

# Letters ...

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they became responsible to someone for how they lived, how they treated other people, how they treated animals, and how they treated the environment.

As our culture has deteriorated many people have asked, "Why?" The answer is simple. Fewer and fewer people feel accountable to a supreme being. They are not God-fearing anymore.

Oregon has a chance to reverse this slide down into the slime, where people feel accountable only to the single-cell life forms from which they have come to believe that they evolved.

A petition is being circulated to reinforce the original arrangement and to restore our roots as a state. There will be signature-gathers present at Selma Post Office on Saturday, Aug. 23, and at the Josephine County Bldg. in Cave Junction on Sunday, Aug. 24. For more information, phone Carl Pope at 597-4648, or phone Jack Brown, at (541) 474-9343.

### 'Personal attacks' From Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel

I was disappointed to read the personal attacks made against me by Cave Junction Mayor Ed Faircloth in last week's 'I.V. News.' I suppose it's his business if he feels the need to attack me, but a

number of remarks he made are simply not true and require a response.

His statement, "I don't think we're getting the service we deserve and pay for" is inaccurate. The city pays for one full-time (40 hour a week) deputy plus the costs associated with that officer, such as a vehicle and equipment. It's obvious that the deputy cannot be everywhere and subject to the mayor's "beck and call" when you realize there are 168 hours in a week.

Several months ago I assigned one of my second-in-command officers, Lt. Lee Harman, to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Illinois Valley Substation.

It doesn't cost the city of Cave Junction a dime for the 40 hours a week Harman works in Downtown Cave Junction, which includes responding to many calls in the city.

An additional presence in the city comes from the deputies assigned to the valley who write their reports and perform their investigations at the substation. The city of Cave Junction gets far more service than it pays for.

The mayor does a disservice to the people of Cave Junction by stating, "...I say cancel the contract and pay for private security." As everyone knows, our resources are lacking. On an average day, I'm able to field three deputies per shift to cover

the 1,640 sq. miles of Josephine County. These deputies are answering calls for service from Wolf Creek to the California border and serving all of the citizens of Josephine County.

When a city chooses to incorporate, I believe the governing body and mayor assume a responsibility for providing basic services to that city.

The city of Cave Junction contracts for 40 hours a week which, while a move in the right direction, is far short of what is needed. Our responsibilities are to provide the best available service to all of the residents of the county, which we will continue to do.

For the mayor to suggest doing away with the only law enforcement in the city, and replace it with private security, is irresponsible.

Regardless of Faircloth's personal attacks against me and the Josephine County Sheriff's Office, I promise to continue to provide the best available protection and service to all county residents.

I'm as concerned as everyone else about the recent break-ins and vandalism in the city. Two weeks ago, I asked Concerned Fathers Against Crime to start routine patrols of the city, which are currently taking place. I have also directed Harman and Deputy John Auburn

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE

JOSEPHINE COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Oregon,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BURKS, Nancy K.; COLLINS, Kathleen; COLLINS, Kathleen; FIDUCIARY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and CERMAK, Ivan and THOMPSON, Peter B., Trustees; FIDUCIARY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and CERMAK, Ivan and THOMPSON, Peter B., Trustees; FIDUCIARY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and CERMAK, Ivan and THOMPSON, Peter B., Trustees; FIDUCIARY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and CERMAK, Ivan and THOMPSON, Peter B., Trustees; FIDUCIARY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and CERMAK, Ivan and THOMPSON, Peter B., Trustees; FIDUCIARY EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY and CERMAK, Ivan and THOMPSON, Peter B., Trustees; GANDY, Lloyd H. and MUSTY, Sherman E. and SULLIVAN, Margene; GUIDRY, Clyde M. and GUIDRY, Wendy Jane; GUIDRY, Clyde M. and GUIDRY, Wendy J.; KERSTING-O'KEEFFE, Robin Anne; KERSTING-O'KEEFFE, Robin Anne; KINCADE, Lloyd; LEMMON, Nancy R.; MCDONALD, Dewey M. and NORETTA, M. and HULTS, Ronald G. and HULTS, Shelley R.; MODRICH, Eugene L. and HULTS, Shelly R.; NEELY, Adele I.; OBLUDA, Lavender; OMAN, Christopher and OMAN, Karen; OMAN, Christopher and OMAN, Karen; SCHUSTER, David C. and SCHUSTER, Robin V.; SCHUSTER, David Charles and SCHUSTER, Robin Vale; SCOTT, Michael J. and SCOTT, Pamela J.; SCOTT, Michael J. and SCOTT, Pamela J.; YAEGER, Samuel C.

