

Port Orford Police report

April 12
1.) in the early morning hours, police responded to 12th and Arizona Streets on a complaint of two subjects fighting. Everything had calmed down and no one was in the area when police arrived. Police checked the area on foot for a short time and after finding nothing unusual cleared.
2.) Police and fire personnel responded to a fire call at the Port Orford Dock. It was determined to be a boat fire and was extinguished by the fire department. No one was injured and no other action was taken.
3.) Police were called to a local liquor store where an intoxicated male subject and his girlfriend were attempting to purchase alcohol and were declined because of being visibly intoxicated. The upset male subject advised he was going to urinate on the side of the building not realizing a police vehicle was parked adjacent to the establishment with an officer working traffic. Police immediately contacted both subjects and a record check revealed the female was in violation of her probation. After a few brief words with her boyfriend she was arrested for probation violation for consuming alcohol, pos-

session of a firearm, and being in the company of a known criminal. She was transported to the Coos County Jail and lodged. The boyfriend somberly left the area with a sober male driver.
April 14
Police took a report of found property in Rays Parking lot. The found property is a ring. If anyone has lost one please come to the police station and identify it, and you can have it back. Remember "It probably fits one of my fingers" is not enough information for identification.
April 16
1.) A citizen came to the police department to report a male subject exposing themselves near Port Orford Loop Road. The complainant was able to give a partial description of the subject but police felt the use of a police sketch artist was probably out of the question. The case is pending further investigation.
2.) Police received a report of criminal trespass and criminal mischief to a garage where forced entry was made but nothing was found missing. The case is under investigation by police.
Note: We have had several criminal mischiefs' involving forced entry into buildings that

are similar in nature. Please keep your eyes open, and call on anything unusual so we can catch this culprit.
April 17
Police responded to a residence on information of a wanted subject on 12th Street. One male subject was arrested without incident on a Felony Warrant charging Military Desertion. He was lodged in the Curry County Jail on a no Bail Warrant.
Chiefs note: Officer Fink now lives in town next to the Port Orford Head Start. Reserve Officer Breuer also resides in town in back of Driftwood Elementary School playground. Both have police vehicles and the vehicles are well seen by passersby.
Even though we do not have the funding to place an officer directly into a school, the deterrent of a police vehicle being visible so near the schools is great for crime prevention. I wanted to publicly thank all my officers especially Patty Barnes who works as both the Court/Administrative Clerk and also as a police reserve for all the hard work they have done.
Our reserves are not paid and devote personal time to the citizens of this community. Our paid officers are committed fur-

ther than just the forty hour week to insure you have 24/7 coverage with two officers able to respond within minutes to any emergency. This is not just a job to them; they do it for our community, without regret, even though it is a very dangerous job.
Sometimes during tough times like now when my department is under direct fire by some who don't take the time to digest all the facts tends to deteriorate morale, but within our department the morale regardless of the controversy or politics is the best it has been since I started, and our entire department will continue to work hard together as a team, and continue to provide fast, efficient and quality service to our citizens regardless of others political agendas.
I am proud to have all these fine people working for our police department and serving your community. I am also proud of all the support our department has received from the citizenry these past few months, and especially the past week
Thank you all for telling me our department is doing an outstanding job in your community.

