

Viewpoints

A letter from the mayor of Port Orford

As you may already know, Jim Auburn received a call from the transplant unit in Portland while he was on his way back to Port Orford. Later Saturday evening, Jim underwent transplant surgery. He called me the next morning and let me know that he was doing well. His concern was also for the City, which he and Karen love so much. Jim's humor was in tact and he was very positive.

Jim and I both have real confidence that our City administrator, staff and City Council are more than capable of conducting the business of city government until one of us is back as mayor. We have a great crew of dedicated and innovative city workers. We have a good police department.

We have a number of tough problems we're facing as a city, but they are doable and this is where we need the support of the community.

We now have a wonderful, small, quirky city, moving ahead in many different ways. The Copper Salmon River Area was approved by the Congress and signed into law by the President of the United States, thanks to the Friends of Copper Salmon Wilderness Area, many government agencies and officials, and Trout Unlimited. The Stewardship Area has come to fruition under the leadership and

inspiration of Leesa Cobb at POORT. And of course, we are honored to have our new library, thanks to Toby Porter, recently honored for her work in Salem. The Port of Port Orford is also moving ahead with plans for its development. We have Theater 101, and a lot of other wonderful small businesses. We have a wonderful group of community volunteers and community organizations, but it is our community support which will continue this quality of life.

As we move into and pass through the worst national recession in sixty years, we must recognize that one way to do this is to support our police levy. In four years, the O and C county payments will end and this may reduce the county sheriff's department to one sheriff and no jail, unless other funding arises. At present, there are only four sheriff's, who must often spend their time in the south county. It means that to continue to enjoy our quality of life, we need to pass our police levy and this in turn, will help the county. We need our police department for traffic control, crime prevention, investigation and to make arrests when public safety is at risk.

I look forward to returning to my position as mayor within the next two months, but I think that Jim will be back sooner than I am.

In conclusion I would like thank everyone for their gener-

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— Matt Hall, Editor, Port Orford News

ous kindness and compassion during my leave of absence. It has meant a great deal to Karim and I.

Thank you,

John Roorbach,
Mayor of Port Orford

White turkey sighted,

The wild (white) turkey has been spotted Highway 101 and 7th Streets. She is with two other females and a male who has been displaying his goods for his new group of three females.

Susan Henne,
Port Orford

Thanks to 'Angels,'

Truly there are angels in Port Orford.

In March the Port Orford Community Ambulance and Port Orford Fire responded to our family emergency. Without their quick response and getting Bob to Southern Coos Hospital where he was later airlifted to OHSU in Portland he might not be doing as well as he is today.

Your professionalism, dedication, concern and treatment of all of us in our time of great need were truly appreciated by all of

us.

Saying thank you to all of you doesn't seem to be enough. But a heartfelt thank you to all who responded. You are Port Orford's Angels!

Shirley Rutledge,
and Pam Massengill,
Port Orford

Rates not threatened

At a recent city council meeting and in a "letter to the editor," we have been threatened with increased insurance premiums if we don't pass the police levy.

This is not true according to the State Farm Insurance Agency of Daryn Farmer in Brookings. Our rates are based on only one or two factors.

- 1.) Postal zones, or
- 2.) Individual fire protection districts.

In either case the rates are set by the state insurance commissioner and have nothing to do with police response time.

I understand this and agree with it. I have 20 years experience with a major insurer at company level in underwriting and marketing.



Contributed photo

Three hardy volunteers who turned out for the annual SOLV Beach Clean Up are shown above.

Neither State Farm Insurance for I have a political axe to grind, agenda to pursue or prejudice to exercise. I bring this forth only to tell the truth and expose a lie.

Respectfully.

Jim Hajek,
Port Orford

Thanks to Cub Scouts and many others

Throughout the month of March Cub Scout Pack 98, Driftwood elementary 4th graders, Port Orford Watershed Council and Port Orford Ocean

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

My last memoir was about an outing with Grandpa Jamieson.

Perhaps it would be fitting to share my last real outing with my Dad.

It was in October of 1985 when I was able to take a final outdoor trip alone with my Dad.

To many of you that time period would not leave much guessing room for our activity. We took a day to drive up into the eastern mountains for a final hunt. It turned out to be quite an excursion.

I was using my Dad's old rifle, so he borrowed one from a person he knew very well in Port Orford. It also was the same caliber 30-06 as the one I was hunting with.

On the way back through the mountains we saw several small deer, but nothing that we could take home.

Some-where on top of one of the old mountain roads, we stopped so that Dad could set up a target and check the accuracy

of his borrowed rifle.

I remember watching the target as he prepared the rifle and squared off for a careful shot. First there was only a click, and a question as to why the bullet didn't fire. That should have been enough warning for us to take a more careful look at this rifle.

But, as chance would have it, Dad ejected the shell and inserted another. Once again he took aim, and pulled the trigger.

I heard a terrible noise and looked to see Dad shake and add a few expletives. He looked at me and there were drops of blood on his nose and face. The handmade rifle stock was split



Doug Jamieson

clear down the middle.

What in the world happened?

At a further examination of the rifle we found that the marked 30-06 was indeed not what it said it was. The bullet inserted seemed to be sloppy in the chamber, leading us to believe that it had been bored out to the next bullet size. Later, we found that this was true.

The 30-06 had been bored to 300 winchester magnum. That's a huge difference in casing size. When the trigger was pulled, the gasses escaped backwards and through the rear to Dad's face.

The owner had failed to mention that the rifle had been rebored. What a subtle mistake that fortunately did not terribly hurt my Dad, but could have put an eye out.

We drove on through the day, but came home with no critter. However, it was a day that I would never forget, and it was the last opportunity to spend valuable time with my Dad.

Have you spent some time with your Dad?
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Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter 'Misty & Sporty'

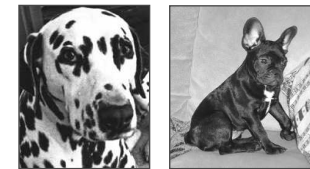


The Curry County Shelter would like to express it's gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support. **Misty** is a Lab/Shar-pei mix. She is about 3 years old. A very calm and submissive dog that will fit in with any family. **Sporty** is a young male, just over a year old. He is a Border Collie / Healer mix. Sporty would like nothing more than for you to throw the Frisbee all day long. He is quite a catcher of tennis balls. He has a lot of energy and needs a big yard to play with his toys.

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knocked him to the ground.

The car's driver, Charlie E. Henning, III, age 32, from Brookings, was not injured.

Henning, who was misdemeanor suspended based upon a previous DUII conviction, was intoxicated and subsequently arrested by Brookings Police

Department on several charges. OSP requested Brookings police investigate the collision and take any appropriate enforcement action.

The OSP patrol car received over \$1500 damage to the left rear corner, left bumper and quarter panel, and left rear

wheel. It was towed from the scene.

Henning was lodged at Curry County Jail for DUII, misdemeanor Driving While Suspended, Reckless Driving, Reckless Endangering Another Person (3 counts), and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree.

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