

Letters to the Editor ... Continued from A-2

Reader questions union bashing

The Josephine County Sheriff's Association is made up of the hardworking deputies that work in the trenches of Law Enforcement 24 hours a day in Josephine County. They are among the lowest paid Law Enforcement in the West, and have not asked for a raise in many years. This, however, is their home too, and with over 300 years of combined service and experience, they understand the importance of what they do and remain committed to our community.

The website "sheriffgilbertson.com" makes derogatory statements regarding the Josephine County Sheriff's Association that are untrue. Sheriff Gilbertson's campaign is saying "the Police Union is only working in the interest of its members and not in the interest of public safety, which they could not care less about", and blames the "Union" for blocking Gilbertson's efforts to protect the county.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the actual language of the Association's letter to Sheriff Gilbertson on the matter in question was: "We invite you to bring a proposal to the table when the parties commence negotiations on 8/25. The Association looks forward to working with you to find a mutually satisfactory resolution to all issues between the parties."

Sheriff Gilbertson did not bring this issue to the table in August. Rather than doing what was lawful and proper in this matter, he chose to vilify his own people to explain away lack of action by the Office. The Association considers this deception unconscionable. Gilbertson's actions severely damage his credibility, and important relationships within the Sheriff's Office; relation-

ships that are critical to running an effective agency.

Sean Rarey President, Josephine County Sheriff's Association

Reader claims pesticides are designed to kill our planet

There are times in life when you just can't help but ask what's going on. Recently I learned that helicopters routinely spray toxic chemicals in the air after clearcuts. Of course, these chemicals drift in the air, end up in our creeks and rivers and affect our lives. This is not right.

Why are we using highly toxic chemicals where we live, breathe and drink the water? Yes it's cheaper, if you don't count the health costs. But we pay. The county, the state and the corporations don't. Do we truly believe the "fast, cheap, and easy" choice of killing pests makes it ok to pollute our air, water, soil and bodies? Have we lost our minds?

Are corporate profits more important than our children? Is there anyone who does not know at least one person who has cancer or who has died of cancer in the IV, where helicopters spray these poisons year after year? It's doubtful, because cancer is now an "accepted" norm in Southern Oregon.

Measure 17-63 will only ban the pesticides requiring an applicator license, i.e the most toxic poisons.

Vote Yes on 17-63. Pesticides designed to kill have no place on this planet.

Nick Reynolds Cave Junction

Reader seeks to end confusion

Good day fellow Josephine County residents and

more importantly fellow sentient human beings. There seems to be some confusion regarding the anti-pesticide initiative 17-63. It sure doesn't appear to stop the use of antibacterial soap by hospitals, restaurants or private citizens in the privacy of their bathrooms and kitchens. It doesn't appear to restrict you or your veterinarian from treating your dogs and cats for fleas. What it does appear to do is give you, the individual voter, the right to be a part of the decision making process regarding the increasingly pervasive use of toxic products in your environment. Your right to decide those things which occur in your community that have an effect on your health and well being have been often co-opted at higher levels of government. My understanding of the "right to farm and forest act" passed by our state government precludes any remedy by private citizens that may be harmed by any forestry and agricultural practices that are considered normal or standard practices. My understanding of HB683 is that the counties of Josephine and Jackson are in direct opposition with their passage of their no GMO initiatives. Does the voice of the majority have an impact in our current political system? Before we get all reactionary regarding this well thought out initiative read it rather than accept the summary or interpretation of some one else. They may have an ax to grind and it may not serve your best interest. It's only four pages. You are likely the best judge of it's rationality. This initiative appears to go a long way in re-establishing local self government and in challenging us to come up with less toxic methods for addressing pests in our lives including some politicians who seem to have forgotten that their constituency is the voter

not the lobbyist.

Paul Hanson Cave Junction

Reader says note no

If pesticide use in Josephine County weren't such a deadly serious problem, I would have to laugh at the signs calling Measure 17-63, the Freedom From Pesticides Bill of Rights, irresponsible. Who is irresponsible-those who are spraying chemicals like neonicotinoids (linked to pollinator deaths) or atrazine (banned in Europe), or those who want to safeguard the most basic things we need in order to live healthy lives: clean air and clean water, healthy soil, and pollinators? Measure 17-63 not only protects us by banning the most egregious use of pesticides, it also asserts our right to have a say in what happens in our community. The question we must ask is this: should we continue to allow corporations to operate more cheaply by externalizing the true costs to human health and the environment, or take measures now to keep our children safe? The choice seems clear. Please join me in voting yes on 17-63.

Carol Valentine Selma

Reader says 17-63 is not extreme

Once again big corporations think they own Josephine County. They are using scare tactics and lies to dissuade voters from knowing the truth about Measure 17-63.

In May, it was about protecting corporate GMOs - a destructive pesticide delivery system, among other harmful impacts to our health, environment, and economy.

