

## Guest Editorials

Newspapers are very selective about publishing guest editorials. These guidelines can help you get your submission accepted:

1. Contact the editor before writing a guest editorial. Ask if s/he has an interest in a guest editorial about the proposed subject.
  - a. Daily Courier editor: Kevin Widdison, [news12@thedailycourier.com](mailto:news12@thedailycourier.com)
  - b. Mail Tribune editor: Cathy Noah, [cnoah@mailtribune.com](mailto:cnoah@mailtribune.com)
  - c. Rogue River Press editor: Teresa Pearson, [rrpress@rogueriverpress.com](mailto:rrpress@rogueriverpress.com)
  - d. Illinois Valley News editor: Laura Mancuso, [laura@illinois-valley-news](mailto:laura@illinois-valley-news)
2. Establish your credentials on the subject.
3. Choose a subject that is a hot topic in the news — no more than a week old.
4. Ask if there is a word limit and stick to it. (The Daily Courier allows no more than 800 words.)
5. Avoid acronyms and vocabulary that could confuse readers unfamiliar with the topic.
6. Know your audience. Keep vocabulary and sentence structure straightforward.
7. Omit name calling, sarcasm and profanity.
8. Be concise; build a coherent case.
9. Edit, edit, edit!

### Examples of Guest Editorial Opportunities:

1. Tax day April 15<sup>th</sup>
2. Earth day April 22<sup>nd</sup>
3. Current Oregon bills and legislation
4. Explaining the Indivisible movement (we'd appreciate a preview)
5. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and vouchers
6. Comparing Nixon's Watergate downfall to current events
7. April — Sexual Assault Awareness Month
8. The Syrian airstrike
9. Health care

**Please represent yourself and Rogue Indivisible honorably.** Share what you plan to submit so we can provide feedback and/or suggestions. We have several talented editors who can help.