

Viewpoints

Hats off to Police Chief ...
Hats off to our Police Chief Mark Creighton and his fellow officers. I commend the Port Orford Police for their vigilance and dedication to making Port Orford a safe place to live.
I am impressed by their people-first attitude towards the local citizenry. Their personal courage in law enforcement is unquestionable yet Port Orford is the only town where I have received a wave and smile from a local policeman.
Thank you chief Creighton for continuing to make Port Orford save and friendly.
Sincerely,

Douglas Cargile
Port Orford

The moral basis of democracy
I do not claim the words of this title as my own. These words are the title of a book, "The Moral Basis of Democracy," written in 1940 by Eleanor Roosevelt.
As I read excerpts from Mrs. Roosevelt's book in "Wise Women," 1996, edited by susan Cahill, I was profoundly struck by similarities between 1940 and present day. For example, this sentence, and I quote: "At at time when the whole world is in a turmoil and thousands of people are homeless and hungry, it behooves all of us to reconsider our political and religious beliefs in an effort to clarify

in our minds the standards by which we live." I find this a stunning parallel to our present day world, as if written today.
Mrs. Roosevelt goes on to stress the roots of our country in religious freedom and, I quote: "the differences in religious belief (that) flourished side by side ... and ... it was accepted that an individual in this land of ours had the right to any religion, or to no religion ... the principle of "love they neighbor as thyself ... seems always to have been a part of the ... Democratic ideals which have differentiated it from all other forms of government."
We all remember the Pilgrims who came here to escape religious persecution. Yet, in 2008, we are embroiled in a dichotomy of Red vs. Blue States and a mentality of "my God's better than your God" and my church knows better than yours what is best for everybody.
Mrs. Roosevelt was a professed Christian, yet respected the right to all faiths or no faith at all. She also said, with great wisdom that "the churches have thought about the churches and not about religion as a need for men to live by." Is brick and mortar more important than body and soul?
We cannot let our great country devolve into a theocracy. Separation of church and state was considered wisdom by the Founding Fathers and is

part of our constitution. We can still fight for right over wrong and take care of the "least among us," but we must be careful what we legislate and try to make law. When we vote, we have to consider all issues. WE have to consider the United States of America and not narrow fundamentalist religious agendas. We cannot let these agendas become the priorities of governing.

Carol Strenkoski
Port Orford

Questioning the choice ...
Dear Editor:
John McCain's shoot-from-the hip choice for VP is a heartbeat from being Commander in Chief of a nearly half a trillion dollar Pentagon budget. Her little town in Alaska of about 7,000 souls might have afforded one police officer, part-time.
Then, think about that 3 a.m. phone call next to the red button launching nuclear missiles!
But what does this choice reveal about McCain's qualifications? What trigger-happy appointments would he make for Secretaries of Defense, State, Treasury, Agriculture, Interior, Homeland Security, or U.S. Attorney General, Supreme Court Justices, Federal Communications Commission, and hundreds more?
That's what Governor Palin must have meant in her debate with Senator Biden when she repeated-

ly referred to McCain as a "maverick." But this is not a Moose hunt with a finger on the trigger of 10,000 nuclear warheads. That's no place for a 74 year old 'maverick' with such poor aim in his choice for the second most powerful office on our planet.

David E. Pesonen,
Sixes

Regarding oil rigs ...
Dear editor,
I read with great interest Mr. Austin's letter on oil rigs in last weeks paper. He states that oil rigs are an attraction for different species of fish, and he's right. It's a well proven fact that man-made objects injected into the sea become sanctuaries for some sea dwelling species over time, however, like all proponents of offshore drilling, he gives only one side of the picture. Let me state some other facts concerning this issue. Since he mentions the Gulf of Mexico, I'll concentrate on that area and forget about the other oil rig mishaps around the world and their effect on their local environments. Keep in mind the following statistics have taken place with all the latest drilling technology in place.
Fact I: Hurricane's Rita and Katrina destroyed

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

I have shared with you in the past articles some of my firearm experiences.
Since this is now deer hunting season, I would like to emphasize that at an early age in my life, my father taught me very carefully the safe use of a firearm.
I consider myself to be a safety nut when it comes to items that have the capability of seriously injuring or even fatally taking someone's life. I'm sure every adult has heard of some if not many tragedies concerning guns. They are not the problem near as much as the hands that hold them.
The first lesson that I learned was to never at any time point the barrel of any gun at another person whether the gun was loaded or not. So many times

these days I see that rule violated over and over. That's why I don't hunt with too many people. I only hunt with those I can trust.
Now, I am not an officer, but I am a foster parent, so different rules apply to my home. My guns have a locking gun case, and no gun is ever loaded in my house.
Let me share with you one of the many stories that have come across my path over the years.



