SUMMARY - REQUIREMENTS AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTE) BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT			
Name: General Fund			
FTE for Administrative Services	4.50	4.50	3.75
FTE for Recreation Programs	2.45	2.45	1.75
FTE for Care Programs	3.75	3.75	6.50
FTE for Special Events	0.00	0.50	0.30
TOTAL General Fund FTE	10.70	11.20	12.30
Name: Special Revenue Funds			
FTE for SPRD Committees	0.80	0.80	0.50
TOTAL Special Revenue Fund FTE	0.80	0.80	0.50
Total Required FTE	11.50	12.00	12.80
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES and SOURCES OF FINANCING *			
PROPERTY TAX LEVIES			
	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Imposed	Rate or Amount Approved
Permanent Rate Levy (rate limit \$0.22 per \$1,000)	0.22	0.22	0.22
Local Option Levy	0.15	0.15	0.15
Levy For General Obligation Bonds	-	-	-
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS			
LONG TERM DEBT	Estimated Debt Outstanding on July 1,	Estimated Debt Authorized, But Not Incurred on July 1	
General Obligation Bonds	\$0	\$0	
Other Bonds	\$0	\$0	
Other Borrowings	\$0	\$75,700	
Total	\$0	\$75,700	