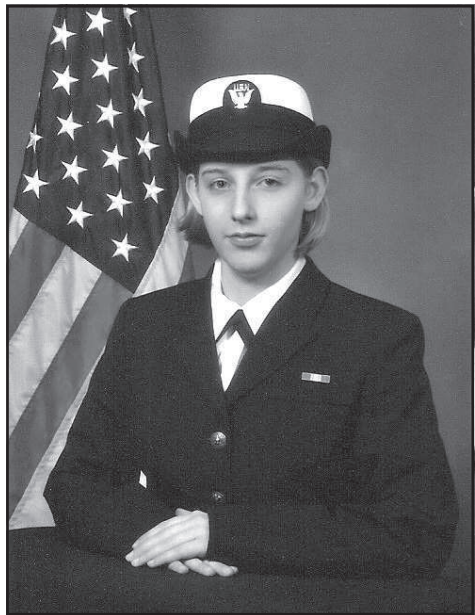


## Military Service

Kahli Ann Anderson



Kahli Ann Anderson is a Vernonia High School alumni, class of 2009. She attended Pacific University for a short time before deciding that she wanted more from life and to see the world. Kahli enlisted in the United States Navy and left for Basic Training at Great Lakes training camp near Chicago, IL on February 14, 2012. She graduated from basic on May 13, 2012. She left that night for Fort Sam Houston, Texas to A School where she graduated as a Hospital Corpsman on August 14, 2012. She then came home for 2 weeks and celebrated her 21st birthday with family and friends. She left for Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan, about 2 hours south of Tokyo, on September 6th. She is currently working at the Yokosuka Naval Hospital in OB.

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Leadership takes tremendous time and effort. A leader must have knowledge of issues, understanding of people and the ability to influence change.

We have watched Tony Hyde begin as a community leader through a very damaging flood, to someone who has become well respected in Columbia County and the entire State of Oregon.

Tony has served as President of the Association of Oregon Counties, served on many committee's concerning economic development, served on the board of the National Association of Counties and worked tirelessly on the Vernonia School project to name just a few of his activities.

The reality is that Tony's time, effort, sincerity and respect from others has put him in the position to be a leader. This has and will continue to benefit all citizens of Columbia County. Tony is performing his job of County Commissioner for Columbia County at a very high level.

Voting for Tony Hyde for Columbia County Commissioner position 3 is simply the right thing to do.

Marie and Jim Krahn  
Vernonia

To the Editor

Recently, I was approached by a Democratic activist regarding my support for keeping Tony Hyde as our County Commissioner. Recognizing that

he was speaking to a fellow Democrat, he made the unfortunate comment that, "If I was a real Democrat, I would vote for the Democrat in the race."

This is a sad comment on so many levels. First, this is a nonpartisan election. I happen to know Tony Hyde very well, and, yes, Tony and I do not agree on many national issues. The nice thing about local politics is that these issues do not intrude. We are free to vote for the most energetic, competent and effective leader we can find without the intrusion of the divisive national political debates.

My husband and I have both been active Columbia County volunteers for more than 30 years. During that time neither one of us has encountered a more hard-working, knowledgeable or effective County Commissioner. Tony continues to work hard to bring jobs and good governance to Columbia County.

We encourage you all to vote to retain Tony Hyde is our County Commissioner.

Kim Tierney  
Vernonia, Oregon

To the Editor,

Four years ago, I wrote a letter to the editor to every newspaper in Columbia County in support of Jeff Dickerson in his quest for the office of Sheriff of Columbia County.

I moved on to greener pastures from the Sheriff's Office before Jeff took office and took a lot of heat from my former co-workers on both sides of the fence at the Sheriff's Office, but still maintained connections with many of them.

Since that time I've sat on the sidelines as Jeff and some of his most ardent supporters throw rocks at others

from their own glass houses. I've also seen how he seems to have squandered much of the goodwill he had coming into office.

And yet I have not felt the need to write another letter regarding the Sheriff's race, until an experience I had earlier today. Retired Sheriff's Deputy Dave Fuller, who I worked with for almost 10 years, recently placed a campaign sign in my yard. Then today I saw Sheriff Dickerson canvassing my neighborhood. We briefly exchanged pleasantries followed by Jeff saying, "I see how you're voting, figures".

Sadly that is symptomatic of why I will be voting for Dave this time around.

We don't need a Sheriff who is perfect, but one that builds bridges, instead of tearing them down & other people in the process. A Sheriff committed to working with other law enforcement agency administrators in the county as equals, not with the condescending attitude the "The Chiefs work for me" I've personally heard Jeff express.

What we do need is a Sheriff who is committed to working with others; the police chiefs in this county, the courts, other elected officials and most of all, the public.

I'm not perfect. I know Dave is not perfect either. But anyone who tells you, or has his surrogates tell you, he is without fault, is probably not giving you the whole story.

Please join me in voting for Dave Fuller as our next Sheriff. Please help to restore the sense of humility and teamwork the Office of the Sheriff for Columbia County needs and the people of this county deserve.

Pat Dean  
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