

Letters

from 4A

STOP DISSING THE EDITOR

I am getting tired of those on the "Right" who keep dissing our newspaper editor, Ned Hickson.

They never send a letter to the editor expressing their views about the world but just focus on what he writes in his editorials, which they always think are bad.

They also complain about him not publishing more letters from the "Right."

Over the years, I have sent many Letters to the Editor. Some have been in jest and some serious, and about 50 percent of the time my letters have not been printed — possibly due to content.

If you want to have your opinions printed you must be concise, lucid and have a valid point of concern.

I was out of town for the past week and when I received the paper today it was like I had never left. Is there not something more important to our community or nation right now than the Humane Society?

—Win Jolley
Florence

MARIJUANA GROW CONCERNS

Much has been written regarding Dunes City over the last few weeks. There was a Guest Viewpoint (Aug. 19) from Jamie Mills, Administrator of Dunes City,

printed by the newspaper and more recently an article written about a council meeting. I wish to address both the article and the letter.

Dunes City Oregon is a pristine environment with low crime and is just a lovely place to live. Residents wish to keep it that way. Dunes City fails to recognize how this will change by allowing residential marijuana grows that claim our residential areas are agricultural zones.

There are three commercial grow canopies of 40,000 feet each that have been licensed.

Since the federal department of agriculture does not recognize the growing or producing of marijuana as agriculture, I feel the city is misinterpreting the intention of our city zoning — thus allowing the grows to begin.

It appears Dunes City has suppressed the information regarding the allowance of marijuana grows to our community while printing what I feel is propaganda-style "Theres nothing that can be done" notices in our local newspaper. In fact, there is something that can be done and Dunes City is remiss in pursuing the action known as the OPT-out option.

More than 200 cities and counties have chosen this avenue while Dunes City essentially sat on its hands and did nothing. The concern from citizens received a tepid response from the council during the Aug. 24 meeting, during which an emergency ordinance was bumped to a future meeting.

Really?

As citizens, I feel we should express our outrage and force an additional emergency hearing by calling councilors and the mayor. Failing to act now could result in the some of the following issues in Dunes City:

Industrial use of our residential zone, increased water needs for the marijuana grows, the need for water tanks and resulting issues that accompany them, potential contamination of local wells, increased electrical needs from marijuana grows and potential for brown-outs, large cash-on-hand and potential increase in crime, odor and smell during marijuana trimming, increased traffic due to transport of marijuana product, drop in real estate values.

In addition, Dunes City is not able to receive tax funds from marijuana wholesalers — only retailers. Dunes City doesn't have a retailer, which means the applicants are wholesalers.

Dunes City has received a fee of only \$35 to complete the land use form (LUCS) form, which doesn't come close to the expense our administration

has already spent addressing the allowance of marijuana in our city.

Please attend the upcoming Dunes City Council meeting, set for Sept. 13 at 6 p.m., to sign up and address your concerns.

Please write your concerns to council members and deliver them to the council at the meeting. Town hall meetings will be necessary following this meeting.

And please be willing to come to those town hall meetings by sending this message to our council members stating we wish to begin having town hall meetings at Dunes City hall.

Do something and act now.

—Catherine Caudle
Dunes City Resident

STATISTICS DON'T SUPPORT CLIMATE CHANGE

In response to Rand Dawson's letter disparaging "science-deniers" ("Fabricated Pretense of Civility," Aug. 23) and to preclude hand-wringing

about Houston's hurricane Harvey and climate change:

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—Ian Eales
Florence

(Editor's note: Interested parties can do their own analysis of those statistics by visiting the NOAA Hurricane Data website at www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/tcfaq/E23.html.)

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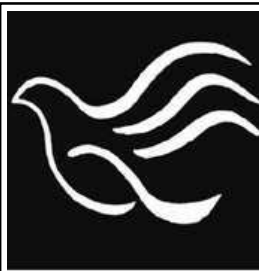
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