

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

A great production ...
This last weekend Port Orford was charmed by a student production written by Signe Tronson, a senior at Pacific High, aptly named Pacific's Social Aid and Pleasure Club Musical Variety Show Extravaganza Parade Explosion. The title was intriguing enough to drag me out of the house on a Sunday afternoon.
I was not disappointed. This was a sophisticated production demanding technical expertise in many disciplines, acting, singing, dancing, miming, movement, technical support, etc. The scenes were concise and precise, distilled, funny and poignant. Who among us did not see something that spoke directly to his or her life?
The cast and crew were all talented and dedicated, aptly interpreting the vision. The vignettes and musical numbers provided wonderful, high quality entertainment for all ages.
The play/revue/parade opened with two students fighting over presents. The same two people returned as a refrain throughout the production, getting more and more involved in their fight, reminding the audience that we too continue silly fights, rivalries, grudges, way past the original impetus. The same continuous scene occurred with Macbeth and Dame Macbeth, threading silly and wrenching scenes back to back to shake our perspectives.
The production was flawless. Kudos to actors, musicians, technical crew. And special kudos to Signe Tronson, the creator and writer. She has a wonderful set of skills and a distinct voice that will continue to grow and be heard. This was a demanding and complex production; but it came off easily.
It helps to have a town that supports budding talent and encourages young people to take risks.

Special thanks go to Teri Tronson, Signe's mom and director, the Rasks for opening up a real theater in Port Orford, and to all the adults working behind the scene supporting the arts.
Sincerely,
**Rosaria Williams
Port Orford**
Thanks to Scott Halse ...
I would like to thank Scott Halse for his years of dedicated service to our community as a Port Orford Police officer.
The decision to leave his employment here and continue his other job working on the bridge in North Bend must have been a difficult one. I wish him well and can only hope that his other job is more prosperous.
I am puzzled that Councilor Finch was the only councilor at the last Council Meeting to vote no on the OLCC License Renewals for our local Businesses, Circle K, Ray's Food Place, Seaweed Natural Grocery & Café, Crazy Norwegian's Fish and Chips, The Surf Shack and Wild Wind Café.
I don't understand why the owner of the Highway 101 Liquor Store voted no in allowing these business's the opportunity to sell.
Seems to me that Councilor Finch has his own personal/political agenda.

**Kim Swiggs,
Port Orford**
Liked reading about Jimmy ...
I enjoyed last week's article (April 23, 2008) on Jim Perdue. I recently had the pleasure of meeting him while we were in North Bend Hospital's waiting room.
He was waiting for his father to come out of recovery, and he took the time to speak to me.
He went to school with my husband's (Bill Lenox) brother (Mike). We shared a few amusing stories!
In today's world, it is nice to

have a positive story to share with the community; you accomplished this and reminded me why I enjoy the Port Orford News.
Thank You and thank you, Jim, for being an inspiration to your community.
Regards,
**Kathryn Lenox,
Florence**
A big thank you ...
A giant thank you, with warm appreciation, goes out this month to our child care providers, family caregivers and respite providers!
In May, we have the opportunity to celebrate the dedication and work of child care professionals, caregiving relatives and respite providers throughout the lifespan, all of whom contribute so much to the well-being of our children, families and communities.
The month of May includes "Provider Appreciation Day" and "Respite Awareness Month."
"Provider Appreciation Day" on May 9, the Friday before Mother's Day, gives parents and guardians a special day to thank their child care providers and to show how much they appreciate them.
Research indicates that high-quality early childhood experiences can offer lifelong benefits for children, not to mention daily peace of mind for parents who have child care they can trust.
A few suggestions for celebrating Provider Appreciation Day include flowers, a card, a hand-written note, a gift certificate or a remembrance from you and your child.
"Respite Awareness Month" is a time for family caregivers who provide short or long-term care to their family members to speak up about the critical importance of respite to them.
Community members and civic organizations are invited to

raise their "Respite Awareness" and to talk constructively about how we can better support local caregivers and families in need of a break.
Employers and the South Coast business community are urged to recognize the significant contributions of child care providers and all other caregivers, who support the work force in so many ways.
Let's show our care providers throughout the lifespan of our families, that we appreciate the important and caring work they do!
**CARE Connections of Southwestern Oregon Community College
Laurie Potts
Anna Marca
Flavia Finn
Jocelyn Hamner
Liz Cohen,
Brookings**
What kind of choice ...
This election we have lots of choices for commissioner; but are all the choice's good for Curry County? I'm not saying, that with some good knowledge and experience, they might not all make good commissioners, but we are in critical times in Curry County.
Regardless of some of these new no growth people who have moved in here and think they speak for all of us, I know Commissioner Schafer has the knowledge and commitment to our county, that I want. She knows what is happening to our revenues and she has the best chance to save us.
Our county is small and she has years of experience in Government and how it works. She stands up for our County. Plus, the people and officials around the state, respect her and listen to what she has to say because of all of her experience.
The bottom line is experience counts!
Please join me in voting for

