

# Viewpoints

### Encouraged

A friend called me last week to catch up after a busy year. We worked together as volunteers at the Ophir Thrift Store. She asked me if I had visited the county dog kennels at Gold Beach recently. When I told her I had not she encouraged me to take the time to stop in and tour the upgraded buildings and overall improvements.

This last Friday I had occasion to do just that. The plight of the discarded or unwanted dog has always tugged at my heart. We have a wonderful, somewhat unruly, absolutely loyal compan-

ion that brings daily joy to our lives. She is our constant reminder of all those unfortunate dogs that have no loving place to call home. We have lived in Curry County for ten years. In that time we've observed the county's continuing struggle to maintain a decent and safe environment for lost, abandoned or unwanted dogs. In the past I was able to volunteer at least one day a week at the kennels.

Now we help support the cause by making small donations of money and or gently used items to the thrift store whenever possible. My visit to

the kennels and surrounding buildings and my talk with a busy, devoted volunteer has rejuvenated my spirit and my belief in the goodness of dog lovers everywhere.

I was unable to meet the new Animal Control Officer because she was on the road working hard to help yet another needy canine. The programs that have been set into motion for volunteers are productive and positive for both dog and volunteer. I encourage everyone to take the time to visit the kennels and observe what wonderful improvements have been made.

I'm so glad my friend encouraged me to make my donation in person.

However, it was all I could do to keep from scooping up the adorable little puppy (it had been abandoned along with another older dog) that was fast asleep on a big soft pillow under the desk in the office. I noticed a box on the counter with a sign that read, "Pennies for Pooches". This is another way people can help support a good cause. For every dollar amount on the Ray's Food Store receipt that you turn in, the Animal Control Officer can redeem a penny.

Those pennies add up and help pay for medications and vet care when the dogs are in need.

So save your receipts and drop them off at the kennels, mail them in or call to find out the other drop off locations. It is a small task with big rewards for you and for the dogs. A big "Thumbs Up" to our new Animal Control Officer and all the wonderful volunteers.

Wendy Thomas  
Port Orford

**Sixes Grange to remain open**  
Matt, thank you very much for the great front page coverage. I will try to keep steady progress

reports flowing to you. We appreciate all your help. How can we help you?

We only had four people respond and come to our meeting last night. Some phone calls as well from four more that will join and help that couldn't make the meeting. We were totally prepared for 50 people to arrive eager to help out. We have six new members and seven current members so far that have enough faith in what the grange is all about to keep trying. Thirteen is the magic number

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

The feelings that come and go when you have been raised in a small coastal town and are about ready to graduate from high school are intense.

Finally, you tell yourself, I can pack my bags and leave town to seek my education, fame, and fortune.

Indeed, many will be successful in attaining their goals and may never return to this little village. But, if you were raised here from a child, there is something nostalgic about

Port Orford.

For example, I did leave, went to college, found a job that became a tremendous career, began raising a family, changed careers, moved to a



Doug Jamieson

small city, and was successful in both employment situations.

After about thirteen years, I returned. My feet have been in a number of different states plus Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico.

I have climbed the Aztec pyramids and watched the sun rise on Israel's Sea of Galilee.

I have swam in the Dead Sea, and visited Masada and Jerusalem.

I have eaten at fine dining in Rome, Italy as well as many of our major cities.

There has been none that have been so beautiful and serene, calm and peaceful, than the countryside around the city of Port Orford. Even on the worst day of the year, I'd rather be here than any place on earth.

I know employment is difficult and we have a lot of not so perfect situations that come up from time to time. I guess I would like to say get in line.

Any place you go in this world, trials will meet you. I did not move back to Port

Orford for fame or fortune, but because I love this community. I know I have said this before, but it deserves a reminder.

Yesterday, my wife and I walked from Battle Rock to the end of the beach. We witnessed some of the most beautiful country in the world and visited with some of the most wonderful people in the world.

From here you can reach out

and make a difference.

Don't let the little things in life get you down. The next time you drive through town, wear a smile and wave at somebody. You never know who might need encouragement.

Someday it might be you. To be cont'd ...

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kids feel good about going to school.

To help, please clean out your closets and donate those useable school clothes! Or, send a check to "The Common Good - Shoes for Kids", PO Box 564, Port Orford, OR 97465.

We are a registered non-profit. If you donate by check, a receipt will be mailed to you.

Shoes for Kids is a program of The Common Good, a non-profit, all volunteer administered organization and equal opportunity provider.

### Zion Luthern to hold fundraiser Jan. 25

On Sunday, January 25 the public is invited to Zion Lutheran Church to enjoy a

meal of Beef Stew, Chowder, and Biscuits from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Adults: \$6, children under twelve: \$4. Bring your friends and neighbors.

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 2015 Washington Street Port Orford.