Thankfully, common sense prevailed and voters sent GMOs and the lies they rode in on packing, in order to protect our food, farms and future.

We appreciate the recent press release put out by our County Commissioners where they say "Most probably agree that the access to, and unregulated [keep in mind that "regulated" pesticides doesn't mean safe] use of a wide variety of pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals does seem to

expose Josephine County residents to potential serious risks both known and unknown."

Though we believe they are sincere when they say "serious risks both known and unknown", they then go on to place doubt in the minds of voters by taking issue with the constitutionality of Measure 17-63.

Measure 17-63 is anchored to Article I, Section I of Oregon's Constitution: "We declare that all men when they form a social contract are equal in right: that all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, and instituted for their peace, safety, and happiness; and they have at all times a right to alter, reform, or abolish the government in such manner as they may think proper."

Preemptive laws such as The Right to Farm and Forest Act and SB 863, crafted by big corporations and implemented by Salem politicians, take away our right to healthy air, water, soil, food and bodies.

For that reason we have boldly stepped into the fray of changing such damaging laws, on the grounds of our state constitution. Measure 17-63 was written to protect the health and future of our county, exactly as our constitutional framers advised.

The real issue not mentioned by our Commissioners nor acknowledged by the corporate opposition is rights, while at the same time we bear witness to Salem's continuous actions taking them away, one by one.

Measure 17-63 offers voters the right to say no to the toxic poisons forced upon us by corporations and Salem.

In addition, not unlike the DA's misleading summary of Measure 17-63, the Commissioners also imply the bill includes "possible inclusion of private property".

Measure 17-63 clearly exempts private residential property use of non-restricted pesticides. (Section I)

Measure 17-63 is not only far from unconstitutional it is also far from extreme and irresponsible, as you will most likely be hearing ad nauseam by the corporate opposition.

What is extreme is being forced to live with toxic pes-

ticides.

What is extreme is a state that touts health while allowing known hazardous chemical practices year after year.

What is extreme is a state that ignores its own history of chemical trespass.

What is extreme is a state that supports and protects practices - at the bidding and through the lobbying power of corporations - known to cause health issues, all directly linked to pesticides such as asthma, allergies, kidney disease, heart failure, infertility, several forms of cancer, from breast to prostrate, Parkinson's, birth defects, ADHD, learning disabilities, autism, hyperactivity, all linked to pesticides. See http://preciousdirt.org/?page_id=836

For well over 50 years we have literally bought into the Orwellian propaganda that toxic poisons designed to kill living things were needed in agricultural farming and beyond.

We need to realize the entire poison/pesticide scenario is one huge lie. Poisons designed to kill are not safe, not for our food, our air, water, our precious soil and certainly not our bodies.

Using toxic poisons to kill is a choice.

Using more and more, in stronger doses as they fail, is a choice.

Mixing them into chemical cocktails, never tested for safety ever, is a conscious choice.

However, that choice, up until Measure 17-63, hasn't been ours, the citizens of Josephine County.

We not only never gave our consent, we certainly never approved of the laws crafted to take away our right to even resist these poisons.

Measure 17-63 is simply advocating for our right to healthy air, water, soil and bodies.

Measure 17-63 is advocating for our right to a healthy ecosystem which is the air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil we depend upon to sustain our lives and thrive.

Measure 17-63 is about life. It's that simple!

Vote YES on Measure 17-63 - Vote YES for Life!

Audrey Moore Selma

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Freedom from Pesticides Bill of Rights

- It's about protecting our water, air, soil and our health
- It's about protecting our bees, food, farms, families and children
- It's about stopping toxic pesticide use, and chemical trespass
- It's about our right to decide
- It's about a government 'for the people', not corporations

Investigate and learn about this issue.

Got to: www.freedomfrompesticidesalliance.org

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NOTICE: Docket No: 7840C

In the Juvenile Court for Rutherford County, Tennessee

BRADLEY ALLEN CLIFFORD,

Petitioner

Vs.

TIFFANY HOPE BROWN

Respondent

TO: TIFFANY HOPE BROWN

You are hereby notified that a Petition to Modify Parenting Plan and Suspend Mother's Parenting Time has been filed in the Juvenile Court for Rutherford County, 1710 S. Church Street; Suite 2, Murfreesboro, TN; and that your last known address is Portland, Oregon, but your current whereabouts are unknown so that ordinary service of process cannot be served upon you. It is ORDERED that unless you appear and defend said complaint within 30 days after the last publication date of this Notice, a default judgment may be taken against you. You may obtain a copy of the Petition and any subsequently filed legal documents in the Juvenile Court Clerk's office at the address shown above.

This the 20th day of October, 2014.

Laura Bohling, Clerk of Juvenile Court

Lindsey Ralston, Attorney for Petitioner

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