Obituaries

Veneta Louise (Gray) Marstall
September 24, 1926- April 11, 2008

Graveside services were held last Saturday for Veneta Louise Marstall, 81, at the Port Orford Cemetary, with Reverend Doug Jamison officiating. A reception followed at St. John's Catholic Church.
Veneta was born September 24, 1926, in Philomath. She died April 11, 2008, in Salem, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.
She married Raymond J. Marstall in August 1948, and lived in Philomath with her husband for five years, before they moved south to Port Orford in 1953. Veneta was a wonderful mother, friend, and community volunteer and will be deeply missed by those who knew her.
She attended Oregon State University, and was also an avid gardener, and a member of the garden club, the library board, and St. John's Catholic Church. She was also a competitive bowler for many years. A talented semstress, pianist, and floral designer, Veneta also worked as a bookkeeper for McNair hardware for many years. She enjoyed her many years in Port Orford.
She is survived by her son, Gregory and wife Juli, of Gold Beach; son Rodney of Portland; daughter Laura of Albany; daughter Elizabeth "Betsy" and friend, Emil, of Half Moon Bay, California; grandchildren, Macall Marstall of Corvallis and Mackenna and Kipp Marstall of Gold Beach; brother, Howard Gray of Philomath; sister, Hilda Snyder of Philomath; Brother and sister in law, William and Luree Marstall of Philomath; sister in law, Louise Marstall of California, and numerous nieces and nephews.
She was preceeded in death by her husband, Ray, in February 1984.
The family suggests memorial contributions to The Port Orford Library 555 W. 20th Ave., Port Orford Oregon, 97465, or the Curry Health Foundation, P.O. Box 1274, Gold Beach, OR, 97444.

Gladys Luella Dahl Petok

Born: August 31, 1913; Harwood, North Dakota
Passed away: April 12, 2008, Portland, Oregon

Gladys Petok, former resident of Port Orford for many years, passed away during the early hours of Saturday, April 12. She was 94 years old. Gladys was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, who passed away in September, 1992. She leaves behind her son, Douglas of Tigard; daughter, Janis and son-in-law, David, of Gresham; her three beloved and adored grandchildren: Jamie, Thomas, and Julianne; and one brother, Reuben, of Sacramento, CA, in addition to several nieces & nephews.
Gladys was one of 11 children born to Hans & Anna Vartdahl, Norwegian immigrants. She was born and grew up on a farm outside Grand Forks, North Dakota, walking over a mile each way to school, tending to many chores, including milking cows, cooking & cleaning, hauling potatoes, even driving her father places in their first car.
Following a 9th grade education, Gladys began a series of jobs, including housekeeping & waitressing, before driving a family west to Spokane, and then moving to Portland, Oregon, where she fell in love with this beautiful state. She worked many years for the Holly Dairy, before going to work for Columbia Aircraft when WWII broke out.
She met her future husband, Thomas J. Petok, at the Jantzen Beach Ballroom. After dating for three years, they married in 1946, later moving to Roseburg. Their son, Douglas, was born in 1948. In 1952, they relocated to Port Orford, to build and work at Western States Plywood Cooperative. Daughter Janis was born in 1956. The Port Orford years were reportedly Gladys' happiest years. She held many jobs, including working at the library, the city hall, retail stores, waitressing, and eventually the U.S. Post Office, where she retired after 13 years. She enjoyed raising her children there, keeping them busy in many school and social activities. She enjoyed camping & fishing, sewing, gardening, and playing cards. She was an active member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Grange.
Following the death of her husband in 1992, Gladys relocated to Gresham, to be closer to her family, including her three grandchildren. She kept herself busy with church, volunteer work, gardening, and playing her beloved organ, in addition to attending school plays, concerts, & sporting events. She remained physically active well into her later years.
A private service was held Friday, April 18th, with RiverView Cemetery Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Remembrances: Signature Hospital, 25117 SW Parkway, Wilsonville, OR 97070.



Gladys Petok

Community news briefs

City of Port Orford to hold budget meeting

The Budget Committee of the City of Port Orford will be meeting to organize and receive the Budget Message for the FY2008-2009 Budget at 5 p.m., Monday, April 28, as well as conducting a Revenue Sharing Public Hearing. The remaining Budget Committee meetings are scheduled for May 5, May 8, May 12 and if necessary a TBD date.
Citizens committee to meet in PO
The Citizen's Involvement Committee for the County Planning Commission will hold one of its periodic meetings in Port Orford at 3 p.m., Wednesday April 23 in City Council Chambers.
The purpose of the body,

appointed by the Board of Commissioners, is to promote new ways for the public to be involved in land use planning.
Four of five seats are currently filled, Chairman Ken Hall representing Harbor and south county, Vice-chair Milt Nelson, representing Port Orford and north county, Pat Russell, representing Brookings and south county and Dorthea Petersen, representing Gold Beach and central county.
The group is currently seeking ways to get more information to the public about proposed improvements to county planning procedures and advocating neighborhood associations.
The public is urged to attend. Members of the Port Orford Planning Commission have

