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rental vans and putting them in custody, all done by federal agents with military gear and weapons but little or no identification? I didn't see Mr. Cornelius stand grimly brandishing automatic weapons to protect us from the federal "jack-booted thugs" or black helicopters circling overhead.

Perhaps he thinks it is okay to assault the moms linking arms to protect the protesters and even club our military veterans who are attempting to do the same. I admit that it has been years since I practiced law, but I recall that the right of the people to peaceably assemble for a redress of grievances is protected by the First Amendment and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures and arrest only upon probable cause enshrined in the Fourth. But perhaps his interest in the U.S. Constitution is limited to the Second Amendment.

Without evidence, he states that the Portland mayor and city commissioners are "overtly hostile to law enforcement." Does he mean that they will not turn a blind eye to law enforcement killing unarmed black men? The Tell in his piece is that he mentions George Floyd only in passing.

He couldn't resist throwing a jab at our governor. Well, our petite female governor stood up to the bully boys of Chad Wolf, acting head thug of the DHS and got them to back down.

T. Lee Brown's thoughtful and evidence-based piece on the opposite page more eloquently answers Mr. Cornelius's vacuous writing. What Mr. Cornelius needs to do is watch the excruciating videos of federal agents' actions in Portland and then write and have published his apology.

Michael Wells



To the Editor:

A road cleanup of Highway 242 — one of four scheduled per year — between Cold Springs Campground and Sisters Middle School, was organized by Crossroads HOA activities committee Joanne Anttila and Amber Barton on July 22.

It is a great way to make the community a nicer place, and social distance at the same time.

From the seven volunteers who participated, nine yellow bags of trash of "various" items were collected. This was unexpected as we thought COVID-19 travel would eliminate some of the debris. What is disheartening is the amount of trash that traffic has dumped on that section of the road in just two weeks since that event. I hope it is not Oregonians doing it.

Another issue I want to mention is that traffic is supposed to slow down between the orange ODOT signs warning of litter crews, not speed up. It is hard to control a yellow trash bag when people drive by you as if they are being chased by an OSP!

There will be another road cleanup scheduled, probably in September.

Bill Anttila



To the Editor:

This letter is to the citizens of Sisters. I am encouraging you to run for office.

Bah-humbug, you may say, but please read this. You see, I am working on running. Yep. I am not a candidate yet — takes a little reading and a splash of paper work to get approved and confirmed. So, in the meantime, if the possibility of Cobb on Sisters' City Council sounds like a bad omen to you, then you may want to reconsider your first reaction of poo-pooing the idea of running.

The last two election cycles, in which three City Council seats always become open, only three candidates ran. So, of course they won. I think that is sort of sad. I know from being on an HOA board for the past three years that many folks will complain and a few will be very supportive, but even a smaller number, indeed, will run for office. It appears this is also the case for council seats. Let's change that.

To run for City Council (a volunteer job), you only need to have lived in Sisters for last 12 months continuously, be a registered voter in the City of Sisters (the seat is non-partisan), and have a functioning heart (yeah, I added that last bit).

To get a feel for the job, you will want to check out the City Council meetings on www.ci.sisters.or.us/meetings and if you want to be apprised about up-coming meetings go to www.sisters.teamaha.com/newsletter/subscriptions. To explore running, go to the main website to review the information www.ci.sisters.or.us/administration/page/elections-information. If you decide you want a hard copy of the process or have questions, call or email the City Recorder, Kerry Prosser at City Hall (541-323-5213 or kprosser@ci.sisters.or.us). I found Kerry is extremely helpful.

Here's the skinny on running: There are three simple forms to fill out to get the ball rolling. You formally let the City know you seriously want to run by filling out and submitting to City Hall an SE101 and a partially filled out SE121. If your content checks out, City Hall will give back your SE121s to be completed with names/signatures from registered voters living in our precinct 30. One only needs 10 names but, getting twenty names assures you've got all you need in case someone signs twice or is not in fact a registered voter or is in another precinct. Once the SE121s (only 10 names to one form) are filled out, then you fill out an SEL338 to go with each SEL121 — so, two of those.

Lastly, the City Recorder and Deschutes County Clerk make sure all is copacetic and let you know if you need to resubmit one of the SE121s or SE338s. If all checks out, they let you know if you are a candidate. This all must get done before August 25 by 5 p.m. and might take you three weeks at most. Plenty of time left for you to run after reading this letter.

Once a candidate, there are decisions to be made about having a campaign or not and assuring you track your spending. So, please, join me in running for a seat on Sisters City Council. Let's have a lively election this time.

Susan Cobb



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