

Public Safety Measure approved for May 2015 ballot

Citizen-drafted, grassroots petition drive finishes ahead of schedule

GRANTS PASS, February 9 – Josephine County Clerk Art Harvey today certified the Public Safety Measure submitted by the grassroots citizens’ group Community United for Safety for placement on the May, 2015 local election ballot.

Coming in nearly two weeks before the deadline, petitions containing 2,831 signatures to place the Public Safety Measure on the May ballot were delivered to the Clerk’s Office on Monday by representatives of Community United for Safety (CUFS). The number of signatures submitted exceeded the minimum required – 2,038 – by a large margin.

“The voter response to the Public Safety Measure has been tremendous,” says Scott Draper, a third-generation Josephine County native who owns Club Northwest in Grants Pass and is a co-founder of CUFS. Just one indication of this

support, he says, is how quickly the petition drive reached its goal.

It took less than four weeks for the group to gather the number of signatures needed, with more than 80 volunteers helping out. The 2,038 milestone was passed on January 28 after the ballot measure language drafted by CUFS was approved by the County earlier that month.

“People having been coming to us, ready to sign,” reported Draper, referring to a booth on 7th Street that had been staffed by volunteers for seven days a week starting in early January. “Folks had made up their minds and looked us up,” he said. “Many didn’t even stop to talk; they

just drove up, signed, and moved on.” Volunteers also went door-to-door to neighborhoods as well as distributing petitions in gathering places throughout the county.

“It’s clear to me that we have reached a tipping point,” said Draper. “People tell me every day that they are fed up with being fed up about the lack of law enforcement in Josephine County, and are ready to take action. We are united in wanting to make our community safer.”

Community United for Safety was formed when the group’s leaders became aware of the fiscal crisis the county will face in June, with the

public safety system in danger of collapsing. In October of 2014, the group raised \$25,000 to commission a professionally conducted scientific poll of Josephine County voters to determine what voters want in terms of public safety services and what they are willing to pay for.

“We took the results of what the majority of voters want and put it straight into the ballot language for the Public Safety Measure: Increased deputies to provide emergency response, additional jail beds to keep criminals locked up, and re-opening of the Juvenile Justice Center to provide a safe shelter for abused youth.”

IVHS Alumni letter to 2015 grads

Dear Parents/Guardians of a Class of 2015 Grad:

Our scholarships await! We have \$9,000 to give! Three scholarships of \$3,000 each to graduating IVHS seniors: two academic scholarships and one vocational scholarship.

* There are many scholarships available to top scholars. We are most interested in giving ours to C+ students planning to attend, perhaps, a trade school or community college. Many good jobs require only one or two years of schooling beyond high school. Students with top GPAs are not ruled out, however, and we hope you urge your senior to apply.

* As it needs to be returned by March 1st, please encourage your senior to dash over to see Sara Creek in the IVHS counseling office and pick up an application! Our screening committee will begin their deliberations and make their decisions by reunion weekend July 3rd, 4th and 5th.

Recipients will be notified and they, their parents/guardians, will be invited to attend and be introduced at our annual alumni breakfast the morning of Sunday, July 5 at Jubilee Park Pavilion.

We are the IVHS Alumni Association. We have existed since 1973. We became an

Oregon nonprofit corporation and an IRC 501(c)3 in 1994. Our scholarship program began in 1990 with an humble \$300 award. These funds come from donations and from reunion activities held annually over the weekend nearest July 4. You are most welcome, indeed encouraged, to join in our alumni-sponsored, reunion weekend events. You need not be a member to join in our annual fun during reunion weekend, but an annual membership is still only \$5! If you join us you will receive our annual newsletter, *ReunionMania*, in June. Need more info? Call Pat Dees at Umpqua Bank,

Sincerely,
Chris Duncan Leppert ’54
Secretary
541-592-3126



New Guild show “I Once Read” starts Feb. 22

Painter and sculptor, Sheila Mason, and weaver, Shahoma McAlister, will share highlights about their art and their inspiration on February 22 at the RCC Kerby Campus. The presentation will take place during the opening celebration of “I Once Read..,” a new exhibit at the Southern Oregon Guild Gallery.

Sheila Mason’s sculpture, “Bird’s Nest,” was the Guild’s 2014 Grand Raffle Prize. Mason’s powerful paintings show her passion for the massive trees of the Pacific Northwest.

Shahoma McAlister developed a love of weaving years ago when she discovered alpaca fiber. She shares the comfort

and durability of this special fiber through her unique woven mats and rugs. Each has its own original design, often inspired by a moving personal experience or discovery.

The exhibit theme “I Once Read...,” has been interpreted in a wide variety of media. The co-op gallery is filled with new work in both two- and three-dimensional forms.

“Paintings” created from fabric and threads, sculpture formed from gnarled tree roots, and jewelry made with recycled electronic parts join classic ceramic pieces, acrylic and pastel paintings, and fiber arts in the new show.

Live music, wine tasting, hors d’oeuvres, and a

candlelight surprise will make the Sunday afternoon opening a festive occasion. A drawing for door prizes and unveiling of the 2015 Grand Prize to be awarded in December will culminate the event.

The event takes place between 2 and 4 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. Admission is \$5, which includes a ticket for the evening’s prize drawings. (All tickets are eligible for the Grand Prize drawing in December.)

The Guild Gallery and Art Center is located at 24353 Redwood Highway in Kerby. More information at 541-592-5019 or <http://southernorenguild.org>.

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