

Viewpoints

Exciting new changes
Here's to some exciting changes in 2009 in Port Orford since it has been all over the news that our new President Obama will be ready to invest in national infrastructure the minute he takes office.
I sure that our city council and mayor has grant writers already writing grants to solve our long-term water problem and that we will be one of the first communities to receive money to replace our worn-out

water system.
Think of the jobs that will create. When the city's grant writers are finished with that project, we need a fuel-efficient, handicapped-equipped van to help people get to doctor appointments, the supermarket and laundry, and to church and social events. That would create a couple more jobs.
Lots of grants will be available for that as Obama wants energy-efficient programs start ASAP.

Bike paths! With our wide streets, why bike paths could encompass the whole city. How about retrofitting some of our drafty old homes to conserve energy?
Here's the best part. Port Orford is an easy fit for just about any type of grant. We have a high percentage of our population earning under the poverty level. We have lots of seniors. We have a high unemployment rate. We have many people who want to work. Plus

lots of volunteers who are ready, willing, and able to help our wonderful community.
Happy New Year!
Paula Cracas,
Port Orford
Thank you to all the new PON subscribers and resubscribers
A very genuine round f thanks to these new and ongoing Port Orford News subscribers. Your vote of confidence and support are what allow us to keep the Port

Orford News arriving each week in the mail.
This week's new subscribers and resubscribers include: Owen Skeie, Currydale Farms, Bernice Dwire, Nannette Odette Jones, John Kirchgessler, Lela Lawrence, Vernon Magneson, Ruby Price, Ron Sellner, Jennifer Lee Wilson, Dave & Maureen Anderson, Tim Palmer & Ann Vileisis, Bonita & David Stout, Lance Nix, Jack Marohl, Kathryn Jamieson-Tremmel, Zona

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Thank you all from the entire staff of the Port Orford News.
Matt Hall
Editor

To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Growing up in the small but beautiful Hubbard Creek Valley always kept God's creation just one step away from our front or back door.
There were so many varieties of walking, crawling, swimming, or flying animals that not one day could I miss something that would temporarily catch my attention. I even remember two speckled bellied hawks that lived for several years up the valley until a distant neighbor shot one. The other Hawk spent a good portion of one summer calling for it's mate.

Although I was a young boy with lots of curiosity, there were things that just seemed wrong to me and shooting a hawk was one of them.
After a time, I guess the hawk left, because it disappeared.
There were other little crea-



Doug Jamieson

tures that seemed harmless, and were plentiful. Take for instance the little water dog (that's what we called them), or newt as others may know them. We used to see them everywhere, crawling across the roads, swimming in the little ponds or any small pool of water.
Occasi-onally we would pick one up by the tail to take a closer examination. Believe me when I say, that's one critter you need to be careful of.
The water dog is 10,000 times more toxic than a slug of cyanide. The orange-bellied, rough skinned newt is one of the

most poisonous creatures going.
In July of 1979, a young Oregonian ate a newt on a bet. He was dead before the day was out. The poison from the orangish-yellow under belly is called Tetrodotoxin, or TTX, and is found in Japanese puffer fish and some species of South American frogs.
There are no known antidotes.
The newt also has a life expectancy of three to ten years. Scientists have tested 30 potential predators of newts, from belted kingfishers to great blue herons to bull-

frogs and fish, finding in every case that the newt killed them.
Yes, I have found on many camping trips, one of our kids pick up a newt, because they are so easy to find and they look so harmless.
After handling a newt, it is important to have the person wash their hands before touching their mouth. It is a miracle that more have not become deathly sick from this cute little lizard.
So, if you see your child handling one of these little creatures, don't panic, but have them clean up and then read this article or one that you can find on the internet or text book so they understand how serious the situation is.
Maybe there are other things in our lives that are toxic, and we should be more careful what we pick up and put in our mouth.
Please.
To be continued ...

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PHS Clothing Drive supports Shoes for Kids
Cleaning out your kids' closets for the New Year? Bring those boxes of gently used school clothes to Pacific High School!
Pacific High School has volunteered to assist the Shoes for Kids program by collecting an assortment of school clothing which will be provided to students in need. Thanks to the hard work of student volun-

teers, clothing for high school students is already available at Pacific High all during the school year. In addition, the school will now collect school clothing for all ages from January to May. Pacific students, lead by Courtney Lakey and Ashley Curry, will sort and store school clothes to be distributed to those in need at no charge next August as part of the Shoes for Kids program.
Please bring your donations of school-

appropriate clothing in good repair to Pacific High School, during school hours (8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Monday – Friday.
Shoes for Kids is a program of The Common Good food pantry. Shoes for Kids provides local students-in-need with new shoes, socks, personal care supplies and the opportunity to choose from a big selection of gently used quality school clothing each

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Obituary

Jorma Lee Smith
Sept. 11, 1982 - January 2, 2009

Jorma Lee Smith passed away on Jan. 2, 2009. He is survived by his mom Betty and brothers Jory, T.J., and Miles Smith; brother Michael O'Connor; and

grandparents Norman and Donna Smith. Jorma had an Associate of Arts Degree in Multi-media Design and spoke fluent Korean. He was a beauti-

ful soul who will really be missed. A memorial will be held Friday, Jan. 16 from 2-4 p.m. at the Sixes Grange; doors will be locked at 2:10 p.m.

Memorial

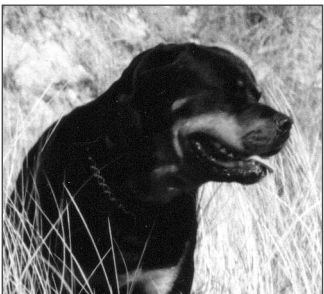
Gail Ann Foster

A memorial luncheon (potluck) for Gail Ann Foster will be held at the Langlois Lions Club Sat. Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. Please come and share with family and friends.

In memory

‘Chance’

A bundle of happiness with four paws and a short tail always quietly left our side, but sweetness stay close in memories shared, with Chance, these almost 14 years.
Many thanks to neighbors and friends for your kind words and thoughts.
— Chance's family
- Linda Houck



Chance

Birthday information is back!

We are working off an old list, so please let us know about any changes, deletions, or additions that need to be made. We don't always know who has moved away, passed away, or just plain doesn't want to be listed. Likewise, we have no information for anyone who has moved here since this list was originally compiled some time back and would like to be on the list.
You can e-mail us at portorfordnews.com and use "BIRTHDAYS" in the subject line, or call us at 541-332-NEWS. If we are not in the office when you call, our answering machine will be happy to take the information. Look for birthday information as part of the Community Calendar.

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Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter
'Ariel & Sargent'



The Curry County Shelter would like to express it's gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support.

Ariel is a Border Collie/Blue Heeler mix. Ariel is a young female, about 9mos old. Very well behaved dog for being so young. She will grow to be a very loving friend.

Sargent is a new arrival to the shelter. He is a German Sheppard mix and is about 2 years old. A very kind and gentle dog. He would make a wonderful companion for a family or couple.
PLEASE LICENSE YOUR DOG! IT HELPS YOU AND YOUR DOG SHOULD IT BECOME LOST AND THE FUNDS HELPS THE SHELTER!!

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. For adoption info call (541) 247-2514

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Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
417 Ninth St.
(Behind Fun Zone)
(541)332-0998

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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 ..."
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2015 Washington (541)332-3581

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Port Orford Branch
20th & Jackson
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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
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What's for Dinner?

*Salads?

*Pizza?

*Pasta?

*Steaks?

*Fresh Fish?

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