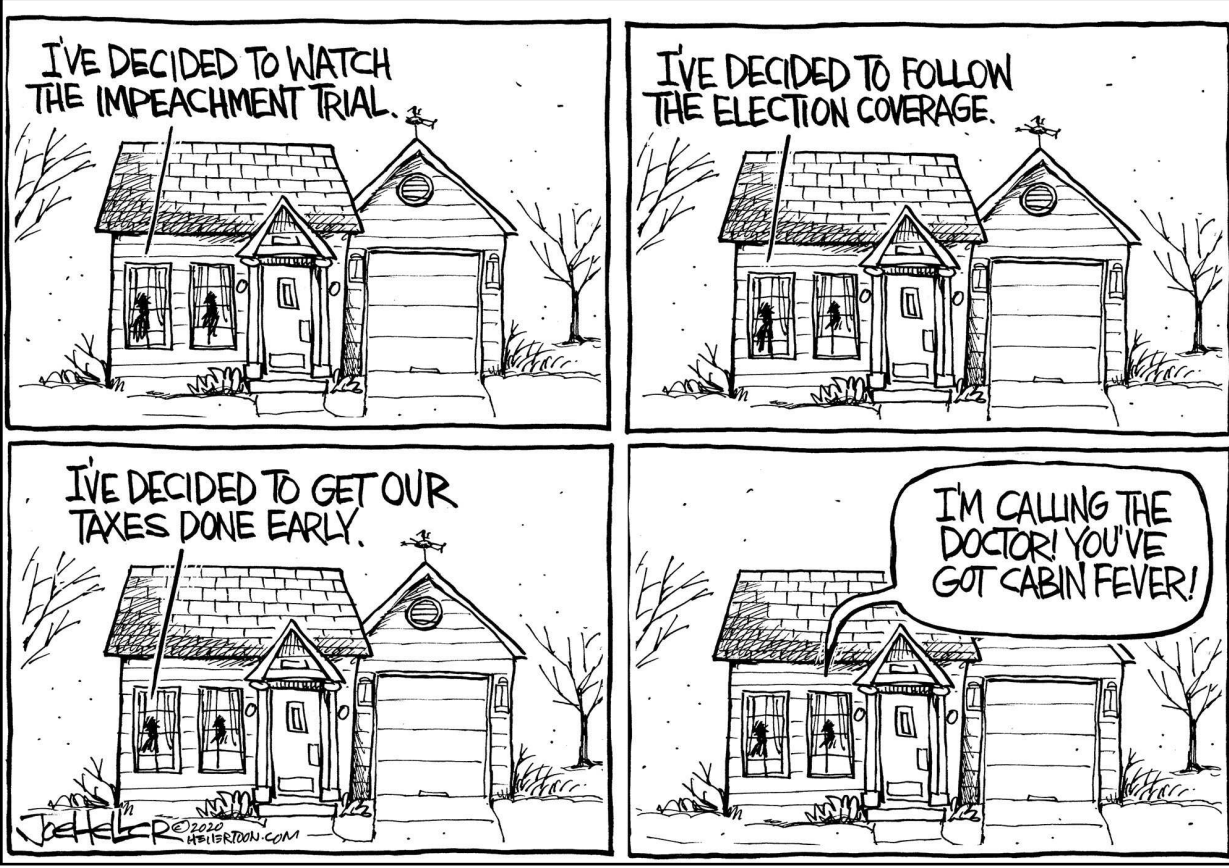


Cottage Grove Sentinel
 116 N. Sixth St.
 Cottage Grove, Ore. 97424

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.

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." —Thomas Jefferson (1800)



LETTERS

LET US CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY ROSIES' SPIRIT

It is with sorrow that I inform [the community] of the passing of another of our beautiful "Rosies," Opal Nelson, on Jan. 15. Opal founded our McKenzie Chapter of ARRA and two other chapters here in Oregon. She spearheaded countless events, presentations and parades with our chapter and the others here in Oregon. Opal participated in several ARRA National Conventions and served as Oregon State Director and national Vice-President. Let us continue to be inspired by Opal's independent "We Can Do It" spirit as we continue working to keep the legacy of the Rosies alive. With sorrow for her death, but with joy for knowing her,
 —Yvonne Fasold
 Cottage Grove

SHOPLIFTING FROM THE BOOKMINE? REALLY?

The Bookmine and owner Gail Hoezle have been community institutions for the past 44 years. No argument there. Just a fact. On Christmas Eve at 1 a.m., two women dressed in Santa Claus hats stole the Bookmine's wooden bench on Seventh Street. How do I know this? It was caught on surveillance tape. Now, somewhere between Friday, Jan. 17 and Monday, Jan. 20, a person or persons unknown entered The Bookmine and shoplifted a number of items. In the children's toy section eight toys were taken out of their boxes then taken out of their plastic clamshell packaging and removed from the store without payment. This is a severe personal insult to Gail. She has done nothing but good for this community through

her shop and various organizations for many decades. And this is how she has been repaid. If it interests anyone, the toys were soft plastic balls featuring "hatching" dinosaurs and unicorns. What boggles the mind, besides this very classless and illegal act, was the fact that not just *one* item was taken but *eight*. Our town owes a debt of gratitude to Gail Hoezle for her near-limitless work done by keeping The Bookmine open and her efforts, in various organizations, for the betterment of all the people of Cottage Grove. This event dovetails neatly with the epidemic of petty theft in Cottage Grove. Boy, *that* sure will draw in prospective tourists, renters and homebuyers.
 —Steve Thoemmes
 Cottage Grove

