

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.

Opinion

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LETTERS

(**Editor's Note:** Viewpoint submissions on these and other topics are always welcome as part of our goal to encourage community discussion and exchange of perspectives.)

dinance No 259, along with Ordinance No. 259 Exhibit A, and Revision Synopsis of Chapter 155 along with the staff report supporting these changes.

These proposed changes are available for review on the Dunes City Website.

The changes will affect all Dunes City residents, while largely acting to empower and enrich Dunes City.

They wish to rezone our community and create new ordinances, while increasing and adding new fees, and penalties to help fund the city.

In Ordinance No. 259 Exhibit A, Dunes City is even proposing the right to enter our homes! I encourage you to review Section 155.1.4, entitled "Enforcement," under Administrative Enforcement on pages 31 and 32.

Surely, these massive changes they desire could at least be postponed to a later and safer date.

Is the Dunes City Planning Commission hoping we will simply not attend, for fear of catching the virus — which will enable them to move more quickly to the finish line?

If you are worried about these proposed changes, please drop by the Dunes City Hall, call, email or write to the Dunes City Planning Commission immediately. Time is of the essence.

While addressing these issues,

please ask why the cost of obtaining a copy of the proposed Ordinance, Text Amendments and Findings of Fact are being charged such an outrageous fee to print each page?

— S.B.
Dunes City

IN DEFENSE OF RAYMOND

University of Washington researchers recently discovered that tires contain a chemical, 6PPD-Quinone, that rapidly kills Coho salmon when they are entering tributaries attempting to spawn. This chemical pollution may be a leading factor in the Coho decline.

Removing improperly discarded tires to prevent this toxic chemical from entering our waterways should now be a very important concern.

I was quite impressed that Raymond Furr of Leaven No Trace had the care and concern to remove and properly dispose of hundreds of abandoned tires from the Siuslaw Watershed. Along with those tires, he also removed an incredible amount of litter, with his frowning bags recently visible to any commuter on Highway 126.

Raymond enjoys tremendous community support and outpourings of commendation for proving a single person can make a tremendous difference

for our precious environment.

Both Lane County and Florence claim to offer Adopt-A-Road programs. Effective bureaucrats would couple this program with Leaven No Trace to grow a broader cleanup effort, but we do not have effective bureaucrats.

Local leaders should champion Raymond, but in the backwards world of government, they attack our champion. Lane County claims Raymond's frowning bags are too dangerous to pick up, so they cited him. Florence took it a step further by jailing Raymond and charging him with two felony counts of criminal mischief for implementing wastewater filters.

It appears unanimous; both Lane County and Florence believe it is a crime to think downstream!

A Florence official puts forth the absurd charge, similar to the butterfly effect, that Raymond moved a few pieces of rip-rap which threatened our bridge! Architect Conde B. McCullough is rolling in his grave. He built this bridge with massive protection for the bents, protecting them from severe flooding and centuries of log strikes. It is laughably ridiculous that Raymond could defeat this engineering by tumbling a few stones.

Raymond's effectiveness embarrasses Florence's leaders, so

they are trying to disparage and crush Raymond, and they are using their legal system to do it. Florence's municipality stubbornly refuses to embrace even the simplest new technologies to help our environment.

Wastewater filters are not Raymond's creation. Environmentally responsible municipalities have been implementing StormX, Drain Socks, Dandy Sacks, Hal-liday Debris Baskets and many other filters for years. They are engineered, cost effective and have been proven to work with existing stormwater systems. They stop a tremendous amount of trash and toxic chemicals from entering waterways.

Florence's Environmental Management Advisory Committee and Public Works director Mike Miller should be aware of these devices and advocate for their use, as Raymond is. Unfortunately, Florence does not embrace these clean solutions, they criminalize them. For Raymond to clean the trash hemorrhaging into our creeks and rivers, he will need to battle a careless army of engineers and bureaucrats determined to stop him.

It appears if the citizens of Florence want to be environmentally friendly, they need to throw out more than just the trash.

— Bill Shepard
Mapleton

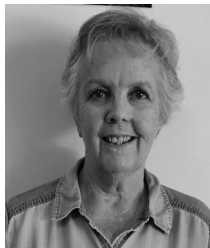
WEEK #13 WINNERS

LOSE! to WIN!

TOP 5 Women



Lori Coffindaffer 2.58%



Coe Clarkson 2.38%



Arlene Biron 2.26%



Debbie Haring 2.16%



Nancy Robison 0.45%

TOP 5 Men



James McKinney 3.60%



Dustin Williams 0.88%



Al Rojas 0.80%



Brad Koehn 0.76%



Jerry Whiting 0.54%

Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Season %Lost
WOMEN'S RESULTS		
Lori Coffindaffer	2.58%	10.08%
Coe Clarkson	2.38%	12.20%
Arlene Biron	2.26%	18.40%
Debbie Haring	2.16%	6.24%
Nancy Robison	0.45%	4.18%
Katherine Hemmens	0.00%	8.16%
Alyssa Cargill	0.00%	2.63%
Betty Scarbrough	0.00%	6.72%

Cassandra Burns	0.00%	0.48%
Guadalupe Galvan	0.00%	1.14%
Jo Beaudreau	0.00%	-1.96%
Linda Harklerode	0.00%	6.16%
Sue James	0.00%	6.86%
Jolene Alcorn	0.00%	2.17%
Linda Goalder	-0.21%	3.98%

MEN'S RESULTS

James McKinney	3.60%	8.35%
Dustin Williams	0.88%	10.87%
Al Rojas	0.80%	10.91%
Brad Koehn	0.76%	8.48%
Jerry Whiting	0.54%	4.55%
Dirk Anderson	0.23%	10.55%
Brad Hanscom	0.00%	7.81%
Jim Hecker	-0.91%	-0.20%



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Last Weigh In
October 20

*Weigh in each week at the Siuslaw News
148 Maple Street, Florence, each Wednesday,
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*Weekly leaders in each category (male & female) will be pictured in the
Saturday edition of the Siuslaw News.

*Look Good - Feel Good!

Contestants understand that participation in the contest may involve inherent risks, dangers and hazards, which many occur without warning, or be due to lack of conditioning, carelessness, and other unforeseen, unidentified, or unexpected perils inherent in physical activities or weight loss programs. Contestants understand that oversight of the contest by the Siuslaw News or any other sponsors does not and cannot, guarantee their safety. Contestants understand that they should not participate in the contest if they have any health conditions affecting their ability to participate. Contestants have signed release forms to certify they are fully aware of, and expressly assume these and all other risks involved in participating in the contest, and to grant to the Siuslaw News and all contest sponsors and their respective assignees, the absolute right and permission to use their name, address, photograph and/or likeness in any and all advertising, trade, or promotion. Contestants have weighed in at the first contest weigh-in on July 17, 2021 and will weigh-in every Wednesday through October 20, 2021 at the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple Street, 7:30a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Diet Tip #13

“Always plan before you go grocery shopping! Look at the weekly ads to see what produce is on sale, seasonal produce is cheaper and at its peak of flavor. Make and stick to your shopping list to reduce food waste and keep excess calories out of your shopping basket and stomach. ”

~Stephanie Shiu, MPH, RD Inpatient
Dietitian at Peace Harbor Medical Center

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