

Commentary...

Thanksgiving: What does it mean for your kids?

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Columnist

Thanksgiving – what a wonderful holiday! We hear that more people travel for this yearly celebration to be with family and friends than any other during the year. Its traditions, wonderful food, reconnecting and bringing out the fine china. For our kids it's time to play with cousins, greet grandparents, get dressed-up, hear their parents exclaim over a beautifully cooked turkey, and feel connected to family.

And – that's about it. Or, is it? Do your children really know what we're giving thanks for?

At school, especially if they are preschoolers or in kindergarten they will reenact (and probably invite you) to a presentation of the first thanksgiving, with some playing the parts of Native Americans, some the pilgrims.

Older kids may get a geography lesson on Jamestown or the colonies to learn about life at the time of our country's birth. They'll hear about the difficulties on the Mayflower and the other two boats that brought new inhabitants to a new land and a new way of life. They'll

hear about oppression and the lack of freedom under a king and why these brave folk took the risk and made the journey.

So — is that it? Is that all they know about why our nation sets aside a day to say, "Thank you?"

Let's be sure it's not. Having just finished an election that even our youngest kids are aware of, let's insist they understand what that means. I'm not talking about whether we're happy or sad with the results. Talk with them, young and old, about the privilege we have to cast our vote, how our legislation happens and how we can each work to make this the country of the "land of the free, home of the brave."

Help them recognize that at least two of the state measures that passed will affect them. If they are a fifth- or sixth-grader they will benefit from Measure 99, which creates funding to provide outdoor school statewide. If they are a high school student they'll have the benefits from Measure 98 which will fund dropout-prevention and

career and college readiness.

Whether we agree with our citizens' choice or not, let us teach our kids to respect that choice. Of course, many of you are disappointed. Many of you feel the change that is promised will not be the change for which you hoped. In respecting the fact that we all could voice our opinion, that we all still have peaceful ways to let our leaders know what we want or don't want, we teach our kids the reason this is a great country and how it

can be even greater, no matter our political views.

Many years ago, one of our daughters was aghast at the fact that her friends had marched in school with candles, as if at a wake, the day after a national election. It wasn't that she disagreed with them, it was the fact that, "this was the President! You don't treat him that way." She was talking about respect for the position and for what it stood. My answer to her was that this is how parents feel when we

are disappointed with our kids. Disappointed doesn't mean we stop loving them. Disappointment doesn't mean we stop working to make things better.

Perhaps you aren't feeling respect for the person we elected. Perhaps you, too, want to march through the downtown streets of Manhattan. How wonderful we have the freedom to do that. This Thanksgiving season, make sure your kids understand what that means.

SISTERS Entertainment • Arts • Special Events

Thursday ~ Nov. 17

Sisters High School SFF Winter Concert with The Hypnotic Brass Ensemble 7 to 9 p.m. Don't miss this family band of 7 brothers! \$15 adults, \$10 youth online at sistersfolkfestival.org. For more information call 541-549-4979.

Hood Avenue Art Benefit Concert with Melanie Rose Dyer, Daniel Cooper, and Bob Baker 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Americana, blues, folk and fiddle! Funds go to Heart of Oregon YouthBuild. Suggested donation, \$10. Food and drink for purchase. 541-526-1380.

Saturday ~ Nov. 19

Sisters Saloon Live Music with Bobby Lindstrom's All Three Cylinders 8 to 11 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

Cork Cellars Live Music with Doug & Katie Cavanaugh 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

The Belfry Live Music with Hillstomp & Kory Quinn 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show for refreshments. 541-815-9122 or go online to belfryevents.com.

Thursday ~ Nov. 24

Sisters Community Church Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal noon to 4 p.m. Free! All are welcome! For info call Jennifer at 541-390-4597 or Deri at 541-419-1279; to volunteer to help call Kimber at 541-788-2929.

Friday ~ Nov. 25

Fir Street Park Sisters Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Chamber. Sing Christmas carols and warm up around the fire pit! Three Sisters Lions Club will sell popcorn & hot drinks. For info call 541-549-0251.