Doug Jamieson

We had a neighbor many years ago who had retired and we visited quite often. When he was a teenager during the late 40's, he and his friend had gone deer hunting in their home state of Nebraska. They were unsuccessful that day and returned home to exchange their rifles for two shotguns and head down to the fields to hunt pheasant.
When they arrived, my friend said that his buddy opened the car door and reached behind the seat to grab his 12-gauge shotgun and somehow the hammer caught the fabric on the back of the seat and snapped shut, blowing a large hole through the seat and his buddy.
Forgive me if this sounds gruesome, but gunshot wounds are seldom minor. His friend lived one week with his middle

practically gone before he passed away. Imagine the loss and grief of such an unnecessary accident.
I know that even driving down the road is like riding on a flying bullet. It's surprising to me that there are not more accidents involving vehicles. That is because of the amount of training required to drive a car.
It also requires a lot of training to properly use a firearm. Please be careful. When my two older daughters were fourteen and sixteen, they took their firearms safety course, so I joined them, even though I had also taken the course when I was fourteen. I was a little leery that on the final test my girls would pass with a higher score than their dad. Whew! I think we all received a 99 percent.

However, when we are hunting, we can't afford a 99 percent, it must be 100 percent all

the time. Happy hunting? No! Safe hunting.
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Photo of the week: 'Wahl Three Ranch pond'



PON photo by Brice Wagner

This beautiful scene has been enriched by a lot of smolts recently. To find out more, see "Life with Brice," on page 6. This week's Photo of the week was shot by the PON's Brice Wagner. Nice shooting, Brice.

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



Mini is a 4 year old Walker Hound. Very intelligent, and friendly, Mini is waiting to go hunting with you!
The Curry County Animal Shelter has many other dogs for adoption:
Chi is a sweet, shy, gentle 2 year old Lab mix. She would be great with a family or a Senior. She loves people and other dogs. Chi is housebroken and walks well on lead.
Goose is a year old, Golden Lab Retriever, who is a bundle of energy! Do you want to run on the beach! Goose is your pal!
Rogue is a sweet, gentle year old Catahoula/Whippet mix. Playful, obedient and intelligent she is looking for her forever home!
D.O.G. (dee-o-gee) is a 2 year old Chow/Akita mix. He is gentle, playful and would make a great family pet!
Buddy is a two year old Shepard mix. A real people guy, he is playful, loving and wants to be your forever dog! A family or a Senior he is the dog for you!

Pet of the Week NEEDS SPONSORS! Anyone who would like to help sponsor Pet of the Week please call Matt Hall at (541) 260-3638.
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Little Shop of Horrors

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sector when it comes to making economic and charitable contributions to their communities.
Nearly 3,000 farmer cooperatives, for example, account for as many as 300,000 jobs nationwide and a total payroll of more than \$8 billion. Some 270 local, consumer-owned telecommunications cooperatives employ an average of 47 people each and generate more than \$2 billion in revenues annually.
In Minnesota alone, cooperatives of all types generate more than \$10 billion in economic activity annually. In New York, credit unions alone generate \$4 billion annually.
But that's not all co-ops do. They also have a strong commitment to the communities in which their members live and work. Every day, in every sector, through cash contributions and volunteerism, co-ops support local causes ranging from education to the environment. They also invest in new community businesses.
"At Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc. (CCEC), we are proud of the partnerships we

have created with our communities and the good relationships we have with our members," said Daryl Robison, this year's

Chairman of the board of directors. "Our employees volunteer

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Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
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(541)332-0998

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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.

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