

Viewpoints

Vote yes on police levy

In response to last week's comments by Dr. Fullmer and the Editor of Port Orford Today; I urge a "yes" vote on the upcoming ballot measure for a reduced Police Levy for the following reasons:

First, as a past member of the City Council it was felt that the Police Department was oversized at that time and that popular sentiment did not favor continuing down that path. Thus the levy was soundly defeated.

Today, we have a proposed levy which will cost less than the one we have now, yet keep a police department more suited for this small community.

If the levy does not pass we will no doubt lose our police department and city court, as well as, all of the police reserves.

In light of uncertain economic times ahead it is more important than ever before to plan for the safety of our town and take responsibility for our future by passing this measure.

Vote yes on the Police Levy.

Stephen Abbott
past city council member

National volunteer week ...

During the week of April 19th-25th the nation is celebrating the 36th annual National Volunteer Week, and Curry County Home Health & Hospice would like to honor the volunteers throughout Curry County who tirelessly share their time and talent.

The 2009 theme for National

Volunteer Week is "Celebrating People in Action." The theme captures the meaning behind this signature week, which was designated by executive order by President Richard Nixon in 1974...honoring individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities. It is inspiring and encouraging watching people seek ways to engage in their community, meeting our challenges not as isolated individuals, but as members of a community, with all of us working together. This is how the volunteers of Curry County would be described.

Volunteers in our communities serve in the schools, fisheries, parks, work with animals, in government, fight fires, keep us safe, and in healthcare to name just a few areas of service. We invite you to join with us in honoring these wonderful and fantastic volunteers.

On a personal note, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the 200 hospice volunteers who over the course of the last 8 months have given over 12,000 hours of services with the express purpose of improving the quality of life to individuals receiving end of life care. You all are truly amazing and it is a privilege to work along side of you. Thank you for everything you do, which is quite a lot!

Sincerely,

Pattie Slagle
Volunteer & Resource

Send your letters, thanks, cheers and jeers to portorfordnews@gmail.com.

All letters must have a name, address and phone number for contact questions. Please keep your comments and arguments empirical - and please show respect for the opinions of others in this, your open forum. Thank you.

— Matt Hall, Editor, Port Orford News

Coordinator
Curry County Home Health
& Hospice

Continues to differ

I do not now, nor have I ever worked for State Farm insurance companies.

My homeowners insurance premium with State Farm in 2008 was \$547. And in 2009 was \$514 for essentially identical coverage.

I have not missed any points. "fire protection district" means just what it says, "fire protection," not "police protection."

Firemen put out fires. Policemen enforce the laws. (Secondary occupations have been described by some as equipment polishing and donut eating respectively.)

No homeowners insurance rates are based on "police protection districts." (If there is such a thing.)

There may be many reasons to vote for or against the police levy.

Mr. Marohl's misperceptions of his insurance issues with Farmers Insurance of Oregon most certainly are not one of them.

Respectfully,

Jim Hajek,

Port Orford

A vote for Brice

I am going to vote for Brice Wagner for the Board of Directors for position of the Port Orford Rural Fire District.

He's the man for the job. Sincerely,

Paula Cracas,
Port Orford

Please support the police levy

I drove back to Port Orford after a long day of work in Coquille in order to attend the "Town Hall Meeting" on the Police Levy. I even got there early in order to get a parking place and a good seat.

The City Council and full staff were assembled, both newspapers were present. Our two police officers and most reserve officers, either in or out of uniform, were there. Officer Dresser carried his newborn son, Tobias, in his arms to his first "Town Hall Meeting." Only ... "the "Town" didn't show up!

I can only hope that is because voters have already made up their minds that it is essential for the mental health and well being of our community, especially in these difficult



Contributed photo

Bev and Dean Dunlap celebrated their 50th anniversary last weekend, with many more to come. Happy anniversary Bev and Dean, from the Port Orford News.

financial times, to maintain the presence and protection of a few good police officers. Port Orford is situated on a heavily traversed interstate highway that passes through an aging com-

munity with an elementary school in its center.

Please support the police levy.

Nella Abbott,
Port Orford

To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

If you had seen the humble abode that my family moved into around 1959 or 1960, I am certain you wouldn't have been very impressed by the design and building construction.

The view on the other hand was spectacular. Every day I experienced the treasure of looking up the valley and gazing at the mountains.

Drifting up from below our house was the sound of Hubbard Creek.

Today, people will buy CD's, just to copy the sound of a mountain stream or small creek, in hopes of hearing something calming to their nerves. I heard it on a daily basis. Yes, it was calming to

my nerves.

Other than the fact that I came from a long heritage in the Port Orford area, there wasn't much that one would consider successful in my future, both near and far.

I want to encourage the young (and old) entrepreneurs of Port Orford, not to dream too small. In my lifetime thus far I have already achieved my short and long-term



Doug Jamieson

goals. College, career, family, and a warm place to retire every evening. Not to mention friends, and hobbies that I truly enjoy.

Outside of old age (which depends on how I feel today), there is only a few main goals that I look forward to; seeing my own family grow up and venture out into their own careers, and obviously to me, finding Heaven open and Jesus arms held out awaiting entry to the age old promises that have been carried down for two thousand years.

If you will set your mind to your goals and work towards them, you will surely reach your dreams.

So, dream on and don't lose

heart. You will be surprised at what can be accomplished.

And don't forget to pray.

To be cont'd ...

Pets of the Week
at the Curry County
Animal Shelter
'Pirate & Sophie'



The Curry County Shelter would like to express it's gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support. **Pirate** is a beautiful white, spotted brown Pit-bull. He is about 1 year old male with lots of energy. He gets along with other dogs but might be too rambunctious with small children. Housebroken.

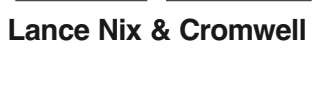
Sophie is a 7 month Rottweiler/mix. A sweet, playful, loving girl. She is great with kids and dogs.

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Planning commission has vacancies

There are currently three openings on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is important in determining the direction of growth in the City and assuring that the rules are followed. This is an opportunity to contribute to your community in a

meaningful way. Interested parties wishing to serve are urged to apply.

It's preferable that you live within the City limits; however, one more nonresident living within the Urban Growth Boundary may serve. For information on the Planning

Commission and its duties please look on the website at www.portorford.org under Municipal Code, Chapter 2.16, or the Municipal Code book in the library.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 555 W. 20th, Port Orford, OR 97465.

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and Dick McMahon, Coos Bay, for Position #2; Julie Kremers and John Robert Shilling, Coos Bay, and Brett Kenney, North Bend, for Position #5.

Each candidate will have three minutes for an opening statement. Audience members will address

questions to the candidates in writing. Questions will be read aloud by the moderator, Shirley Nelson, and each candidate will have one and a half minutes to reply.

Milt Nelson will serve as timer.

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portorfordnews@gmail.com, or call us at 541-332-NEWS (6397). If we are not in the office when you call, our answering machine will be happy to take the information.

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