community gives itself. It's nothing short of miraculous that for 60 consecutive years our beloved summer celebration has endured on a perennial shoestring budget in the hands of committed volunteer organizers and funded by our generous and faithful sponsors. BMD celebrated its "Diamond Jubilee" anniversary last year because of the grit and generosity of those who have personally invested their time and treasures to make this event happen on the third weekend of July for six decades. A wonderful birthday gift, the Chamber's 2019 Nonprofit of the Year Award is the cherry on the top of the biggest and best celebration we've had in a decade. It was a pleasure to serve on a team that skillfully balanced our collective strengths and weaknesses to produce the festival with excellence for everyone's enjoyment. Several of our valuable teammates have now stepped down to pursue other passions and we want to publicly thank these exceptional individuals for giving their best to our organization. The contributions made by Cathy and Bill Simmons, Joelle Saunders and Penny Bierly, Misty and Sean Burris, Lisa Spears, and Ken and Helen Lile have strengthened BMD's organizational foundation for the future. As we move into this newest era of BMD history, we invite those who love the festival as much as we do, who are hard workers and good team players, and who are willing to trade their time and talents to generate thousands of smiles and happy memories for people of all ages, to please consider joining our 2020 Production Team. Call 541-942-5964 for more information.
 —Cindy Weeldreyer
 BMD Festival Coordinator

WHAT A GREAT 'BIRTHDAY' PRESENT FOR BMD

Bohemia Mining Days received the 2019 Nonprofit of the Year Award at last Saturday's Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet. We thank chamber members for bestowing this award upon us and we appreciate and applaud the efforts of our fellow nominee, the Opal Center for Arts & Education, for bringing a vibrant cultural vibe to The Grove for many years. We thank Carmen Dowell and her Creative Chaos actors for showing us anything is possible when you dare to dream, you give everything you've got to make that dream a reality, and you find ways to have fun along the way. Those characteristics also form the foundation of Bohemia Mining Days, which is an annual gift our

USPS#133880 Copyright 2020 © COTTAGE GROVE SENTINEL

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Sentinel 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 unourced or without documentation will not be published. Letters containing poetry or from outside The Sentinel 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.

Send letters to:
 nhickson@cgsentinel.com

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR REPS

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>Oregon state representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Floyd Prozanski
 District 4 State Senator
 PO Box 11511
 Eugene, Ore. 97440
 Phone: 541-342-2447
 Email: sen.floydprozanski@state.or.us • Rep. Cedric Hayden
 Republican District 7 State Representative
 900 Court St. NE
 Salem, Ore. 97301
 Phone: 503-986-1407
 Website: www.leg.state.or.us/hayden
 Email: rep.cedrichayden@state.or.us | <p>Oregon federal representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Peter DeFazio
 (House of Representatives)
 405 East 8th Ave.
 #2030
 Eugene, Ore. 97401
 Email: defazio.house.gov/contact/email-peter
 Phone: 541-465-6732 • Sen. Ron Wyden
 405 East 8th Ave., Suite 2020
 Eugene, Ore. 97401
 Email: wyden.senate.gov
 Phone: (541) 431-0229 • Sen. Jeff Merkley
 Email: merkley.senate.gov
 Phone: 541-465-6750 |
|---|---|

Cottage Grove Sentinel

541-942-3325

Administration

- Jenna Bartlett, Group Publisher
- Gary Manly, General Manager... Ext. 1207
 gmanly@cgsentinel.com
- Gerald Santana, Multi-Media Sales Consultant... Ext. 1216
 gsantana@cgsentinel.com
- Veronica Brinkley, Multi-Media Sales Consultant... Ext. 1205
 vbrinkley@cgsentinel.com
- Carla Skeel, Inside Multi-Media Sales Consultant... Ext. 1203
 csommers@cgsentinel.com

Editorial

- Ned Hickson, Managing Editor... 541-902-3520
 nhickson@cgsentinel.com
- Damien Sherwood, Lead Reporter... Ext. 1212
 dsherwood@cgsentinel.com
- Nick Snyder, Sports/Community News Reporter... Ext. 1204
 nsnyder@cgsentinel.com

Customer Service

- Meg Fringer, Office Manager, Legals, Classifieds... Ext. 1200
 mfringer@cgsentinel.com

Production

- Ron Annis, Production Supervisor... Ext.1215
 graphics@cgsentinel.com

Subscription Mail Rates in Lane and Portions of Douglas Counties:

10 Weeks	\$11.50
One year	\$43.50
Senior 62+	\$33.00
e-Edition year	\$35.00

Rates in all other areas of United States: 10 weeks, \$16; 1 year, \$56.50; e-Edition \$35. In foreign countries, postage extra. No subscription for less than 10 weeks. Subscription rates are subject to change upon 30 days' notice. All subscriptions must be paid prior to beginning the subscription and are non-refundable. Periodicals postage paid at Cottage Grove, Oregon. Postmaster: Send address changes to P.O. Box 35, Cottage Grove, OR 97424.

Local Mail Service:
 If you don't receive your Cottage Grove Sentinel on the THURSDAY of publication, please let us know. Call 541-942-3325 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Advertising Ownership:
 All advertising copy and illustrations prepared by the Cottage Grove Sentinel become the property of the Cottage Grove Sentinel and may not be reproduced for any other use without explicit written prior approval.

Copyright Notice: Entire contents ©2020 Cottage Grove Sentinel