### Dates for Water Festival changed

We recently discovered that we scheduled the Second Annual Water Festival during SOLV's Annual Spring Beach Clean Up. After contacting some of our Festival participants and sponsors, we made the decision to change the date of the Festival to April 17-18, 2009. We encourage you to get

involved in the beach clean up. More information can be found at this website:

[http://www.solv.org/programs/sp\\_ring\\_beach\\_cleanup.asp](http://www.solv.org/programs/sp_ring_beach_cleanup.asp)

We are very sorry if the schedule change has caused any inconvenience. We hope the new date will allow us to have a more successful Festival.

— Briana Goodwin,  
Stewardship Area Outreach  
Coordinator  
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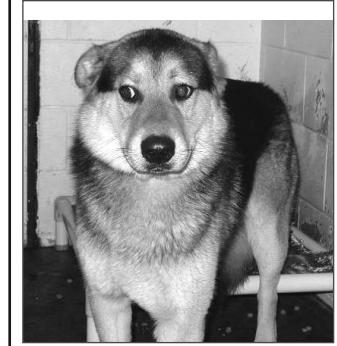
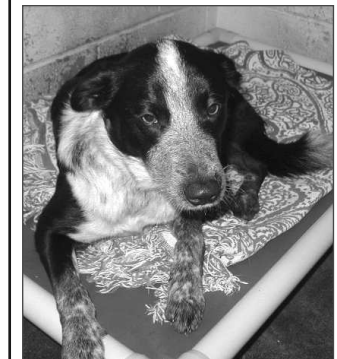
### Two-step dance lessons offered

Get out of that chair, get some exercise! Join your friends and make new ones! Two-step dance lessons have come to Port Orford.

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

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



The Curry County Shelter would like to express its 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.

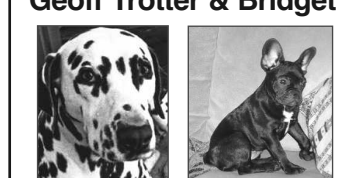
**Ariel** is a Border Collie/Blue Heeler mix. Ariel is a young female, about 9mos old. Very well behaved dog for being so young. She will grow to be a very loving friend.

**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 for 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

Sponsored by Little Shop of Horrors, Geoff Trotter & Bridget



Lance Nix & Cromwell

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secretary, and Evan Kramer as treasurer.

Guests at the meeting included Jeff Ferguson and Steve Willhite of Jerry's Rogue Jets.

Billings reported that the recent Whale Watch Week was a success, despite the fact that the ocean was only visible on three of the seven days. 22 whales were observed at the Battle Rock Visitor Center, which had 195 visitors. At Cape Blanco 13 whales were sighted; visitors there numbered 131. The total for the entire coastline was 643 whales and 6,161 visitors.

Members who have not yet paid the Chamber for their ad in the block of ads purchased by the Chamber in last year's Oregon Coast Mile-by-Mile

Guide to Highway 101 are reminded that they need to pay the Chamber as soon as possible. Those who have not yet renewed their membership are also reminded that memberships were due last June.

The Chamber would like to remind people that it is still taking donations for permanent speed signs to be placed at each end of town.

The Chamber is planning a fundraiser BBQ in March in celebration of Oregon State's sesquicentennial; the date for the BBQ has not yet been set.

Travel and tourism events coming up:

◆ Hospitality 101 grant kick-off for central Curry County - Mon., Feb 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the

Gold Rush Center in Gold Beach (See the article on the Hospitality 101 grant elsewhere in PON.)

◆ 2009 Welcome Center Training Conference, with reception and trade show at the Curry County Fairgrounds, March 8-10

◆ Spring kickoff for American Wild Rivers Coast - May 13 at the Gold Rush Center in Gold Beach; wine and cheese networking event

◆ 26th Annual National Tourism Week May 9-17, 2009 Please contact Chuck Schaumburg at 541-348-2911 for information on these events.

The next Port Orford and North Curry Chamber of Commerce meeting will be Mon., Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Paradise Café.

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**LARGE YARD and a 3 br home:** with 1 ba, an attached garage, built in drawers in the bedrooms, all in a warm area near the lake, and priced to sell. #8074505-279 \$189,000

**SURROUNDED BY THE SOUNDS OF THE FOREST:** this 1988 MF home has been remodeled and upgraded. A new metal roof and new windows were added in 2003, along with the remodeling of both bathrooms 3 br and over 1600sf. A large two-car garage is adjacent to the house. #807956-289 \$224,500

**HARWOOD FLOORS AND A SPACIOUS KITCHEN** are examples of the custom work done on this ranch style home: 3 br, 2 ba, a brick fireplace with insert, a 26' attached greenhouse, large spacious bedrooms, a den and dinette area plus a studio area in the yard. There is a single car garage, also. This home is landscaped with a fully fenced yard and near the lake, with just a short walk to the sea. #8085429-280 \$245,000

### 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](mailto: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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## 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 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 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

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**\* Pasta?**  
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