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that they bought in the mid-1990s, according to Sharon's sister Cathy Hinshaw, who lives in Hawaii.

The Smiths first met in junior high school while growing up in Springfield, Hinshaw said. Over the years the couple operated restaurants, second-hand stores, a clothing business in Bali, Indonesia, and season-



Sheriff Glenn Palmer

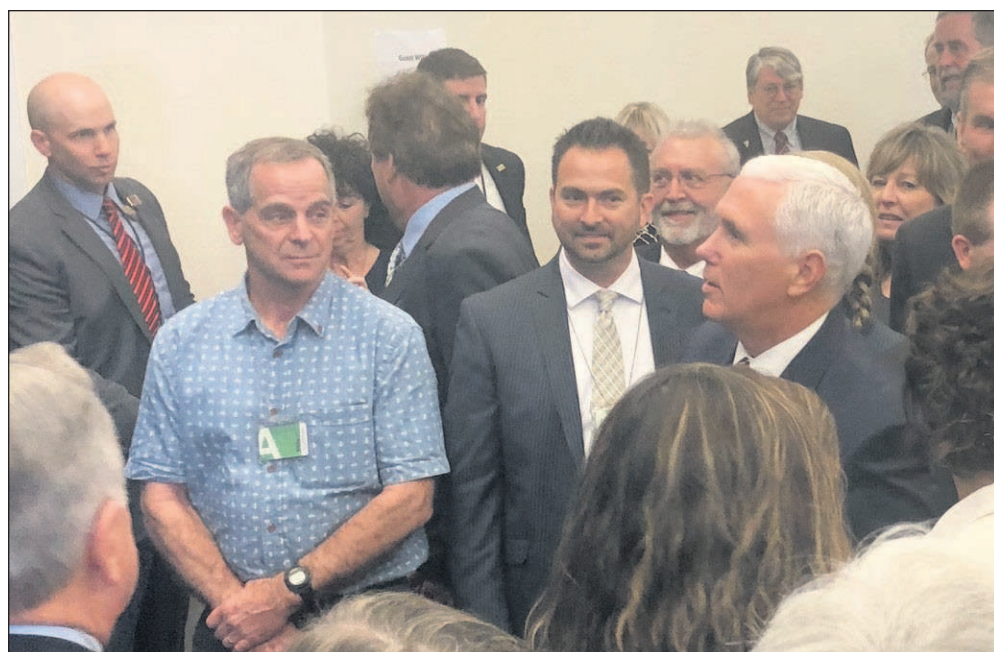
ally at farmers markets in Washington.

The Smiths never had children and were always working and keeping busy. Hinshaw recalled them serving food at homeless shelters on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Terry would give you the shirt off his back," she

said, adding that he always picked up hitchhikers.

The Grant County Sheriff's Office took the lead in the investigation of the missing couple from the very beginning, with assistance from state police and the FBI. On Aug. 2, Palmer reported that his office and the FBI had made some contacts in the case and conducted numerous interviews. On Sept. 5, Palmer announced that the case was being treated as a homicide.



Contributed photo

In this photo from the Association of Oregon Counties, Grant County Judge Scott Myers (blue shirt) listens as Vice President Mike Pence speaks Oct. 11 in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C.

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Earlier the same day, Myers and several other Oregon county representatives toured the White House. Myers said they posed for a photograph in front of the Oval Office just hours before rap singer Kanye West and football legend Jim Brown met there with President Donald Trump.

The county representatives were afforded ample opportunity for questions at the EEOB meeting, Myers said. Issues that were raised included infrastructure repairs, especially bridges, Secure Rural Schools and payment in lieu of taxes funding for timber communities and the devastating impacts of wildfires.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke explained to the county representatives that the Inter-

rior Department oversees the Bureau of Land Management and not the Forest Service, and he declined to address wildfire concerns, Myers said.

The county representatives emphasized to the federal officials that they would like to see a more permanent fix to the Secure Rural Schools act, which provides important funding for roads and schools but cannot be relied upon from year to year, Myers said.

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ODOT's request went before the Grant County Planning Commission three times after it was submitted in November 2017. Following a hearing in January, the county planning department requested information about a 5(c) designation from the state Department of Land Conservation and Development.

An aggregate specialist at DLCD supported a 5(b) designation, which the planning commission recommended at their February hearing. But when their recommendation reached the county court in March, the court said the 5(c) designation had not been fully explored and suggested DLCD had influenced the planning commission's decision.

The matter was sent back to planning commission,

which was unable to reconvene with the same five members, as requested by ODOT, for six months. In September, the planning commission changed its recommendation to 5(c), noting that based on evidence in the record, no conflicts existed between the proposed quarry and existing uses in the 1,500-foot impact area.

The planning commission also noted that the economic and social impacts of prohib-

Happy Halloween



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Kathlyne Page, 9, left, dressed as a unicorn and Ella Carpenter, 8, a Monster High character, choose a candy prize after playing corn hole at the carnival in John Day.