352 E. Hood Ave. 6th Annual Three Sisters Lions Club Holiday Faire 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handmade treasures & unique gift items from local vendors! Info: 206-850-5352.

Events are subject to change. Deadline to submit items is by 5 p.m. Fridays to teresa@nuggetnews.com

Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m.

Galleries & shops feature live entertainment & refreshments! For additional information go to sistersartsassociation.org.

Saturday ~ Nov. 26

Cork Cellars Live Music with Jazz Folks 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

The Belfry Live Music with The Weather Machine 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show for refreshments. For more information call 541-815-9122 or go to belfryevents.com.

Sisters Saloon Live Music with the Tommy Hogan Band 8 to 11 p.m. Electric blues, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net.

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Hood Avenue Sisters Christmas Parade 2 p.m. And after the parade....
Chamber Office Visit with Santa! Enjoy holiday refreshments, too! Sponsored by the Sisters Area Chamber. For info call 541-549-0251 or go to sisterscountry.com.

Black Butte Ranch Turkey Trot Fun Run & Walk 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register at 10:15 a.m. at the Lakeside Activities Center. Fundraiser for the SHS Nordic ski team, \$10 entry. With raffle after the run/walk. Info, call 541-595-5879.

Sunday ~ Nov. 27

352 E. Hood Ave. 6th Annual Three Sisters Lions Club Holiday Faire 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Handmade treasures & unique gift items from local vendors! Info: 206-850-5352.

Monday ~ Nov. 28

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Tuesday ~ Nov. 29

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Wed. ~ Nov. 30

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Thursday ~ Dec. 1

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Friday ~ Dec. 2

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Saturday ~ Dec. 3

Cork Cellars Live Music with Jim Cornelius & Mike Biggers 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For more info call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Sisters Art Works Holiday Open House 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come for holiday cheer from the studios of artists! And **Pet Photos with Santa** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside SAW, the annual fundraiser for Furry Friends Foundation! 541-549-9941 or sistersartworks.com.

The Belfry Holiday Art Extravaganza! 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Creations from local artists & vendors and music from the SHS choir, jazz band, and Americana Project students. belfryevents.com.

The Belfry CD Release Show with Moon Mountain Ramblers 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show for refreshments. For more info call 541-815-9122 or go to belfryevents.com.

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Sisters MOVIE HOUSE STARTS FRIDAY

FRI., NOV. 18 - THURS., NOV. 24

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (PG-13)

Fri 4:30, 7:15
Sat-Wed 1:45, 4:30, 7:15
Thurs 11:30 a.m.

Edge of Seventeen (R)

Fri 5:15, 7:45
Sat-Wed 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
Thurs 12:15

Arrival (PG-13)

Fri 5:00, 7:30
Sat-Tues 2:15, 5:00, 7:30
Wed 2:15, 4:45

Trolls (PG)

Fri 3:15, 7:30
Sat 2:30, 4:45; Sun 4:45
Mon 2:00, 6:45
Tues 4:45; Wed 3:00

Certain Women (R)

Fri 5:15; Sat-Sun 7:00
Mon 4:15; Tues 2:30, 7:00
Wed 7:15

Mumford & Sons — Live from South Africa (NR)

Sun 2:00 - Only Showing in Ore!

Moana (PG)

Wed 5:00; Thurs 12:00

Allied (PG-13)

Wed 7:30; Thurs 11:45 a.m.

Movie times and titles are subject to change. Visit website or call for latest information.

WWW.SISTERSMOVIEHOUSE.COM
541-549-8800

The Belfry

Nov 19 / Sat / 8-11 PM
Hillstomp
Distinctive do-it-yourself hill country blues stomp. North Mississippi trance blues, a bit of Appalachia, and a dash of punkabilly.

Nov 26 / Sat / 8-11 PM
The Weather Machine
Hard-to-categorize, high-energy live show strikes a chord with NW audiences.

Dec 3 / Sat / 8-11 PM
Moon Mountain Ramblers
Hard-working & successful, they are always on the creative edge of acoustic music. CD Release Show!

Dec 3 / Sat / 10AM-4PM
Holiday Art Bazaar Extravaganza
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