

Siuslaw News
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Opinion

The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

“In crucial things, unity. In important things, diversity. In all things, generosity.” — President George H.W. Bush (1924-2018)



LETTERS

STARS ALIGNED FOR HOLLY JOLLY FOLLIES

Our community received a beautiful gift. For a couple hours we delighted together in all that is right with the world: A celebration of peace, hope, joy and love. This year’s Holly Jolly Follies brought us laughter and heart warming moments — a balm for the weary soul.

Another round of applause for Melanie Heard, the CROW (Children’s Repertory of Oregon Workshops) production team and cast! Thank you for enriching our holidays with your outstanding talents.

I am especially encouraged by the many youth I saw on stage. When I look at them, I see our future teachers, healthcare professionals, bankers, creatives, leaders and more.

When we financially support CROW, we create unique opportunities for growth and development in our youth. In turn, they will remember our support and their wonderful experiences.

It is these experiences that will inspire them to stay or return home and give back to our community.

Our youth face many difficult challenges. CROW helps them find their wings so they can soar. You can be part of all that is right with the world.

Remember, there is hope and the stars do align.

—Patricia Immel
Florence

HAPPY ENDING FOR STRAY
Editor’s Update: In the Dec. 1 Letter to the Editor “Some Wonderful, Caring People In Florence,” letter

writer Robin Malavasic spoke about how traffic stopped and community members helped round up a stray dog on Rhododendron Drive on Nov. 29.

In her letter, in addition to her thanks to the many “good and caring people” who helped, she said she hoped that the Oregon Coast Humane Society (OCHS) would be able to find the dog’s owner.

Thursday, the Siuslaw News received the following email from OCHS Shelter Manager Marina Lewis: “Our board treasurer, Jerry, called this afternoon to let us know about the Letter to the Editor piece about bringing in a stray. I just wanted to let you know that the dog in question was later reunited with his owner the same day!”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Siuslaw News welcomes letters to the editor as part of a community discussion of issues on the local, state and national level.

Emailed letters are preferred. Handwritten or typed letters must be signed. All letters need to include full name, address and phone number; only name and city will be printed. Letters should be limited to about 300 words. Letters are subject to editing for length, grammar and clarity. Publication of any letter is not guaranteed and depends on space available and the volume of letters received.

Letters that are anonymous, libelous, argumentative, sarcastic or contain accusations that are unsourced or documented will not be published.

Letters containing poetry or from outside the Siuslaw News readership area will only be published at the discretion of the editor.

POLITICAL/ELECTION LETTERS:

Election-related letters must address pertinent or timely issues of interest to our readers at-large.

Letters must 1) Not be a part of letter-writing campaigns on behalf of (or by) candidates; 2) Ensure any information about a candidate is accurate, fair and not from second-hand knowledge or hearsay; and 3) Explain the reasons to support candidates based on personal experience and perspective rather than partisanship and campaign-style rhetoric.

Candidates themselves may not use the letters to the editor column to outline their views and platforms or to ask for votes; this constitutes paid political advertising.

As with all letters and advertising content, the newspaper, at the sole discretion of the publisher, general manager and editor, reserves the right to reject any letter that doesn’t follow the above criteria.

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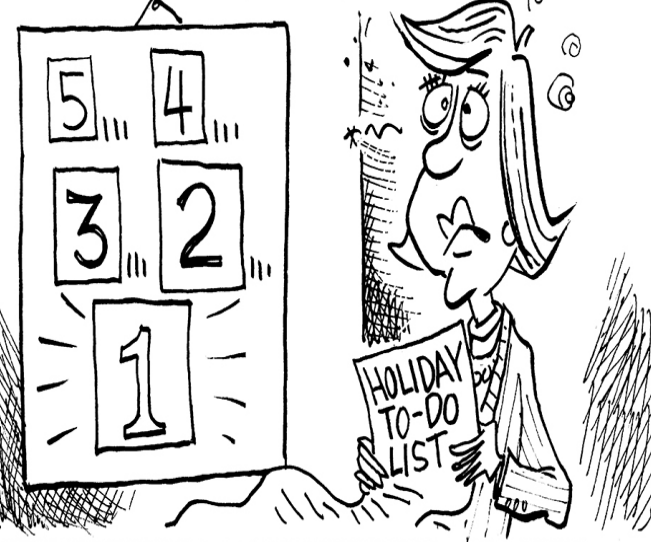
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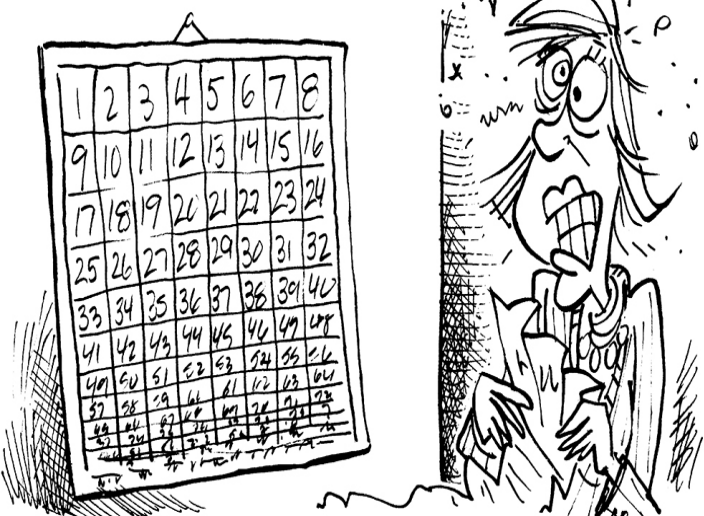
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