

## From the Sheriff's Desk . . .

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Fiscally, this is not the most cost-effective way to provide services. But there are the tangible and intangible benefits to having your own police department. Tangible benefits include having a more localized

management structure, and giving the local city council greater influence on the priorities of the police department. One intangible benefit is a greater sense of ownership of the police department by the citizens in the city.

to customer service – is the preferred method that most citizens have for addressing their public safety problems.

So, it takes an investment of the people into the kind of public safety they envision for their city. As citizens and taxpayers in Columbia County, you have invested a certain amount of money to have a safety net of some sort county-wide. There will never be enough deputies, however, to patrol city streets on an ongoing basis without extra money coming from the citizens of that city to beef up patrols that would be dedicated to that city alone

As municipal budgets continue to shrink, some cities might be forced to find alternative methods for providing this costly service. Contracting fully or partially for such services might someday become an attractive alternative.

As Sheriff, I can tell you that it is NOT my design to make that happen in any of its potential forms. I fully respect and appreciate the difficult job chiefs of police have in policing their cities with the limited budgets that they have, and am not eager to try to fill the gaps that would be caused by their elimination. However, if local cities were seeking ways to reduce costs while maintaining a certain level of coverage, I am quite willing to be a participant in those discussions if the city councils were so inclined.

## Obituary

### PATRICIA LEE PAYNE

Patricia Lee Payne, 72, Sherwood, died May 6, 2011. Services were held May 14 at the Horizon Community Church in Tualatin.

Mrs. Payne was born August 22, 1938, in Prescott, Arizona, to Civil and Ruby (Carson) Ralston. She was raised in Klamath Falls, graduating from Merrill High School in 1956. She attended Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing in Portland and became a Registered Nurse in 1959.

In 1963, she married Harold Payne. They followed his military career, until 1978 when they moved to Corvallis. In 1983, they moved to Sherwood. She worked at Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis and Willamette Medical Center in McMinnville for over 20 years before retiring.

She enjoyed reading, gardening, singing, crocheting, knitting and taking "road trips" with her husband.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Dan Payne of Beaverton; two daughters, Melissa Karnes of Tualatin and Cindy Rieben of Banks; two brothers, Jim Ralston of Mesa, Ariz., and Chet Ralston of Tualatin; one sister, Karen Merritt of Tigard; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Duyck & VanDeHey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery in Verboort.

Mrs. Thompson was born October 8, 1948, in Forest Grove, to Bernard and Viola (Vanderzanden) Vandehey. The family lived in Banks until she was two, then moved to Thatcher. She graduated from Forest Grove High School in 1968. She lived most of her life in the Forest Grove and Banks area.

She worked as a waitress/hostess for many years at the Hillsboro and Forest Grove Elks Lodges and at The Coffee Grinder. She sold real estate in the 1980s then worked her way up to a CNA, then a CMA in Forest Grove.

She enjoyed reading, coin collecting, playing cards, country music, dancing, sewing and fishing.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Survivors include two children, Barry Phillips of Forest Grove and Karla Young of Sisters; her mother of Forest Grove; seven siblings, Daniel, William, Jan and Timothy Vandehey, Pamela Dailey, Angela Anderson, and Annette Thompson; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

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### LINDA LOUISE THOMPSON

Linda Louise Thompson, 62, Forest Grove, died May 4, 2011. A memorial service was held May 14 at the Assembly of God Church in Forest Grove. A private family committal service was held at the Visitation

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The bottom line is that no matter what a city chooses to have for its public safety and law enforcement services, these services are costly – because those costs are salary driven, and while law enforcement professionals often do not make as much as educators, there is a competitive market for good, solid police officers and deputies. In the private sector, automation and innovation can reduce personnel costs far more than in public safety – where the human element is the strength of what we do.

People naturally recoil against such things as photo radar and photo traffic light enforcement. They would rather live with human error than mechanical, one-net-catches-all efforts at nabbing violators. And when it comes to investigating crimes and arbitrating between neighbors or consoling crime victims or those involved in motor vehicle crashes, having a trained, law enforcement professional – dedicated

*The public is invited to join us in honoring those who have served, given their lives or are still missing.*

# Memorial Day Ceremonies



**Monday, May 30, 2011 ~ 11:00 a.m.**

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Ed Van Dyke

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Richard Keeling

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Ceremonies sponsored by City of Vernonia

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