

LETTERS

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To the Editor:

Please re-elect Andrea Blum for Sisters City Council. Councilor Blum is always prepared for meetings and asks probing questions. Councilor Blum's historical knowledge of City Council and community events allows her to make unbiased, informed decisions.

As a native Oregonian that is active in our community, she understands our values and priorities, and the legal parameters the City must abide by. Councilor Blum currently plays a key role representing our city's transportation needs at the regional level in addition to her council duties.

I have served on Council with Andrea Blum for over five years, she deserves your vote.

Please vote ABC (Andrea Blum for Council).

Nancy Connolly

To the Editor:

The submitted traffic study for the Sisters Woodlands project (the land around the U.S. Forest Service office) is laughable. Only six hours were studied between two separate days in the winter of 2019: two hours in the afternoon on Tuesday October 15th and four hours in the afternoon on Thursday December 12. The short survey failed to sample traffic for periods on weekends, holidays or most importantly, during summer. The study does not accurately represent existing or projected traffic conditions and congestion problems that residents will be forced to endure.

Traffic congestion in Sisters is a well-known problem especially during summer and on holiday weekends. When Cascade Avenue backs up, as it often does, there is a major surge in residential street traffic from vehicles seeking alternate routes. In addition to the current developments, adding three-hundred new homes in two years will increase Sisters' population well over twenty-five percent and will substantially increase traffic and human congestion throughout the city and in recreational areas with no way to relieve it.

Workforce housing is just a fancy term for taxpayer-subsidized housing that by law, is on a first come, first serve basis and cannot be restricted to local area applicants or workers.

It is my understanding our Mayor and at least one other city official have abstained from voting due to conflicts of interest involving Laird Superfoods. Which raises questions, what are the conflicts of interest and is a corporation that just successfully went public and has a market capitalization of \$390 million been handed the reins to Sisters by our city leaders?

Sisters is fast losing its personality and small-town charm to outside big money interests and high-density sprawl. It appears the city is intent on ramming this project down our throats with little consideration for the negative impact to the quality of life for Sisters

residents and the environment while pretending the project is for reasons other than profit.
JK Wells

To the Editor:

When looking back 54+ years, one piece of advice had a profound impact on my future. A junior in high school and somewhat rebellious, I absolutely hated school and wanted to quit. My father, salty ole Navy Chief and World War II veteran had the wisdom of years' experience. "Think about it, don't do anything stupid that you'll regret later!"

Now as a college graduate and Vietnam veteran with 30 years of service in Naval Aviation the wisdom of my years' experience says "don't do anything stupid" and lose the America so many have sacrificed for to preserve.

Americans chose to "Make America Great" and "Drain the SWAMP" in 2016. Logical and sensible leadership has been attacked on three fronts, all motivated by absolute hatred.

1. Democrats' ruthless and despicable behavior in their lust to attain/retain power burdened our nation four-plus years with corrupt sideshows and they've contributed NOTHING to hard working Americans!

2. The mainstream press is a propaganda machine for the Democratic Party. We've endured endless hate, lies, and deceptive reporting. Each week a new coordinated mantra: "the walls are closing"; "he is Hitler"; and "bombshells" bored us relentlessly.

3. SWAMP exposure started with Hillary Clinton and James Comey cover-up regarding her illegal email server. One set of laws for "thee" and another for "we."

Love for America, not absolute hatred, must prevail in the 2020 election. We must not do anything stupid we'll regret later. Biden, actual racist, has advancing stages of a mental disability and history of corruption with China to greatly enrich family members. Trump donates salary, has led our nation to the greatest economy in history, major wins for African Americans, jobs, and will always put America first.

Democrats want to destroy America with a socialist/communist agenda where elites have absolute power, not we the people. Democrats will target free speech, freedom of religion and right to bear arms, achieved by packing the Supreme Court. Democrats driving for open borders and endless free stuff is insanity. Democrats will destroy our history, continue promoting "hate America" in schools and defunding police; more insanity already witnessed.

Don't do anything stupid you'll regret later! Haters won't escape the consequences of choosing socialism/communism over Constitutional freedoms. You absolutely cannot trust America's future to those who claim the moral high ground yet seem without conscience concerning the unbounded slaughter of the vulnerable and most innocent of human life.

Jeff Mackey

KIRSHNER: Deputies recovered over \$1,000 worth of stolen items

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checked surveillance video in the area, and later developed a suspect, who was identified as Noah Kirshner.

On October 2, a relative of Kirshner contacted the Sheriff's Office after locating a pistol and other stolen property in a trailer where Kirshner had been staying. Deputies were able to recover the 9mm pistol that had been stolen on September 30, along with other items valued at over \$1,000.

Kirshner was already in custody at the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office jail on an unrelated charge, when deputies added additional charges for the vehicle break-ins in Sisters.

The Sisters man faces charges of unlawful entry to a motor vehicle (six counts); and one count each of Theft I; Theft II; felon in possession of a firearm; criminal mischief; and criminal trespass.

Sgt. Jayson Janes said, "The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office would like to remind the public to lock their vehicles and never to leave unsecured firearms or valuables in unlocked vehicles."

Kirshner was arrested for a similar string of break-ins two years ago.

According to the

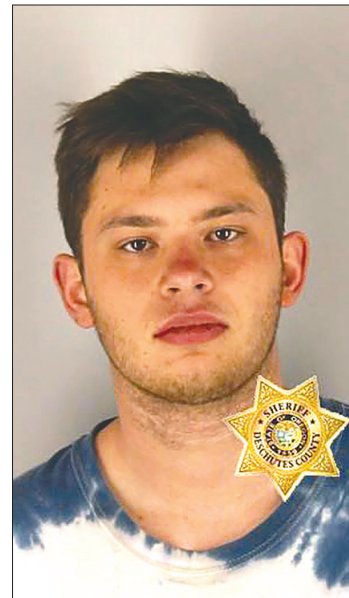


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Noah Kirshner of Sisters has been arrested in connection with a spate of vehicle break-ins. He has had multiple arrests in recent years.

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, deputies and Black Butte Ranch police responded at about 3:49 p.m. on September 26, 2018 to a report of a domestic dispute at 576 E. Jefferson Ave. in Sisters. When law enforcement arrived, they contacted Kirshner outside the residence. Investigators determined that Kirshner had caused extensive damage to a residence and had been throwing rocks at vehicles. Investigating further, they found property in Kirshner's possession that linked him to multiple vehicle break-ins in the Sisters area that had been reported the morning of September 25, 2018.

Last fall, Kirshner was arrested in connection with the theft of hemp from a farm near Sisters.



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Solution for puzzle on page 16

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