

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor:

Honored to be asked ...

Alan and I were honored to be asked to be the Grand Marshals of the Port Orford Jubilee this year. I would like to thank not only the Jubilee Committee for the wonderful experience but also those people who stopped us and congratulated us. We received many notes and letters and it was so heart warming to receive them. Our time in Port Orford has been special and we have so many wonderful memories over the years to take with us. Thank You!

The Jubilee committee did a wonderful job of organizing this years Jubilee's events. I know how much hard work and personal effort it takes to make sure every event goes as planned. This year they had four event days and did a splendid job.

The weather cooperated and the fireworks on the 4th were fantastic. We were able to experience two ways of seeing them. The fog created a softening of each burst and then move away to give us our usual clear view as well. Where else but in Port Orford can we have fireworks that last for an hour!

Again, a huge THANK YOU to TEAM JUBILEE.

Brenda & Alan Mitchell,
Port Orford

Commend those who help ...

I'd like to commend all the people who give of their time, energy and finances to work to make our community a worthwhile place to live.

I am particularly writing to thank John Hewitt for his service on the Port Orford Library Foundation Board, the Port Orford Ocean Resource Team, the Oregon Solutions group (appointed by Gov. Kulongoski), the Port Orford stormwater management committee, the Public Works Committee, the Public Safety and Ordinance Committee and the position of city liaison to the Port of Port Orford as well as city councilperson to Port Orford.

For those people who spend their time in negative and destructive pursuits, I say get a life and do something worthwhile.

Mary Jane LaBelle,
Port Orford

A big thank you ...

This is a big thank you to the LDS volunteers, who came to Port Orford to clean up our city parks and old jail. What a wonderful caring group of people to go out of their way to Make a Big Difference for us.

Kudos also go to Jim Billings and the Parks Commission for coordinating

this event. And I hear they are coming back to help again!

While saying thank you, I believe it also goes to all the businesses that painted and spruced up this summer. Maybe the beauty of the new library inspired them; whatever it was, it also is making a big difference.

Now to only get the Post Office and the dentist office painted.

Sincerely;

Mary Colozzi,
Port Orford

Why so much acrimony ...

I am an Oregon resident, a Port Orford resident, I vote here, I pay lots of taxes to the State of Oregon.

I am writing to inquire and perhaps start some dialogue as to why there is so much political acrimony in this small community. I am trying to understand what is the problem.

Examples of this acrimony that come to mind most immediately are: 1. Problems associated with a police chief, whose reporting relationship is not to the town's chief executive but to a legislative member! This is like the FBI Director Muller (part of executive branch of government) reporting to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House (Legislative branch). 2. Police officers

that bring legal action (tort claims) against the City. 3. Police officers who attempt to interrogate members of the city council at public meetings. 4. City Council meetings that come close to being physical confrontations.

I am also trying to understand why the citizenry here has a disagreement over every proposition to improve the city whether it's a zoning matter, a new or repaired water deliver system, a small bond issue for a library (that wasn't used anyway), a sign control ordinance or beautification project. I do understand that none of us likes to have our rice bowl rattled in the form of possible small tax increases or other minor short term inconveniences however I would suggest that when we have a vibrant and prosperous city we all benefit and we all benefit in the long run.

Can't we agree that we want a prosperous and beautiful community? Can't we agree that a large portion of the city budget should not be devoted to enforcement for those passing through? Can't we agree that two or three or four failed businesses a year is not economically healthy for our community? Can't we agree that numerous empty buildings are not good for our community? Can't we agree that incentives

to investors to come to our community will benefit us all in the longer run? Can't we agree on some elemental advertising sign control as a partial abatement of visual pollution.

The City has the potential to be more than decaying storefronts and empty buildings and very little commerce. It's had this potential for the seven years I have been coming here, but not much has changed.

How about we skip the petty behavior. How about we have a "mission statement" for our town and let part of that mission statement be that we exclude what is not helpful and include what improves us all.

Del Pelton,
Port Orford

Benefits of Home Rule ...

One of the main benefits the Home Rule Charter will provide to the people of Port Orford, and Langlois would be for the first time they would have a guaranteed representative and a voice and seat on the Board of Commissioners.

Our county is very diverse and the Charter creates five Commission districts, one of which consists of the

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

The old steps of the Battle Rock Junior High School can still be seen on the right as you head up the paved road south of the Savoy Theatre and on up the hill to the overlook.

The old school, which has long since been torn down, as well as the gymnasium, is where many students attended their sixth through eighth grade years.

Memories of those years often surface from my past, but I purposely choose to move on to other things. Still, they are memories which I use to help me understand the mind of a junior high student today.

