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October is full of opportunities to socialize and participate in activities, from harvest festivals and community fundraisers to listening to the “Tales of an Oregon Buckaroo” to The Chronicle’s own Halloween coloring contest.

We attended the Family Relief Nursery fundraiser at Creswell High School last week, and met so many great people supporting a terrific organization.

I’ll need to save all of that for next month’s column, but wanted to at least recognize the event and what a terrific night we all had.

There are a couple of people and faces who I feel I’ve known forever. And it’s probably why I’ve missed including them in this forum. Two of the friendliest and most supportive folks I see regularly are **Gary** and **Susan**. I spent about an hour chatting with them recently, and a little medical knowledge and advice emerged that I know will be helpful for my mother-in-law. You never know where a conversation is going to go, what it might reveal, or how it might improve someone else’s life.



NOEL NASH

I was looking forward to my “ride-along” with **Chris**, but the deputy had to make a court appearance the evening of our scheduled ride. It was great to meet him in person, though, and we’ll be rescheduling the ride-along experience soon.

Our building was vandalized earlier this month, when exposed outdoor wires were cut overnight. **Fred**, a manager with Charter, could not have been more responsive in the morning; he was patient and professional in dealing with several harried business owners who didn’t have phone and internet access.

Millie (Millicent) came by the paper and we ended up talking about her name and how it’s always been a bit of a conversation starter. She had several good tales from back in the day.

I was fortunate to meet someone in the past few weeks with deep, deep ties to Creswell and the paper. **Peg** stopped in to let us know she once worked for The Chronicle, and she shared a few stories with us from her reporting days. I’m looking forward to spending more time with her and learning more about the area’s growth.

Our Halloween coloring contest brought quite a few people through the newsroom. **Zana, Opal, Alexandria, Xander, April** and **Malia** were all dropping off entries for the contest, and I also

was able to meet contest winners **Lyric**, and her dad, **Chris**, and **Phoebe**. (Check out the back cover of the newspaper to see all of the winning entrants.)

The Chronicle is formally part of the Intergenerational Reading Council (IRC), and I’ve been working with **Bailey’s** second-grade reading class. The children rotate through “stations” to focus on reading and writing skills. They are wonderful kids, and it’s been great to see how the teacher(s) and other school staff support them. I “share” my IRC responsibilities with **Paul**, who helped show me the ropes when I began. I met his wife, **Susan**, at the FRN fundraiser, who was funny and delightful.

So, here’s a shout-out to the second-graders:

The Pigeons: **Hailey, Rubi, Mason, Sam, Tiernan, Aralynn, Nicole** and **Jagger**;

The Piggies: **Eli, Clairra, Brooklyn, Dreygon, Kane, Taylor, Lauren** and **Riley**;

The Elephants: **Anica, Donivan, Callaway, Elena, Pearl, Eric, Hannah** and **Atreao**;

and The Ducks: **Jaxson, Hunter, Jerran, Ben, Matthew, Troy, Amaris** and **Vincent**.

Noel Nash is publisher of The Chronicle.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Creswell Historical Society thankful for gift of awning



Creative Awnings and Shelters in Springfield donated an awning to the Creswell Area Historical Society, which will protect the original 1889 door at the building’s entrance. ERIN TIERNEY/THE CHRONICLE

Dear Editor,

The Creswell Area Historical Society has been blessed in a special way.

We wanted an awning to protect the entrance door. This door is the original 1889 door.

We contacted Creative Awnings and Shelters in Springfield. Mr. Jim Ingram and his crew made a nice

addition to our building and then he donated it to us!

What a blessing to our small organization. This is a real help to us. Thanks again to Creative Awnings and Shelters.

Sincerely,

**Suzanne Peterson,
Secretary, Creswell
Area Historical Society**

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Candidates themselves may not use the letters to

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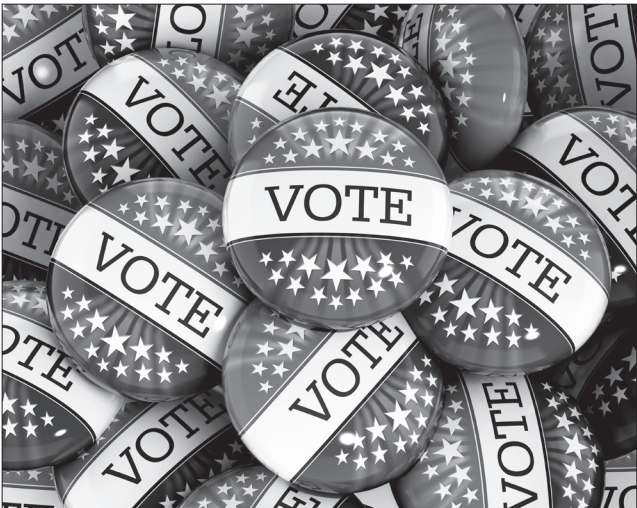
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All letters must be signed in full and include the address and telephone number of the writer for verification purposes. If a letter cannot be verified, it will not be published.



GUEST COLUMN

Olympian: 3 items for real success

BY MICHAEL G. WILSON

I’ve hit rock bottom more times than I can count.

As a gymnast, I overcame injuries – only to watch my Olympic dreams slip out of reach. As a businessman, I built a successful start-up – and then lost it all.

The main thing I’ve learned? Setbacks can be productive if you’re willing to learn from them. Today, as I lead a successful company, I inform my decision-making with the lessons I learned as an athlete and entrepreneur:

*** First, never give up.**

When I was 12, I trained under coach Ralph Reeves, the toughest coach I ever had. I would spend hours perfecting my craft – getting up on the pommel horse as I tried not to look down at my cracked and bloodied hands. Upon finishing each routine, Reeves would say one word: “Again.”

As the Junior Olympic Games approached, it looked like my hard work was about to pay off. Then, I blew out my knee and tore my ACL, MCL and meniscus while training. Refusing to let my injury determine my fate, I went on to win my first national championship.

I graduated from the University of Oklahoma as a five-time All-American and NCAA champion with a spot on the Olympic roster. But due to the United States’ boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, I never got a chance to participate.

I was devastated, and transitioned to business. More setbacks awaited.

*** Second? Forgive others.**

In the mid-1980s, I started my first company. But before I knew it, the relationship I had with my business partner soured. That episode would have been enough for a logical person to never open another business.

I went on to build and sell successful companies. I say this not to brag, but to prove my bona fides to entrepreneurs who are facing their own challenges.

It’s crucial to forgive your colleagues, your subordinates, even yourself.

*** Finally, trust but verify.**

As an athlete, I had to trust and listen to my body, my doctors, my coaches and trainers to overcome my injuries. I’ve learned to pay close attention to what people are saying – and more importantly, what they aren’t saying – in the boardroom. Reading body language and getting to know people before you do business with them is just as important as studying their qualifications on paper.

As an entrepreneur, you will experience a business setback. But the next time you do – pause, and think to yourself, “again.”

Michael Wilson is the CEO of Healthcare Highways. This piece originally ran on InnovationMap.com.