

# Viewpoints

## A letter from the editor

The Port Orford News is well. Not great, but well. Thanks to the support and determination of the people of Port Orford, Sixes, Langlois, Bandon, Gold Beach, Ophir, Brookings, Coos Bay, North Bend, Coquille and beyond, the Port Orford News is once again a living newspaper. Once again telling about lives - about kids, about our triumphs, about our tragedies, about our town. And because of it people stop me and say "Thank you." When they do I'm always a little at a loss for words - but here goes. No, Port Orford. Thank you. Thank you for the grandest experience I've ever had in journalism. Thank you for supporting your newspaper, and

allowing me to run it. I'm grateful - and humbled - especially by the way that I've been accepted, the way I have been taken in. That's special. I won't forget. And now the newspaper is well. Billing is soon to go out for the first time, thanks to the efforts of Mary O. Loan Bookkeeping & Tax Service who are not only organizing my mess of receipts, but are also teaching me how to do it myself. But money, as it has been from the beginning, remains tight. So I would like to ask a favor. I've applied for a loan, from Chetco, our local credit union. And I can answer most of the questions asked by my loan agent; I can supply years of tax records from when I co-owned the paper, but

since the newspaper actually stopped, its recent track record as a business is short. Advertising revenue is rising steadily - you've done a great job of supporting your newspaper - but I could use some capital improvements. I'd like to consolidate my debts, clear my ledgers by paying some bills and maybe even have a little set ahead for paying press and shipping costs. And I'd love to have internet in the office. That would save a lot of time and let me really communicate with so many more readers. And the paper could really use a scanner and a printer - none of it absolutely necessary stuff of course, but they would make it easier to work. But I've been getting along without that stuff so far - if necessary I will continue to a little longer. Chetco understands this. They're supportive of

the newspaper too. They know our story. They'd like to find a way to help me qualify for this loan. So Chetco has said that in lieu of a recent, long-term business history, they will accept declarations of support from readers, subscribers and advertisers. That means that what you say matters. You've got a vote. You can tell Chetco what you think of your newspaper and the fella running it. I'd appreciate it. You've saved your newspaper once, this time it just needs a kind word - and as many of them as possible. You can vote by e-mail, the address is nthomason@chetcofcu.org. Thank you.

**Matt Hall**  
Editor/Port Orford News

## Community news briefs

### City to sell vehicles

The City of Port Orford Police and Public Works Departments are accepting sealed bids for surplus vehicles to be sold by them. Bids will be accepted at City Hall, 555 W. 20th St. or by mail with VEHICLE BID/POLICE or PUBLIC WORKS printed on the envelope at PO Box 310, Port Orford, OR 97465 until Noon, May 29, 2008, then bids will be opened at 3 p.m. in the Port Orford City Hall Gable Chambers by the Police Department and City Administrator. The vehicles are (one) 1994 Ford Crown Victoria, and (one) 1988 Buick LeSabre from the Police Department, and (one) 1989 GMC Pickup Truck, (one) 1974 Meyers Trailer (sewer cleamer), and (one) 1974 Ford Van with Equipment from Public Works. These vehicles can be inspected prior to bidding at the City shop at 2848 Port Orford Loop, Port Orford, OR 97465. All

vehicles will be sold "AS IS" to the highest bidder with payment due at the opening of the bid. Bid winners must remove vehicles from City property within five working days from notification of having won the bid. A bid package containing vehicle description and bid forms is available at either Port Orford City Hall or the Port Orford Police Department. **Curry 4-H Camp registrations ongoing** Planning your summer activities? How about joining other Curry County kids in grades 3-5 for a fun and exciting 4-H camp experience. Registrations have been delivered to the Curry County schools for the 2008 4-H Lobster Creek Camp to be held June 17-20 at the Lobster Creek Youth Camp located 18 miles northeast of Gold Beach. The camp will be run by adult Extension Staff and volunteers, with counselors being Senior 4-

