

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

I would ask all voters to carefully examine Measure 114 and to understand the implications of passing it.

Measure 114 sets up a process for gun purchasers to follow to get a permit to purchase a firearm. This involves providing photo ID, finger prints, proof of a gun safety course that covers the effects of gun violence and live fire training. The measure will also ban the sale and possession of large capacity magazines that is defined as more than 10 rounds. Large capacity magazines owned before the ban are grandfathered, but basically prohibited from use off of a firearms range or private property. If you own a handgun with a standard magazine larger than 10 rounds, which a lot of handguns do,

you will have to buy a new 10 round magazine in order to carry it in public. CHL owners will not be exempt from this magazine regulation.

What the public needs to understand, is that this measure sets aside no money for police departments that are “asked” to implement this program. There is a \$65 fee per permit application, but for a small police department like ours, we will have to take away from other duties to assist the large number of applicants this program will create. I know I would want a permit, just in case I had a firearm failure/theft and I needed to replace it. It is important to note, this measure does not mandate that police agencies have to provide this applicant process, some police departments may opt not to do so.

Almost everybody will need to secure additional training since the current training programs are deficient for the effects of gun violence requirement. Most applicants will need to complete a firearms live fire training program also. There is a severe shortage of these ranges to process this many people. Many long-time sports people are scratching their heads on this aspect, they probably could teach the classes, but you know the state is going to require certified instructors. There are no provisions in this measure that provide funding or certifications of classes for this measure.

One of the points being made is about people who buy a firearm and immediately commit suicide, yes this may help in that regard. Who it will not help is people who have suddenly been thrust into a dangerous situation like domestic violence or people who have firearms stolen, you will have to go through this process that is guaranteed to be lengthy before you will be able to secure your constitutional right to a firearm. It will be a true statement that people will die because of this measure.

The large magazine ban in this measure is flying in the face of the recent SCOTUS ruling on firearms, so it will in effect be unconstitutional upon passage. The Supreme Court recently overturned the US 9th Circuit Court’s ruling in California that banned large magazines over 10 rounds. The standing ruling as of today until the US 9th Circuit reconsiders its ruling under the new guidance from the SCOTUS is the panel decision ruled by the US 9th courts in 2020, which ruled the California magazine ban unconstitutional. It is never good to push a measure that is unconstitutional on its face, it is an affront to the citizens to do so.

If we really are trying to curb gun violence, we really need to focus on the people who are committing these crimes. We have all seen the results of taking law enforcement’s focus off of those who they knew were committing crimes and the DAs that are failing to fully prosecute career criminals. We have enough laws on the books, we simply need to be tough on crime, not our citizens’ rights.

Dale Webb
Vernonia, OR

To the Editor,

Sheriff Pixley talks to you about all of his EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS, and he lets you know once again about his EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS in this year’s Oregon General Election Voters Pamphlet. He doesn’t talk about much of anything else. He has DONE nothing of real substance to improve the community. To try and beef up his image, he talks about some mediocre accomplishments in which he really played no part. Nothing on what he plans for the future of the sheriff’s office.

The accomplishments he talks about on his website belong to the hard-working men and women of the Sheriff’s Office and the employees who support the Sheriff’s Office at the County Courthouse. You all are a fantastic team.

What are his plans for the future of the sheriff’s office and law and order for our community? After reading the voter’s pamphlet, nothing. I tried looking at his website for his plans for the sheriff’s office. Nothing again. YouTube. Nothing.

Usually, candidates will tell you what they want to try to accomplish while in office. Why hasn’t he created visible goals for the office for the public to see?

If he does have a plan. He is not

being transparent. You need to ask yourself, why isn’t he posting a plan? Why is he not being transparent with the community? Is there other stuff he is not being transparent about? If he doesn’t have a plan, we have nothing to hold him accountable for, do we? So, when he does nothing, we aren’t shocked. When he does do something, some people think he is the best thing since sliced bread.

So, what does it matter if a sheriff’s office supposedly has an experienced sheriff, if he cannot use his experience to plan, what direction does the office go in? Confusing? It sure is, especially if you work at the office and don’t know what direction you should be going in. Changes day to day. How is he going to lead his team without a purpose or direction? That so-called experience means nothing.

You must be able to plan and think about what happens if this happens and what I am going to do. If you don’t set goals and plan, you are blinding yourself and your troops, and your troops don’t know where to go either. What happens when you don’t have a clear direction? Each person will create their plan and approach to the problem. Then you have 60 different plans, everybody running over each other with no common goal. Human nature is taking over.

Why doesn’t he have a plan? Why isn’t he being transparent? Is he spending our tax dollars the right way? Is he putting ethical and knowledgeable people in the right positions to help develop plans? Maybe you should ask him about some of this stuff he has done and then ask for the data to back it up.

A plan is something a real candidate and sheriff develops to let the community and staff at the sheriff’s office know what direction they are headed. It allows the voters to hold him or her accountable, so when they do nothing, we can move on to the next person. A plan is something we can hold the candidate responsible for while he is in office. Brian Pixley is scared to develop a plan, or is he incapable of creating such a plan? He doesn’t want accountability for himself, but he does want accountability for others.

Do your research? I have done mine. I worked in that management disaster for three years. Hold Sheriff Pixley accountable for doing NOTHING for the past four years.

Vote Terry Massey for Sheriff.

Brooke McDowall
Warren, OR

Upcoming Events

Bingo – Saturday, November 5 & 19, 6-9 pm at the American Legion Post 119, 627 Adams Ave. First number called at 6:30.

The Monster Thrash – Saturday, October 29, 7:00 pm at Holce Family Skatepark. Costume and skate contest, food, live music, and prizes.

Halloween Sidewalk Parade – Monday, October 31, 4:30 pm. Line up at City Hall down Weed Avenue at 4:00 pm.

Church Directory

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Sunday Schedule: 10:00 to 11:00 am
Sacrament Meeting (worship service and communion, all ages welcome)
11:10 to 12:00 noon: Sunday School for adults and youth
Dan Jordan, Branch President
503-704-1723
1350 E. Knott Street 503-429-7151

Grace Family Fellowship
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am
Children’s Sunday School: 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School: After Worship Service
Grief Support Group: 2nd & 4th Sunday, 11:30 am
Greg “Mac” McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue 503-429-6790

Nehalem Valley Bible Church
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 am
Mark Organ, Senior Pastor
Gary Taylor, Associate Pastor
<https://www.nvbiblechurch.org>
500 North Street 503-429-5378

St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Sunday Mass: 12:00 pm
Fr. Joshua Clifton, Administrator
<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOfVernonia>
960 Missouri Avenue 503-429-8841

Vernonia Christian Church
Sunday Worship Service in Youth & Family Center: 9:30 and 11:00 am
www.Vernonia.Church
Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street 503-429-6522

Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
Pastor Antonee Leo Aguilar
Email: antonee.aguilar@oc.npuc.org
<https://VernoniaOR.AdventistChurch.org/>
1294 Nehalem Street 269-697-3156

Vernonia Weather September 2022

DATE	HIGH	LOW	PRECIP
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2	86	48	0
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Ave/Tot	76.9	43.8	.28
Weather data is collected at the U.S. Weather Station at the Vernonia Water Plant			

UNWC 3rd Quarter Board Meeting



Thursday, October 27th, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Hybrid meeting @ Vernonia Grange

To register in advance for the Zoom meeting or for more information, email claiuto@gmail.com or scan the QR code.



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