Defendants.

TO ALL DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED, and each of them, and to all persons owning, claiming to own, having or claiming to have, any interest in any property included in the foreclosure list hereinafter set forth, and being the Josephine County delinquent tax foreclosure list for the year 2003.

such application for judgment and decree within thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice, exclusive of the day of said publication, which is the 18th day of August, 2003. Such answer and defense shall be in writing, under oath, and shall specify the particular cause of objection.

YOU ARE HEREBY REQUIRED TO TAKE NOTICE:

Said foreclosure list is as follows: To wit:

That the plaintiff herein has filed in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Josephine, an application for foreclosure of the lien of all taxes shown on the Josephine County tax foreclosure list for the year 2003, hereinafter set forth in full, and that the plaintiff will apply to the Court for judgment and decree foreclosing such tax liens at least thirty (30) days from August 18, 2003, and any and all persons interested in any of the real property included in said foreclosure list are hereby required to file an answer and defense, if any there be, to

2003 DELINQUENT TAX FORECLOSURE LIST, JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON

The names, property description, years of delinquency and the principal amount of the delinquent taxes of each year are as they appear in the 2002-2003 Tax Roll. The property description is placed in order of: Account Number - Township - Range - Section - Quarter/Quarter Section - Parcel Number.

Table with columns for account number, township, range, section, quarter, parcel number, and amounts for years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and TOTALS.

## County tech investigated; on paid leave

Josephine County announced that Lisa A. Steele, an accounting technician, has been placed on paid administrative leave pending a personnel investigation.

The reason for this action is it appears that county money has been converted to personal use.

In addition, the Oregon Dept. of Justice has begun an investigation of this matter for possible criminal charges.

At this point, the monetary loss to the county appears to be approximately \$31,000 with additional transactions being investigated.

Due to continuing investigation by the county additional information cannot be provided.



ARTISTIC EYES - Eleven Illinois Valley youths recently participated in a unique and unforgettable project to photograph the rebirth of the land burned during last summer's Biscuit Fire. The budding photographers pictured above are (back row, from left) Patrick Lindhe, Alyssa Person, Catherine Sullivan, Rebecca Spitler, Erin Kelley, Sean Person and Ian Spitler, (front row, from left) Megan Spitler, Raina Kelley, Jessica Lindhe and Destiny Lee Viles. A 'Letter to the Editor' from Erin Kelley describing her experience is on page 5. (Photo contributed by Michael Kelley)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE CONTINUED

Continuation of the legal notice table with columns for account number, township, range, section, quarter, parcel number, and amounts for years 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, and TOTALS.

All property described in the foregoing tax foreclosure list is situated in Josephine County, Oregon. Where the word 'name' appears in the foregoing tax foreclosure list, it has reference to the name or names that appear on the Tax Roll upon the respective properties therein described. Where the words 'legal description' appear in the foregoing tax foreclosure list, such descriptions refer to the duly recorded map and plat of each of said descriptions, duly filed and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Josephine County, Oregon, and permanent tax account number. Where the word 'years' appears in the foregoing tax foreclosure list, it has reference to the year of delinquency of the tax upon the respective properties therein described. Where the words 'interest' and 'total' appear in the foregoing tax foreclosure list, they refer to the amount of the accrued interest to September 16, 2003, on the delinquent taxes due for the respective years, and the total amount of taxes, plus accrued interest thereon, to September 16, 2003, for each of the respective properties described therein. Notice of this foreclosure proceeding is given by: (a) one (1) weekly publication of the foregoing tax foreclosure list in the Grants Pass Daily Courier, a newspaper of general circulation in Josephine County, Oregon pursuant to the Order of the Board of Commissioners, for the County of Josephine, State of Oregon; and (b) certified mail to the owners of the listed properties as shown in the county deed records. Note also that more particular descriptions are available at the office of the Josephine County Assessor. John Harelson Treasurer/Tax Collector for Josephine County Steven E. Rich OSB #80099 Legal Counsel Josephine County, Oregon