

Viewpoints

‘Gratefuls for Brice and Doug ...’

Thank you for giving Brice & Doug a home in your newspaper and the encouragement to share their wonderful stories with us.

I feel they are doing a great job of helping us all appreciate the people and the living history of our unique coastal community ... and would like to thank them for all their hard work.

Before you know it, they will be publishing their own books - books we can be proud to add to our new Library's 'Local Authors Bookshelf'...

And - one week at a time in

your “Port Orford News” - we may find out later that we had been watching a sequel to John Quick's delightful book “‘Fool's Hill - A Kid's Life in an Oregon Coastal Town,’” gradually coming together !

Alan Mitchell,
Port Orford

Letter to the Editor

This is a letter I did not want to write. I want the flow of our new city council to go well. It was hurtful and costly to our little city's well being to watch the mess that passed for city government under the leadership of Mayor Auburn and some of the

sitting council members. Their inability to communicate, conduct meetings and compromise, led to the police department debacle as well as the downfall of the police tax levy.

I know there are others who feel as I do. It just can not be that hard to run a city of a 1000 plus people!

The new Mayor and revitalized city council give me hope that now we can get on with the business at hand. I have great expectations that their priorities and focus are pointed in the right direction. At their first meeting they did make a hard

decision and for that I applaud them. It is never easy to take official action on a public nuisance complaint. However, it is their responsibility.

Councilwoman Clancy voiced her desire to handle the matter on a more person level and from what I have observed she's doing just that. With in two days of the meeting she organized a group of volunteers and the delivery of two huge dumpsters (not at the city's expense I'm sure) and moved forward to help resolve a difficult situation for the city and the complainant. Thumbs up to Ms. Clancy.

Having voiced my hope for positive change I must also reveal my serious concern about this council's other decision. I implore all who read this letter to read the Letter to the Editor by Jack Marohl in the Jan. 22 issue of Port Orford Today. He states it very clearly and I agree with him completely. \$7000.00 would go a long way toward some serious grant writing for federal money to help overhaul our failing water lines. What could be more important than our supply of water? I don't get it. I have lived here for ten years and in all that time very

little has been done to seriously move forward to rectify this major issue. There have been studies, consultants and money thrown at discussing this problem. After asking Mr. Murphy on several occasions it boils down to this; the system is old, worn out and it needs to be replaced, period. Each month and year we wait the costs increase. If our city leaders would just take the initiative to let water be their number one priority, if they would expend just one half of the energy and

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Memories ... I returned home this past week and proceeded to the bedroom to find my wife sleeping.

For a few days after Chemotherapy, it seems the wind is pretty much knocked out of her sails. It's hard to explain what going through cancer treatment is like. I have a hard enough time understanding the situation myself. We walk through each day as if it were our first and last.

This particular week things

have been harder than normal.

I laid beside her, reached under her tired body and scooped her up into my arms. There, I held her for a long time. Pardon me if I seem a bit



Doug Jamieson

emotional, but for a moment I could feel tears running down my cheek and fall on her smooth head. I don't know if she felt them, and I tried to keep myself from falling apart, hoping not to arouse her attention.

As I held Ruth, my thoughts ran for the better part of thirty nine years ...

Here was a young sixteen year old teenager moving to Port Orford and attending Pacific High School. Everyone was curious about this new young lady. It wasn't until later that I

realized she was the one for me.

Through the years we have worked out the hard parts that all marriages experience. The trials that come along are all too common.

We are still raising our family, and are now enjoying grandchildren.

Then, it dawned on me that I cannot remember much about the feelings of loneliness.

There have been short times when we have spent apart, but I no longer remember what it was like to wake up in the morning

by myself.

I hardly eat a meal alone. I have learned to enjoy every moment we have together and cherish even the quiet times when she sits beside me.

A few days later and wife is gaining strength and we are headed for the beach. More rocks and shells, sand and sea water.

Her spot playing the bass guitar at church is still empty, but I am very hopeful that in a few short months she will once again be playing.

We are looking for many years to come, a chance to enjoy each other in the face of God and this company.

If you are going through any of this, I am only beginning to understand how you must feel. This is not just history, but living in the now. I used to live much of my life in the past and planning for the future. I am now learning how to live in the present.

Hope this means something to you.

To be cont'd ...

Obituary

William Ray Young

October 28, 1946 - January 7, 2009

William R. Young, 62, died at his Ocean Park residence on January 7, 2009. The son of Sy and Lillie (Pulse) Young, he was born in Kerman, California on October 28, 1946. Following his father's death, Bill was raised by his grandparents Walt and Stella Covington. Initially they resided in Tranquility, California, before moving to Port Orford, Oregon.

Bill graduated from Port Orford High School and then enlisted in the United States Army. He was shipped off to Vietnam for 13 months, from December 1964 until January 1966.

On May 1, 1980 he married Susan McKenzie, and they

established their residence in Goldendale, Washington. Twenty seven years ago they moved to the Peninsula, residing in Ilwaco before settling in Ocean Park in 2001. Bill cut and sold firewood for 15 years. He then purchased a saw mill and cut lumber. After moving to the Peninsula he operated Rustic Makins, which made natural edged clocks and tables. He was a member of Peninsula Baptist Church.

Bill enjoyed wood working, family activities, and his children. Instead of taking his youngest son to a babysitter, he took him wood cutting with him.

Besides his wife Susan, who resides in Ocean Park, Bill is

survived by children William Young Jr. of Ocean Park, Samantha Young of Salem, OR, W. Joshua Young of Auburn, WA, and Kevin M. O'Connor (Angela) of Caldwell, Idaho; sisters Janie McCormack (Bobby) of Big Spring, Texas, Helen of Redding, California, and Wanda (Sonny) of Fresno, CA; grandchildren Tyler and Brianna Young, Gavin Young, Chris and Adoniah Joy O'Connor, and Cody Zinke-Young; cousin Virginia (Dee) Botica; and best friends Steve and Jewell Schofield. He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, sister LaVena and son Samuel Sy Carl Young.

A celebration of his life will

be held at Peninsula Baptist Church in Ocean Park at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016. The guestbook is available at www.penttilaschapel.com.

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Bert Britton

A Memorial Service for Bert Britton, for many years a resident of Langlois, will be held at 11am on Saturday, January 31st at St. John's Catholic Church in Port Orford. A luncheon, provided by St. John's Women's Guild, will follow the service.

Bert Britton was born in Denmark, Oregon (just south of Langlois) in 1935 and died at home on January 6th. He served in the Marine Corp and was stationed in Japan following World War II. Bert worked for the railroad for many years in San Jose, California. He was married to Nan Britton for 42 years and has one son, Albert Wesley Britton, who still lives in San Jose. When Bert retired from the rail-

road, he moved back to the Oregon coast, where he and his wife, Nan, enjoyed "the quiet life" on their 2½ acres in Langlois. Bert enjoyed going to the Mill Casino where he was a

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information
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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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