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Prairie City juniors Emily Ennis, left, and Hailee Wall offer face painting at Friday's school carnival.



The Eagle/Angel Carpenter

Children enjoy the doughnut-eating contest at the carnival and trunk-or-treat activity held Oct. 24 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in John Day.

John Day Taxi

Once upon a time a man very much alive was listed in an obituary column. He replied something to the effect that reports of his demise were greatly exaggerated. Well, recently a friend from a local bank suggested I may have some dead brain cells because I was confused regarding a financial transaction; she was right, no exaggeration there. But I had enough between the head handles to build a successful taxi business from the ground up; however, my wife is the CFO because I don't know an asset from a debit; I haven't written a check in 30 years but I'm not ready for the boys in white coats yet just because I don't know how. Having said that, I would like to shed some light on the situation. I've got a Masters in Electronics, a Masters in Theology, I'm a Paralegal, have degrees in Personnel Management and Christian Education. Dumb and confused as I am, I have a genius IQ and belong to Mensa; well actually belonged to Mensa, I finally got smart and quit paying dues. I was chess champion of the biggest Air Force Base in the world - Eglin AFB, Florida, I wiped out the whole chess club 5-0 and can still do an en passant on anyone on the block. I was a cowboy in Montana (I had a smart horse) and I'm a pilot. People like me tend to think outside the box and sometimes do squirrelly things as did Benjamin Franklin when he strapped a pair of magnifying glasses on his nose, the Wright brothers built a bicycle that flew and another guy thought he could replace horse carriages, ho, ho.

Back to John Day Taxi now dba Cowpie Ride Share. We step On it For You. I service about 40 regulars; I know all my customers by first name and exactly where they live. On round trips I get name and address, pick them up and bring them right back to the exact same spot an hour later. Yea for short term memory. Granted I am slipping a tad on the multi-tasking end of things but I ain't dead yet you can bank on it.



Richie Colbeth - Owner/Operator

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iting or limiting recreational or dwelling uses in the 1,500-foot impact area was too much for the property owners to bear and would restrict the overall use of their property. They also noted that a 5(b) designation would negatively impact county tax revenue by prohibiting development.

State response

In an Oct. 4 letter responding to the planning commission's recommendation, Senior Assistant Attorney General Stacy Posegate emphasized that the Meadowbrook Quarry was a highly valuable aggregate site.

"If quarry operations cease or become severely limited because of the conflicting uses, negative economic, social, energy and environmental consequences can be expected," she said.

The nearest quarries are 14.5 miles north at Camas Creek and 28.5 miles south at Long Creek Mountain, Posegate said. Using the Camas Creek quarry could increase haul costs by \$145,000 for a typical road project, as well as cause wear and tear on the highway, traffic congestion, more vehicle emissions and increased fuel consumption, she said.

Posegate requested that the court add a requirement that any person wishing to build a dwelling in the buffer zone sign an affidavit recognizing

the quarry as a superior use. An alternative would be a requirement that the person notify ODOT of a dwelling development and provide ODOT with an opportunity to object and request a hearing.

Sipp described to the court the importance of the Highway 395 corridor and ODOT's desire to maintain good relations with local communities. Posegate noted that nuisance lawsuits are common and can go on for years, shutting down a quarry by injunction until resolved.

Raschio asked Sipp and Posegate why ODOT hadn't purchased the 1,500-foot buffer land. Commissioner Jim Hamsher asked why ODOT hadn't acquired a noise and dust easement for the impact area. The 5(b) designation would place an "encumbrance" on the property, Raschio noted.

Court decision

In his motion to accept the planning commission's recommendation of a 5(c) designation, which would protect the neighboring landowners' property rights, Raschio noted that new testimony presented in Posegate's Oct. 4 letter had been submitted too late for planning commission review.

But even if the court was required to consider the new testimony, "the county court finds that the bare, unverified and unsupported assertions"

made in the DOJ's Oct. 4 letter "do not constitute substantial evidence of impacts to the quarry," Raschio said.

Raschio also noted that "the impacts DOJ asserts primarily focus on impacts to ODOT, not economic, environmental or social consequences to the broader community" and "appear to be clearly overstated or exaggerated based on the limited information provided."

Furthermore, the court "finds that limiting conflicting uses would likely engender legal, economic or social pressures, protests or possibly even lawsuits against the quarry, or the county, that would be of greater magnitude and consequence, and far outweigh, any possible social or economic consequences of not providing protections to the resource site," Raschio said.

"Put simply, the quarry is much more likely to co-exist harmoniously from a social and economic perspective under a 5(c) designation than a 5(b) designation," he said.

The county court's unanimous approval of Raschio's motion will not be final until a written decision and order drafted by county counsel Dominic Carollo is approved at a future court meeting. ODOT can appeal the county's decision to the state Land Use Board of Appeals and ultimately state court.

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