Marlyn Schafer for Curry County Commissioner.
Thank you,
**Donna Carlson,
Brookings**
Impractical ideas ...
At the Commissioner Candidate Forums I heard the line, "You get the government you pay for," repeated over and over. If you believe we are getting the government we pay for from the Federal Government on down, either you are very naive or you're not paying attention.
We have Marlyn Schafer, the person most responsible for the financial mess the County is in, and seven new candidates that are looking to be paid an \$84,000 a year pay and benefit package, when they are all vying for a learner's permit.
They all say you can't get good volunteers. All you have to do is look at the volunteer County Planning Commissioners who are much more professional than the current crop of County Commissioners and that argument doesn't hold water.
If you really want to see why the current Commissioners are putting in so many hours to do

their jobs, one only has to watch a County Commissioner meeting in person or on cable channel 99. What you will see is government by giggles and guffaws. The lack of professionalism is very apparent.
The candidates have all adopted the Schafer philosophy that this job takes 50 – 60 hours a week. With Home Rule and an experienced professional County Administrator, the Commissioners job becomes part time and as advisory policy setters only. There is no need for the Commissioners to micro-manage the department heads as they do now. The job of the Commissioners would be to hire good people, then get out of the way and let them do their job.
During the candidates forum, I heard a lot of totally impractical pie in the sky ideas on ways to bail the County out. Not once did I hear a candidate say they would look for ways to eliminate unnecessary positions.
For the good of us all, sign the petition and vote for the Charter when it's placed on the ballot in November.
**Ralph Martin,
Brookings**

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replacement" to build a new state highway bridge, using hydraulic machinery to slide a new bridge into place after construction crews demolish the old structure.
This bridge replacement is part of a project to replace five aging bridges on Highway 38 between Elkton and Drain. The bridges were built between 1929 and 1932 and are being replaced to ensure safe travel on this important route between the coast and Interstate 5.
To learn more about the Highway 38 bridge replacement work online, please visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION3/ElkCreek.shtml.
The OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation's 10-year, \$3 billion Oregon Transportation Investment Act. OTIA funds will repair or replace hundreds of bridges, pave and maintain city and county roads, improve and expand interchanges, add new capacity to Oregon's highway system, and remove freight bottlenecks statewide.
About 17 family-wage jobs are sustained for every \$1 million spent on transportation construction in Oregon.
Each year during the OTIA program, construction projects will sustain about 5,000 family-wage jobs.
Slow down! Better roads ahead: Oregon remains open for business as ODOT modernizes the state's critical transportation lifelines.
Know before you go: dial 511 or visit TripCheck.com.

Chair is discovered in a stump
A chatoyant gold Port Orford cedar chair was found in a stump on a beach in Port Orford by a local wood cutter.
The wood gathers and reflects light in varying patterns depending on the angle it is viewed from. It will be an entry in the local Port-Orford-Cedar Expo 2008 fine art contest May 23-25.



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Daily Weather Statistics						
Month	High	Low	BAR	Rain	Year	Wind
Wed.	58	36	30.19	0.20	44.95	10
Thurs.	60	37	30.23	0.00	44.95	10
Fri.	58	37	30.09	0.00	44.95	5
Sat.	62	40	30.15	0.00	44.95	21

Weather statistics by DeBoyd Smith
7 a.m. to 7 a.m. – Sixes River, OR

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LOST DOG
Male, five-year-old English pointer, white with black spots and splotches. Short hair, tall and slender. Was wearing a choke collar. Lost on Bear Creek Rd. Call 347-1662.

Pentecost and Mother's Day Celebration

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church (behind the Fun Zone on 9th St.)

Sunday, May 11 at 10 a.m.

Festival Eucharist & Champagne Brunch
All are welcome

North Curry County Church Directory

St. Christopher Episcopal Church
Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
214 Ninth St. (Behind Fun Zone)
(541)332-0998

Port Orford Christian Center
Come celebrate the Lord with Pastor Doug Jamieson.
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning11 a.m.
Sunday Evening5 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study6:30 p.m.
10th & Washington
(541)332-2561

St. John's Catholic Church
Sunday8:30 a.m.
Wed.9 a.m.
Hwy. 101 & 15th St.
Port Orford, OR
(541)253-6250

First Community Church
2025 Jackson St.
(541) 332-3664
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
Bible Study at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.
"God's work, our hands ..."
Pastor Tim Carraher
2015 Washington (541)332-3581

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Port Orford Branch
20th & Jackson
332-5501

Langlois Community Church
"Where the Word of God is Proclaimed"
Pastor Rick House ♦ Youth Pastor Kyle Busenitz
Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. ♦ Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.
♦ Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. ♦ Nursery provided
Hwy. 101 in Langlois ♦ (541) 348-2301

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