

Viewpoints

In my opinion: Make a decision on the old library space ...

I would like to label this editorial an attempt at prevention and reasonableness versus the usual consternation and tension the community has witnessed the last few months between the police department and a few councilmen.

As the police department is requesting a move to the vacated library next month, I would ask

the Council to approve this request and let us remodel, pack our things up and move. Our office is so cramped we have not an inch of space to spare let alone find any room for storage, evidence or found property. The boxes are piling up and soon I will be putting them out in the hallway. There is no where to conduct suspect or witness inter-

views and trying to find privacy when talking to a victim of abuse is impossible.

We also make this little office available to other agencies if they need a place to make phone calls or write reports and if our officers are on duty and in the office there is no where for them to work.

If all employees are in the

office together and even one reserve officer comes in it is nearly impossible to converse on the phone, move around or concentrate on matters at hand.

The library area will not only provide us with the needed extra space but is being designed to include a large conference room for use by the City and other agencies and departments.

Finally, it will also free up our current space and make more room available for City office space.

The Council can put this decision off every month with excuses and complaints and/or reasons for preventing our relocation but the plain and simple truth is we need to move. I request a decision be made in the very near

future giving the police department permission to move and to remodel the library.

We can collectively make a positive decision and show the community we can get along.

Thank you

Patty Barnes,
Administrative Police/Court clerk,
Port Orford

Letters to the editor:

Small town with a big heart

Some of us think of retirement as a time for relaxing and doing things we really enjoy. Whether it's sleeping in late or gardening, it's a special time in everyone's life. For some people, retirement is a time to volunteer for different groups here

in the Port Orford area - giving their time and energies helping others. This is the case with the volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels.

Monday through Friday, these wonderful people deliver meals to the elderly and disabled here in town. Along with providing a

nutritious meal, they check on the general well-being of "their people." many times, this is the only contact these folks have during their day.

Because of the dedication of these people (some who have been doing it for the past eight years), anywhere from 10-15

people in this area are receiving a nutritionally balanced meal at lunchtime during the week.

Thank you Dutch, Mary Lou, jim Dorothy and Len, Maybelle and Joyce, Cathy & Phyllis for being so faithful every week. And thank you to the relief drivers, Warren and Pat, Lee and

Dave; you make it possible for the "regulars" to take those necessary time-outs.

A special "thank you" needs to to to Gayle at Sea Breeze for all the little "treats" she so thoughtfully provides for the people on the program throughout the year; to Rhonda and

Diane at the elementary school who go "above and beyond the call of duty" to provide the best meals possible; to Frank and Bonnie Smith at the Port & Starboard Restaurant, who do such a wonderful job with the

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Once again I would like to invite you to take an adventure with me into one of the darkest moments of my life.

I mean that literally of course. It was the early summer of 1967 and I was visiting at Grandma's house. That was one of my favorite places to be.

Grandma was always kind and so patient with her grandchildren. Plus she usually had some special treats for us. I suppose I was the spoiled one since we lived just over the hill from the old farm house.

That particular day it was beginning to get dark and

grandma mentioned to me I should head for home soon. Mom and dad knew I was walking home. Well, time flies when you're at grandma's house. It was nearly dark when I left, and had to decide whether or not to go over the hill on the small trail, or take the road.

A bit of fear began to tug at me and I decided not to go the mountain trail but stick to the road. It was about three quarters of a mile from grandma's house to the 101 highway and another eight tenths of a mile to our house up Hubbard Creek Road. By the time I was halfway down Fir road it was dark. It

was so dark I couldn't see anything. There was no moon and it was literally pitch black.

During those years no one lived in the area except grandma and our family. I remember kicking the gravel along the road, which had very little for shoulders, and waving my hand in front of my face trying to make out some kind of movement. Nothing! It was the darkest night I had ever experienced, nor did I ever want to repeat it again. I don't know why I didn't call mom or bring a flashlight.

Then, to make matters worse, I heard things in the brush.

Were they big or small? I had seen cougar and bear along this stretch before and now my mind was starting to play tricks on me. It seemed like an eternity passed me by, when, in the distance I could make out the glimmer of light from our home. I began to run up the hill, chills were running up and down my back and fear was all over me.

When I finally reached the protective confines of home, I was never so glad to get inside.

Darkness is not something that I enjoy. I think sometimes our choices in life can lead us down a dark road. Maybe you

know what I mean. (You probably knew I was headed this direction.) There are people around us who shine a lot of light. Those are the ones with

which you feel safe and secure. Take time to look around and see the Light, then you too can shed light.

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songs from then and now, and the audience often sang along in harmonious complement.

This community program was sponsored by the Langlois & Port Orford Public Libraries, working together to bring quality programs to our communities. Library programs this year are supported

through generous funding from the Curry County Cultural Trust and the Oregon Council for the Humanities (Chautauqua programs).

Coming up: Catch the Reading Bug Summer Program for Kids beginning with Curt Nelson & Slightly Illusional on 7/17. Adults

can look forward to 7/26, Native American Stories with Gene Davenport, 7/26; Changing Perspectives on Oregon Geology, 9/6; and a Dominoes Tournament Night sometime in November. Many programs are also scheduled for dates in-between, so watch for upcoming events.

We look forward to seeing you.



Contributed photo
Steve Montana and several of his friends recently played a free concert at the Langlois Public Library.

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Jack is a handsome, two year old Husky. Intelligent and well trained he would make a great family dog!

The shelter has many other dogs including the following:

1. **Rippley Sue** is a beautiful Lab/Border Collie/AmStaff mix. She is a sweet girl who would love a forever home. She gets along well with humans of all sizes and other dogs. Do you want a running partner—here she is!
2. **Bruno** is a beautiful, well behaved, gentle Shepherd/Saffordshire mix. Bruno loves people of all sizes and other dogs! Remember Chance from the Incredible Journey—this is his cousin Bruno! Are you a Contractor looking for a dog to take with you to work? Bruno would be perfect!
3. **Blitz** is a beautiful yellow Lab mix! Three years old, he loves to play and is well behaved!
4. **Skippie** is an adult, chocolate Lab, Staffordshire Terrier mix. Loving, smart and playful, Skippie is waiting for his forever home.
5. **Snoop** is a beautiful Lab/Rotweiler/Red Heeler mix. Well behaved and playful, he loves to run on the beach.
6. **Ginger** is a gentle, beautiful well trained boxer. She will be happy sitting on your lap, at your feet or running on the beach!
7. **Miki** is a beautiful timid, gentle, Australian Shepherd. She is white with a black rump and has beautiful blue eyes!

Call Patty Wills at (541) 247-8461 if you have any questions.

Pet of the Week is sponsored by the Port Orford News, private individuals & businesses. Anyone who would like to help sponsor Pet of the Week please call Matt Hall at (541) 260-3638.

For adoption info call (541) 247-2514

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Photo of the week: 'Eighth Grade Graduation'



PON photo by Daryl Thomas

This very proud family was photographed with their graduate shortly after the Blaco/Driftwood Schools Eighth Grade Graduation held at the Savoy Theater.

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St. Christopher Episcopal Church
Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
417 Ninth St.
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Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning11 a.m.
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Sunday8:30 a.m.
Wed.9 a.m.
Hwy. 101 & 15th St.
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(541)253-6250

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

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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"
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