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Letters to the Editor

“Paradise” or Paradox?

On the heels of Mark Jaynes' letter about 'City vs. Tribe' issues, I feel it's much more than that.

How is it that a city so beautiful can be so ugly at the same time? Why do so many people here say “welcome” when you arrive and show such disdain/distance when you stay? Why do so many not even bother to say hello or wave in this tiny city? They do this because you are not a Card player, Bar or Church patron or Fishing Dynasty Descendent or whatever they want to tag you with.

What has made so many people of this city so Bitter, Angry, Hateful, Indignant, Irritated, Offended, Resentful, Uptight, Tumultuous, Destructive, Venomous, Vicious, Hostile? Sorry, but there are so many descriptors here for so few people.

Who has said anyone is better than another here? Or, for that matter, who are *you* to think you are better than the next? If you do, a serious lesson in humility is needed (look it up)!

There are many great people here that VOLUNTEER their time to make this a better place to live. Council, Fire, EMS, Chamber, ARTS, etc., etc. So many people here have enough “WIND” to bad mouth decisions and actions of these “Volunteers,” yet do not possess the integrity, respect or decency to show up and voice an opinion at any public meeting/forum.

If you do not cast a vote or are part of the public process, spare us all, keep your opinions to yourself and your mouth shut. YOU ARE NOT HELPFUL! If you are man or woman enough to speak at a public meeting/forum, then congratulations you are among a select few that are/is seeking improvement...thank you for that. PLEASE keep it up.

How is it that people here can be prosecuted, ridiculed etc. for doing the “right” thing? So many times in my short residency here I have heard young and adult alike break the law. YET the consensus is “just look the other way,” it will go away. Why are so many people here afraid/indifferent to stand up and say

Boys & Girls Club . . .

Recently I have been to a couple City Council meetings. At the first meeting our Boys & Girls Club Unit Director, Laurel Hilts, asked the council for financial assistance. Only one Council member seemed more than luke warm to the idea. When, how or even if assistance would be given was put off until a later date. I was disappointed that the council was not more enthusiastic or supportive of our youth. I don't recall reading anything about this request in the published Council Minutes.

At another meeting there was a lively discussion regarding Senior Meals. One councilman, to his credit, strongly opposed spending city funds to remodel the library building when the City can utilize the kitchen at Lakeside Terrance three days per week without spending scare city funds. Justification for spending city funds on this project came from another councilman by firmly stating that he did not want to change the days Senior Meals were served because no one would show up on a Saturday. This Council member said more, but best left unreported. None of the other council members expressed an objection or opinion but there was a motion made, and carried, that the Mayor continue gathering bids for the project.

Given the choice of where city funds are to be spent, I believe that if the needs of the seniors can be met without spending funds for needless remodeling, the City should be willing to invest in our Cities youth programs.

After seeing/hearing/sharing in the Boys & Girls Club recent talent show, if given a voice, where do the rest of you believe our tax dollars should be utilized?

Happy Schneider

“ENOUGH”! If people choose to break the law then **let them stand accountable for it**. Accountability and integrity, wow! I will leave that lie for now. There are too many people here that have no idea of either concept to be able to discuss them. That’s a bad thing for all of us.

Instead of engaging in or allowing someone to “gossip” information to you, try telling them to stop, you do not want to hear it. THEN, try going to the people/person it is about and asking them ‘straight up’ what is going on (?). You will be *much more* informed and not *pass on* bogus information you’ve just heard (you may appear smarter). An example: my wife was speaking with an elderly lady, who asked, “...why are you moving?” This wonderful woman had been force-fed gossip. All of it from people who do not, nor have they ever, tried to know us. Sadly, many have asked the same question here due to gossip. On the bright side, she (the elderly woman) and one other woman came directly to us and found out the truth...thanks for asking.

It takes far more effort to be angry/grumpy toward others. Instead of treating people that way due to whom you think they are, what they are or the position they hold in the community, try saying hello sometime and mean it! Try getting to know them BEFORE you run them down with your “ugly” mouth. You will find many people have a lot of life experience you can learn from or that you can pass along (even better). We were all born with two ears and one mouth. If only we would *listen* twice as much as we *talk*. If we could do that, then maybe more people would want to stay here after visiting.


It is sometimes better to keep one’s mouth closed and thought to be an idiot, rather than opening it and removing all doubt. Something to think about before we all open our mouths.

Dan Blodgett

[Monday Posting below]

Please attach this photo below my letter. It was left on my car. This young woman has made my every point in the letter. I would like to thank her and her friends that egged her on.



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