

# Favorite Front Pages of 2014

Twice each week, the editorial staff at the Siuslaw News is faced with the question of what to put on the cover of the newspaper. The decision is rarely a simple one. Staff members consider the merits of news stories as well as elements of style and design, including photos and headlines, that chronicle the events, people and happenings within our community.

The process begins and ends at the editing table, where staff look through photographs and decide which best represent the stories that will make the front page. From there, the process moves on to the design stage, where the lead photo is chosen and layout ideas are considered. Among the considerations are how the elements of color and graphic design work together to create an eye-catching front page that compliments the lead photo while, at the same time, not overshadowing the news elements.

This sixth annual Favorite Front Pages section celebrates 12 of the best front pages of 2014, recognizing some of the year's most creative photography and layouts, as well as significant articles about important local events. For a closer look, view these pages online at [www.TheSiuslawNews.com](http://www.TheSiuslawNews.com).

These are our Favorite Front Pages of 2014...

## Hanging on, letting go



Clockwise from top: Mapleton Superintendent Jodi O'Mara announces the release of balloons adorned with special messages, prayers and memories; family and friends of Weston Bowman and Abby Boydston wave goodbye as the balloons take flight from the Mapleton High School football field; the group waits in the cover of the bleachers for a break in the rain; Mapleton senior Katie Dearman, wearing a "Sailors Forever" T-shirt in honor of Bowman and Boydston, leads the way to the field for Thursday's ceremony; and students write personal messages to be released skyward.

### Mapleton students and community send thoughts and prayers skyward in memory of Abby Boydston and Weston Bowman.

A week to the day after the tragic auto accident that injured three Mapleton students and claimed the lives of MHS freshman

Weston Bowman and senior Abby Boydston, friends and family gathered to remember and celebrate their lives by writing messages on balloons and then letting them go.

"We mourned their loss earlier this week. Today, we are remembering what made them

so special to us," said Mapleton Superintendent Jodi O'Mara. The catalyst for the celebration was Mapleton senior Katie Dearman, who had seen a similar ceremony for students in Arizona.

"I just wanted to do something special, so I put the word

out to friends and family after the memorial," said Dearman who, with the cooperation of friends and the school, was able to organize the celebration in time for Thursday.

Balloons were provided by Safeway for \$1 each, with the final cost being covered by a

pair of anonymous donors who overheard the conversation while shopping in the store.

As the rains pounded the football field Thursday afternoon, everyone gathered in the bleachers waiting for a break in the downpour. When it finally came, participants holding

nearly 100 balloons walked down to the field.

After a quiet moment, the group simultaneously released their wishes, prayers and memories into the sky in memory and celebration of Bowman, 16, and Boydston, 17, who will be "Sailors Forever."

STORY AND PHOTOS  
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### Sheriff, OSP increase patrols on Highway 126

The Lane County Sheriff's Office is coordinating with Oregon State Police to decrease motor vehicle accidents on Highway 126 between Eugene and the coast.

Additional patrols will be out on Highway 126 reminding motorists to slow down and drive safely. The sheriff's office is funding additional

patrols with a grant administered by the Oregon State Sheriff's Association.

The length of time patrols will have an added presence on the highway will be determined by the grant.

The Sheriff's Office also has placed a speed indication trailer on Highway 126 to help increase driver awareness of

their speed in an effort to slow down those who may be exceeding the speed limit. The speed trailer is placed in areas around Lane County at the request of residents or staff who have observed frequent speeding on particular roadways.

The speed trailer is managed and placed by Sheriff's Office

Volunteers, and has been successful at slowing down speeding motorists in many communities in Lane County.

Sheriffs hope to be able to have the speed trailer on Highway 126 for at least the next few weeks.

While the patrols are

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### Free Lunch Program in jeopardy of closing

The Community Free Lunch Program is in jeopardy of closing due to a lack of volunteers to help prepare and serve the hot soup lunches.

The free lunch program was started by the Florence United Methodist Church in 1995, using the kitchen and meeting facility adjacent to the church sanctuary on Kingwood at Second Street.

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Your Weather

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Sun, rain, clouds	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny
50 38	53 42	56 46	56 49



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YELLOW  
MAGENTA  
CYAN