I remember the day my dad took me into Charlie Jensen's music store previously located on the north end of Port Orford, and asked me to pick

out a musical instrument. My parents started me on piano lessons in the third grade, but I tired of them quickly. Still wanting me to play some kind of instrument, they kept after me until I picked out a cornet (later I traded it in on a trumpet).

It was exciting and new to sit in the band and hear all the different instruments playing together at once. I grew to love and appreciate the band.

It became a place of escape from the rest of my homework



Doug Jamieson

filled world. I loved playing the cornet and surprisingly began to excel somewhat at it. In my sixth grade year at Battle Rock Junior High we had band tryouts for seating in all instruments.

I didn't think much about it until the band director placed me in first chair. Apparently, the other two trumpet players who were in the seventh and eighth grades didn't like it very much. They didn't want an underclassman seated ahead of them. The eighth grader quit band and the seventh grader waited until after class one day when I was near the bleachers below the stage. There he came up to me and kicked me hard in the groin.

I remember this surprised feeling and the pain as I crawled under the bleachers to hide and gather my senses.

What did I do to deserve that?

I decided rather than quitting, I would try even harder to learn to play the cornet and trumpet. No, I did not retaliate against that one person, and later, I just felt sorry for him.

We don't talk about it very much, but students can be a bit cruel to one another. Now as I look back I wonder if there were any students that I have hurt in any way. I certainly would ask forgiveness.

To hurt anyone by word or deed is never my intention. But, sometimes it can happen, usually out of misunderstandings. Perhaps something like this has happened in your past. Don't stop doing what is right because someone doesn't like it. Stand up for what you know is best and keep moving to that direction.

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navigate through CFCU's home banking and bill payer application. This same class was presented in February in Brookings and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The upcoming August class will be taught by CFCU employees Vincent Jaramillo, a CISCO certified Systems Analyst, and Lauren DiMella, who is regularly involved in Home Banking and Bill Pay functionalities. Both individuals currently educate at a professional level.

For information regarding the class or registration, contact your local branch, or call Lauren DiMella at (800) 237-8064 ext. 1056. Space is limited, sign up today!

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Chetco Federal Credit Union is a progressive, community chartered credit union with a strategic vision for the future. CFCU has provided over 50 years of service to 30,000 members; with eleven branches and over \$330 million in assets.

CFCU is "Dedicated to Helping People" and serves members in the communities of Coos and

Curry Counties, Oregon and Del Norte County, California.

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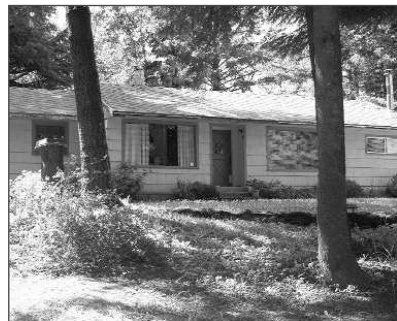
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RURAL HOME on 2 acres located between Port Orford and Bandon. This 1950's home is a 4 br, 2 ba., has a large landscaped yard and is on a well and septic system. Wood floors are in the living room and kitchen. The backyard is partially fenced with large fir trees covering approximately half the property. \$247,000 #273

Port Orford Garage
\$33.95 Lube, Oil & Filter
1738 N. Oregon St.
(541) 332-0494

Pet of the Week
at the Curry County
Animal Shelter
'Lady'

Lady is a six year old Beagle mix. She is gentle, quiet, loving and a little shy. She would make a great dog for a senior or a family.



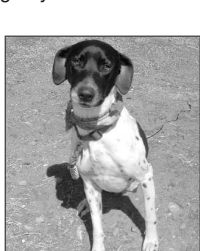
Katie is a three year old Terrier mix. Sweet, obedient she would make a great family dog.



Tuffy is a 6 year old Chocolate Lab mix. Intelligent, well trained, loving, he would make a great dog for a Senior or a family. He is happy with a gentle walk or sitting at your feet!



Skeeter is a year old Pointer mix with only three legs. He is energetic and affectionate and likes long runs on the beach.



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 Sponsored by Geoff Trotter of Florida

North Curry County Church Directory

St. Christopher Episcopal Church
Sunday Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.
417 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 Morning11 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....5 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 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

Soccer practice to begin at Pacific High

Photo by Diana Swenson



High School Soccer practice begins Monday, August 18, 4-8 p.m. at Pacific High for Pacific and Bandon students. You will need a current physical, health insurance and signed paperwork. Bring water, running shoes, cleats and shin pads. For information, paperwork or questions please call coach Tom Swenson at 347-2812 or 297-2355. In this file photo Shane O'Brien, No. 4, is shown in action for the Pirates during a match last season.

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
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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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