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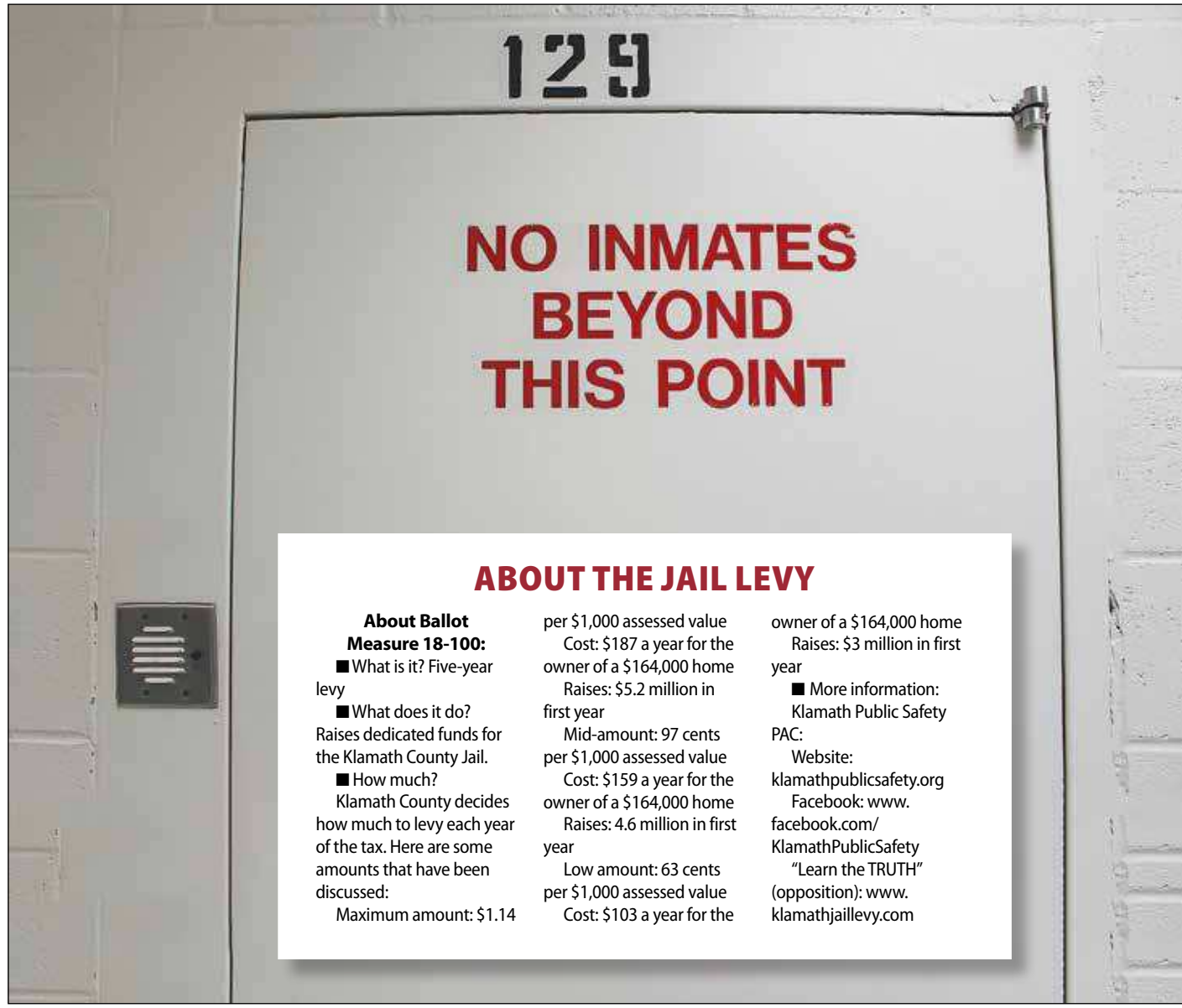
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Ballots hit the mail

Jail, ag extension services up for a vote in Klamath County



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Measure 18-100 is on the May 19 ballot asking voters to approve paying a tax to support the Klamath County Jail.

If measures approved, taxes would increase

By **SAMANTHA TIPLER**
H&N Staff Reporter

This week, ballots for the May 19 election will hit mailboxes and voters will have two choices to make: Is it worth raising my taxes to pay for services in Klamath County?

There are two ballot measures on the ballot to fund two services: the Klamath County Jail and the Oregon State University Klamath Basin Research and Extension Center, or KBREC.

Measure 18-100

The first, Measure 18-100, is a five-year levy to fund the Klamath County Jail. It proposes taxing a maximum of \$1.14 per \$1,000 assessed value, or

\$187 a year for the owner of a \$164,000 home. At its maximum it would raise \$5.2 million in first year.

But it will be up to the county to decide how much to levy each year, if voters approve it.

Supporters of the levy, the Klamath Public Safety PAC, say the amount in the first year will be less: 97 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. That would cost \$159 a year for the owner of a \$164,000 home and raise 4.6 million in first year.

Klamath County Commissioner Kelley Minty Morris said the amount could be even less, 63 cents per \$1,000 assessed value. That would cost \$103 a year for the owner of a \$164,000 home and raise \$3 million in first year.

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NPS REPORT

Area parks benefit Basin economy

\$66M flows to local towns, says National Park Service

By **LEE JUILLERAT**
H&N Regional Editor

Three National Park Service units — Crater Lake National Park, Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit — provided 846 jobs and \$66 million to Klamath Basin communities in 2014, based on a new NPS report.

Led by Crater Lake, the three parks combined to attract 675,000 visitors last year. Based on the study, the more than 535,000 people who visited Crater Lake in 2014 spent close to \$45 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 769 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of over \$61 million.

"Crater Lake welcomes visitors from across the country and around the world," said Supt. Craig Ackerman. "We are delighted to share the story of this place and the experiences it provides. We also feature the park as a way to introduce our visitors to this part of the country and all that it offers."

"National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning \$10 for every \$1 invested in the National Park Service, and it's a big factor in our local economy as well."

Crater Lake isn't the only NPS unit that benefits the Klamath Basin's economy.

The report shows that the nearly 140,000 people who visited Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit in 2014 spent more than \$5 million in Klamath Basin communities.

According to the report, that spending supported 77 jobs and resulted in adding \$6 million to the regional economy.

"We also see the parks as a way to introduce our visitors to the Tulelake Basin and all that it has to offer," said Mike Reynolds, superintendent for Lava Beds and the Tule Lake Unit.

Reynolds echoed Ackerman's comments, noting the impact is especially significant for Tulelake, the city closest to Lava Beds and the Tule Lake Unit.

"We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities."

In addition, the report shows Oregon Caves National Monument and Preserve near Grants Pass had 69,405 visitors in 2014 who spent \$4.7 million in neighboring communities. That spending supported 79 jobs and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$6 million dollars.

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DAILY BRIEFING

Family story hike series kicks off

A small group turned out for Saturday afternoon's first free Family Story Hike along the Wingwatchers Trail. The child-friendly walking series continues through August. See page A2.

World War II balloon bombs talk offered

Ross Coen, who recently published a book about WWII Japanese balloon bombs, will host a presentation Thursday during the Klamath County Historical Society meeting. See page A2.

OBITUARY

Richard 'Dick' Peterson, 73

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Flags at half-staff Sunday

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has ordered all flags at public institutions flown at half-staff Sunday to honor Coos County Deputy Gil Datan, who died in the line of duty this week.



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