

Candidates forum
Rick Francona is running
for Port Orford mayor

By Lt. Col. Rick Francona
U.S.A.F. retired
For the Port Orford News

I am a Veteran of the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars, and served in the Balkans, including service with the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and the Central Intelligence Agency, with tours of duty in Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia, and operational duties in virtually every country in the Middle East.

During the last year of the Iran-Iraq war in 1988, I served at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad as a Liaison Officer to the to the Iraqi armed forces intelligence service. Throughout the first Gulf War I served as the personal interpreter and advisor on Iraq to General Norman Schwarzkopf. After the war, I served in northern Iraq with the Central Intelligence Agency, where I narrowly escaped an attempt on my life by Iraqi agents. Later I served in the Department of Defense counter terrorism branch, and led a

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Candidates forum
Dave Kitchen is running
for county commissioner

By Dave Kitchen
For the Port Orford News

My name is Dave Kitchen and I am running for Curry County Commissioner position No. 3. Many of you know me; but for those who don't, let me introduce myself. I own and operate DK Builders, serve on the board of Habitat for Humanity, Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative board of directors, Coos Curry Housing Authority, Curry County Home Builders Association and Brookings City Council. I also serve on many special interest committees. I serve on SOORC and OCZMA, groups concerned with Marine Reserves, Curry County Homeless Coalition, Rotary, Lions, and Elks to name a few. I have talked with hundreds of people in recent months about the challenges Curry County faces and I have drawn up a Six Point Plan that I think is needed to navigate our beautiful County through the whitewater ahead.

1. First, we need a Strategic Plan that describes the County government's vision for the future, its mission, and the values that guide the County employees in accomplishing that plan. The plan needs to also outline strategic initiatives, includ-

ing tactics that will be used, measureable objectives and a timeline. I have talked to every Curry County department head and elected official; and everyone has agreed to participate in the development of the plan.

2. A key part of the plan needs to be our response to the loss of the O&C revenue. We now know we have a percentage of the O&C money for the next four years. This will require us to carefully review our County's budget and operations to eliminate waste and duplicative services, consolidate agencies, and create partnerships with local city governments and with private sector entities to achieve the economies and efficiencies needed to provide the necessary services within the funding available.

3. We need to actively lobby the Federal Government and convince them to pay our County to manage the forests within our County. We also need to start billing the Federal Government for any and all services the County provides inside federal lands. Recently, while in Washington, DC, I spoke with several Congressional staff members

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Candidates forum
Scott Halse is running for
P.O. city council

By Scott Halse
For the Port Orford News

Editor's note: Due to a bunch of typos - made by me - in the last edition, this candidates forum entry for Scott is being rerun in a corrected version.

My name is Scott Halse and I am running for the office of Port Orford City Council. First I would like to thank the many citizens of Port Orford for signing my petition to place my name on the ballot.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself and what I value the most. I grew up in a little town in Nevada known as Hawthorne, with a population of about 5000.

This was a good place for a boy to be raised. The town survived for years off the back of the federal government with the Army Ammunition Depot Base. Hawthorne prospered for decades. With the end of the cold war and less need for making bombs the base was turned over to a civilian contractor and the town took a turn for the worse.

The governing body of the town was reluctant to allow any new business to enter their precious town for years and the result of the military pulling out and a private contractor coming in almost devastated Hawthorne. The contractor now had to show a profit unlike the federal government in the management of the base. Layoffs were in the works and there were no other jobs to be had.

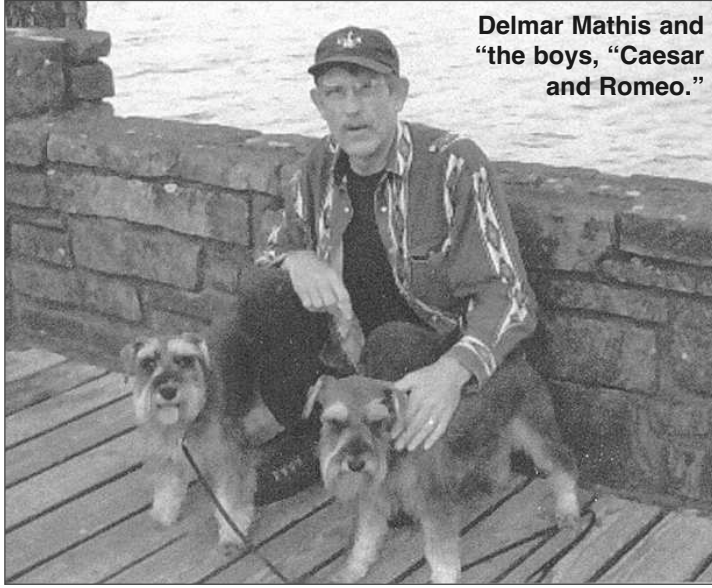
The voice of the people demanded local government to change from the good old boy system to a system they could benefit from. Local government allowed some industry to enter and gave these companies some incentives and tax breaks to allow the town to be more self-sufficient instead of relying on the federal government.

I moved to Port Orford in 1988 and decided to make this small community my home. It reminded me of what I valued most in my life. Small community, friendly people, people that wanted a simple life. People that don't like their government to tell them what to do. People that feel safe at night. People that value family. People that

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Obituaries

Delmar Mathis
1951 - October 7, 2008



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Marguerite White
August 21, 1916 - September 1, 2008

A memorial service will be held for Marquerite White, 92, at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Langlois Community Church.

Marguerite was born on August 21, 1916 to Walter and Velma Saban. She passed away on September 1, 2008 in Coquille. She attended schools in Langlois and Port Orford.

Marguerite married Eldon "Boob" White and together they had 2 daughters, Velma and Jo. Eldon was a logger and the family moved often but they always came back to Langlois and made there home there. She worked in the School kitchen in Langlois and at the camp kitchen at Camp Fircroft. She was a house mother to boys at Multnomah School of the Bible for twenty years. Besides living on Langlois Mountain for much of her life, she also lived in Hillsboro with her daughters. The last few years she lived in Riverton with Hank and



Marguerite White

Marilyn Isenhardt. She attended Langlois Community Church and was very active as a Sunday School Teacher there. She will be greatly missed by many people in the area.

She is survived by her daughter, Velma, her brother and sister-in-law, Walt and June Saban, of Langlois, her brother and sister-in-law, Curtis and Judith Saban, of Salem, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eldon "Boob" White, her daughter, Jo White, and her sister, Clairia Elliott.

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