H members that have gone through a series of trainings. This years camp will be entitled "Enchanted Lobster Creek Camp" with cabins, staff and counselors taking on the names of the magical aspects of nature and the forest! Activities will include crafts, educational programs, swimming, hiking, campfire activities, games and friendship building to last a lifetime. This camp is not limited to 4-H members. The cost is \$90 per camper (some scholarships are available) for registrations received through May 31st. For more information on how to become a part of this wonderful camping experience, contact the Curry County 4-H office at 1-800-356-3986 or 247-6672. Space is limited so register early! **Jared Tarr wins scholarship** The Sunset Garden Club has awarded its annual scholarship for 2008 to Jared Tarr of Port

Orford. Tarr, 17, will be graduating from Pacific High School on May 30 with honors and third in his class. In the fall he will attend Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., where he will pursue a degree in conservation science with a focus on marine resources management. Each year the garden club of Port Orford awards a scholarship to a local graduating senior who plans to major in botany, ecology, horticulture, forestry, agronomy, land management, landscaping, or other related fields. Tarr is the third recipient of the Sunset Garden Club scholarship.



Tarr

### It's a big hit

PON photo by Daryl Thomas

**It's a hit at Coast League Baseball.**

## To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Dreams and visions of grandeur were regular in my senior year of high school. I thought about joining the military for awhile. It seemed to me that going through the ROTC program could be a way to invest my life in a patriotic way. I am not one to launch a campaign for war, but I do believe in protecting our rights as citizens of the U.S.. Then my life turned

the corner when I met my future wife. I didn't want to end up half way across the world from her. I decided college would be the best route. What to do with my future became quite important. It should be for all of us. Well, I ran into a few difficulties. I remember my first quarter as a senior started off with a real bang. I was taking my final exam in American Problems. The test had been handed out and one of my colleagues whis-

pered from behind me and asked some trivial question like "What's the date?" I turned my head to tell him then quickly turned back around to take the test. At the end of class we were to take our tests up front to the teachers desk. To my amazement, the teacher took my test, lifted it like a crane, moved it over the trash can and released it. That was my final test grade. Trashed. Needless to say, I was embarrassed and in shock. The same happened to my colleague. My fresh start as senior was jeopardized. I admit, when I was in junior high I did cheat on one test and never forgot it. It wasn't a good feeling. I never cheated again on my tests, but was being accused of such. Must try harder. Later on that same year, I went to my counselor and ask him what I needed to do to apply for college. I'll never forget his council in the hallway near his office. He said "If you think high school is hard, wait till you get to college." That was it. He never came

back with any other information. But, that didn't stop me. I went to my english teacher and he asked me what I wanted to do, then told me where to get the information, and I followed his advice. Though my average grades in high school slowed me up a bit, I was able to go on to college. When graduation day came for college I was on the Dean's List. Hard work does pay off. Maybe you have had some bad breaks along the way. That can all change. It does no good to hold resentments against people who don't understand you, nor does it do any good to act defeated. I believe God helped me along my journey. He can help you too. How can I possibly tell all of the emotions that flooded my mind on that last year at Pacific? I wonder what is going through the minds of our present graduates? Please know that if you apply yourself and ask the right questions to the right people, you will be doing yourself a great service. Don't give up!

### Photo of the week: 'Living History'



PON photo by Carol Berger

Shalisa Singleton as Annie Hughes, right, and Dolores Care as Jane Hughes are shown during the living history presentation "Jane and Annie" at Hughes House on Mother's Day. The presentation will be repeated on State Parks Day, June 7.

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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

## Bar-B-Que!

Sunday, May 25  
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### Buffington Park A Frame

Bar-B-Que, hamburgers, side order & drink for \$5  
Put on by the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce to benefit the Pacific Wind Riders Association

### 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 School.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning .....11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening.....5 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.  
10th & Washington  
(541)332-2561

**St. John's Catholic Church**  
Sunday . . . .8:30 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 Carrاهر  
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

## What's for Breakfast?

\* Fresh Shredded to order Hash Browns  
\* Thick Hickory Smoked Bacon  
\* House Made Daily Sausage Gravy  
\* Fresh Ground & Brewed RayJen Coffee

Orders To Go 332-4515  
Open at 7am 7 days a week  
Lounge open at 7am too!!!  
**Choices?** We have the most varied menu around! So for good food at great prices there is only ONE Choice!

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