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HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Many people have a favorite memory of Decembers past, of the crackling of the fireplace, twinkling lights, presents wrapped with care and the smiling faces of those they love most. Maybe it's the food — traditional holiday feasts, decadent pastries, peppermint candy canes — and seasonal hot beverages. Some families chop their own Christmas tree; some shop the same tree lot year after year. Maybe a Christmas miracle made celebrating the holidays possible.

From now through the end of the year, the Siuslaw News wants to feature the region's favorite holiday memories and traditions. Hilarious or heartfelt, recent or from those famous "days of yore," share the warmth of the holidays with your friends and neighbors.

Submissions should be around 250 words, and a photo can be included. The Siuslaw News welcomes all submissions, though reserves the right to edit as needed.

Send submissions to PressReleases@TheSiuslawNews.com or message us on Facebook.

WALL HONORS OREGON'S VETERANS



Oregon Coast Military Museum plays host to the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall this weekend. It is free to attend from noon to 4 p.m.



Veterans from the Umpqua Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America arrived in Florence Friday morning with a replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall from Washington, D.C.

The vets unloaded and assembled the replica at Oregon Coast Military Museum.

While the design of the wall is de-

rived from the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, the names inscribed there are of fallen servicepersons from Oregon.

The center panels in black contain the names of those lost in Vietnam and on the USS Pueblo. There are panels off both sides in sandstone color with

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the names of those Oregonians lost in Panama, the bombing of Beirut, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall will be displayed at the Oregon Coast Military Museum this weekend during normal hours of operation. There is no charge for visiting the museum during

this exhibit. The visit in Florence is sponsored by Three Rivers Casino Resort.

The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall will be displayed at the Oregon Coast Military Museum from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9, at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence.

For more information, visit www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.

Brass plaque returned to Florence

Veterans celebrate the return of Veteran's Memorial Park plaque

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Sometimes bad stories have unexpectedly good endings. That is certainly the case from the perspective of local veteran, Tony Cavarno.

"I really can't believe we got it back. I thought that it was probably gone for good, melted down and sold," Cavarno said. "I am really surprised to see it here in one piece. It really is amazing!"

Cavarno referred to this week's return of the Veteran's Memorial Park's engraved brass plaque, missing since early November. The plaque was hung in 2009 to dedicate Florence's park honoring area veterans on Bay Street in Historic Old Town.

The plaque is one of the park's central elements and included a list of the people involved with the creation of the park.

Cavarno was one of five veterans who gathered Wednesday to discuss the return of



(From left) Local veterans and Veteran's Memorial Park founders Terry Robertson, Tony Cavarno, Wally Scholtz, Steve Olienyk and Robert Woerner were on hand this week to receive the dedication plaque that was stolen last month from the park on Bay Street.

the plaque to Florence and to plan for its reattachment to the wall. These veterans have been involved in the conception and ongoing maintenance of Florence's park, and they are relieved the missing plaque was located and returned.

"There was no major damage done to the plaque," said Bob Woerner, another founding member. "We are still gonna have it cleaned up and resurfaced before we put it back up on the wall."

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Donation 'instrumental' to learning

Florence Elks donate \$5,000 to Siuslaw Elementary music program

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Music makes the world go around. It can also raise the spirits of those playing the music and of those listening to that music.

Music education teaches less experienced musicians the value of perseverance and dedication and ultimately brings joy to millions around the world. Many forms of music cannot be learned, or played, without instruments.

That last barrier to becoming a musician, a lack of musical instruments, is much less of a concern for students attending Siuslaw Elementary School now than it was previously, thanks to a major donation from Florence Elks Lodge #1858.

Siuslaw Elementary Principal Mike Harklerode believes the \$5,000 donation made by the Elks is important in a number of ways.

"Early music experiences are a critical element of a well-round-



Students from Amanda Smith's (right) fourth-grade music class at Siuslaw Elementary School are learning music on an array of new musical instruments this semester thanks to a generous donation of \$5,000 from Florence Elks Lodge #1858.



ed education. Not only is music for the sake of enjoyment a worthy endeavor, we also recognize that it supports learning in core academics, as well," he said. "The

instruments provided by the Elks Lodge will help to make music instruction more systematic.

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