been invited.
For more information contact Milt Nelson at (541) 332-9002.
Lions to hold fishing derby on May 3
The Langlois Lions Club invites all area young people from pre-kindergarten to 13 to the annual Van Wormer Free Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 3.
Prizes will be awarded in each age group for weight, length and amount of fish. Age groups are: pre-kindergarten to 5, 6 to 9, and 10 to 13 years of age.
One grand prize will be given for the largest fish.
Registration will be at Boice Cope Park at Floras Lake at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3. Fishing will finish at 11 a.m.; prizes awarded at 11:30. Boats will be provided and the lake will be stocked.
Special gift making
The Port Orford and Langlois Public Libraries are presenting Something Special for Someone Special, a Mother's Day gift and arts and craft-making afternoon.
A great chance to make a special gift for your mom, grandmother, aunt, sister, or friend.
Free and open to children of all ages. All materials and snacks are provided. Saturday, May 3 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Port Orford Council Chambers.
The Innominata Small Standard Flower Show is set
The public is invited to enter horticulture and floral design in this show titled Fantasy Land.
Any one attending the Art, Seafood and Wine Festival can enjoy all of the floral displays. Entries will take place Friday, May 16 in the Floral Building

at the Event Center from 1 to 7PM. (the Event Centr is at the fairgrounds)
Information to enter the show can be found at the fairgrounds office, Pieces of Time Digital Design, Flower's by the Sea and Sweet Briars.
For several decades the Innominata Garden Club has put on this floral show to inform the general public about what can be grown in zone 9.
Please join us for a colorful fun event. For more information, you may contact Linda Stokes @ 247-2689.
Garden sale on tap
Curry County Master Gardener Association and Riley Creek School have combined forces for their annual plant sale.
Saturday and Sunday May 3 & 4 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Curry County Extension Office (South West Corner of Fairgrounds), 29390 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach.
For more information contact Shelley at (541) 247-6672 or shelley.palmer@oregon-state.edu.
There are several firsts happening for this event, the combining of these two organizations, and a new location. Master Gardeners will be on hand to help provide planting information and literature will be available. Curry County is affected by the quarantine for Sudden Oak Death, and both organizations will be following the USDA recommendations.
Reilly Creek School classes and most notably Chris Vorster's 2nd Graders have prepared four types of Basil: Sweet-Givens, Thai Basil: Siam Queen, Lemon Basil and Red Leaf-Wholly Red. Other plants include: Pumpkins, Squash, Broccoli, Parsley, Cilantro and Rosemary, and by

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League of Women Voters to hold meetings in county

The League of Women Voters of Curry County has invited the public to three scheduled candidate forums for Curry County Commission Candidates seeking election to positions 2 and 3 in the May 20 election.
The forums are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. at the following three locations and dates:
♦ Tuesday, April 22, Chetco

Port Orford Garage
\$27.95 Lube, Oil & Filter
1738 N. Oregon St.
(541) 332-0494

Community Public Library, Brookings.
♦ Wednesday, April 23, Gold Beach City Hall, Gold Beach.
♦ Thursday, April 24 in Port Orford City Hall.
According to the Curry County Clerk's office, as of April 16, the candidates and political party of those seeking election to the County Commission are as follows:
Position 2: Pat Piper, Democrat; Daniel Somers, Democrat; Marilyn Schaffer, Republican; Peter Peterson, Republican; George Rhodes---Republican
Position 3: Steve Nagel, Democrat; Karl Popoff, Republican; Bill Waddle, Republican.
Two candidates filed and then later withdrew their candidacies for county commission, Robert (Bob) Mielenz, and Susan Brown.
All of the candidates with opposition within their party plan to attend all three forums except Daniel Somers who has informed the League that he cannot come to the Brookings forum.
Steve Nagel, a Democrat, has no Democratic opposition in the primary election and only candidates with primary opposition are allowed to participate in these forums.

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