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RE: Letter to the Editor

On behalf of Creative Salem and local supporters we are sad to hear of the vandalism regarding Salem's So Sweet ice sculptures. The 14th annual Chocolate and Ice Festival brings creativity and cheer to Salem's local community. Unfortunately, three wonderful ice sculptures were ruined by local youth. This disheartening news is met with many condolences from Creative Salem and our staff.

The statues of Cupid, a pair of fashionable boots, and an Alpaca were all fantastic creations by local artists who took great care and pride in their art. Amidst the destruction we are proud to stand with the City of Salem and our creative community. We are so pleased to observe an outpouring of support from the local community after the news report broke. We hope the youth involved learn from their mistakes and grow from the consequences.

We fully support the local businesses behind Salem's So Sweet Chocolate and Ice Festival including Salem Main Streets, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Destination Salem, and the local retailers, and restaurants. Creative Salem remains optimistic about the future of Salem's So Sweet Festival and hopes such violations will no longer take place. We hope the community will rally behind creative arts and will support such events in the future instead of destroying it.

Cheers,

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