

Viewpoints

A letter from the editor

Thank you for the support and belief
I would like to thank a lot of people.
I'll start with Chetco Federal Credit Union, particularly Business Development Officer Nora Thomason for her tireless work, Senior Commercial Loan Officer Rolf Lichtenberg for his careful discernment and advocacy, Commercial Loan Analyst Krysa A. Bigman for her patience and ninth-inning heroics, Port Orford Branch Manager Norma Anderson for her above-and-beyond support and the entire loan board of CFCU for making the Port Orford News a better business entity.
CFCU, represented primarily by Thomason, carefully and patiently examined an enterprise that was an enigma. The Port Orford News was a

long-time business that had changed ownership, and despite strong support from its community, lacked a proven track record.
Patiently and thoroughly Thomason walked me through the process of what was needed – what had to be documented – what had to be proven, in order to obtain a business loan which I needed, not for the newspaper, but to retain my building which houses both the newspaper and myself.
With her tutelage and the help of many others, business systems were put into place, tracking procedures established – and yes, finally, invoicing and billing began. What was a seat-of-the-pants newspaper operation run on scraps of notepaper became an actual business.
But without a track record, it still seemed to be

a poor business decision to loan money to a new enterprise. But CFCU chose to broaden its decision parameters and invited input from the businesses' customers – the readers, supporters and subscribers of the Port Orford News. The response was amazing and humbling. E-mails and letters poured in and became the backbone of Thomason's case for the Port Orford News, and its owner/publisher/editor/janitor, Matt Hall.
Thank you for that. Everyone should have a moment like that in their life.
With strong support from the community, and following a slow process while I provided all of the information and documentation needed by CFCU's loan department, the loan was approved and in the midst of some of the most dismal eco-

nomie times in our country's history Chetco saved my bacon by saving my building.
Thank you CFCU.
Thank you to everyone who wrote in to support your newspaper last fall. Thank you to all who read the Port Orford News.
Thank you to everyone who came together last spring when the newspaper rose from its ashes.
Thank you to all of the advertisers and contributors to the newspaper.
And thanks again Nora, Rolf, Krysa and the CFCU loan board for looking at more than just figures on paper.
God bless you all – He certainly has blessed me.
Matt Hall, editor

Letters to the editor

‘Volunteer for ‘Take Care of Oregon Day’
In 2009 we are celebrating Oregon's 150th birthday. We are looking to help on May 16th clearing the non-native plants out of the wetlands. We will have refreshments and a good time for all who volunteer. People all over Oregon are volunteering to take care of Oregon on this day. We will be meeting on Washington Street behind driftwood at 10:00 May 16.
Thank you and sincerely,
Kaylee Ells and Jasmyne Wenner,

‘We want the very best for your community safety and fire emergency response’s’
To all homeowners and commercial property owners in both the City and Rural, the time has arrived for a serious change in the Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors. Serious mistakes concerning the ability to move water tenders (water supply) in our Rural District have been made. There is a simple solution to the capability to move PORFD water supply apparatus to fires that need multiple supplies of water. There is serious confusion on what kind of fire's the RFD is supposed to run on. A statement was made to the 911 operator in the recent past that the Port Orford Rural Fire district is for

“structures only”, and if its a wildland fire its up to Coos Forest Patrol. The answer should have been our fire district runs on all fires and especially so in fire season. There were three small fires burning along Elk River road in the early morning hour's during fire season, only 6/10's of a mile up the road from the Elk River Fire station. The district stated to 911 this was up to Coos Forest Patrol as we (PORFD) are for structure fire's only which is not correct. The PORFD stated they would mutual aid if requested, but said it was up to Coos Forest Patrol to first run on this fire..Mean while the fire is burning on the river. “This is not, was not the intent of the directors of this fire district to not run on a brush fire in our district during fire season.”The fact is Port Orford Rural should run on all fires within our District boundaries no matter what! This needs to be corrected. The fire described, took one rapid attack Coos Forest 1 ton engine, and a larger 950 gallon Coos Forest Patrol engine to put this fire situation out. Incidentally these kinds of runs are perfect training for the whole fire department.
The Rural District Board of Directors should make public “the report of fire” when

Send your letters, thanks, cheers and jeers to **portorfordnews@gmail.com.**
All letters must have a name, address and phone number for contact questions. Please keep your comments and arguments empirical - and please show respect for the opinions of others in this, your open forum. Thank you.
— *Matt Hall, Editor, Port Orford News*

requested by district patrons. Concerned members of the local public have a right to know.
The solution to these problems needs to come from directors of the Fire Board. I urge you all to vote for a change in the make up of the board that is responsible for your safety and fire protection..
Vote three very capable, and concerned members of your community, Joe Marsh write in position # 3, Dave Bassett position # 2, and Brice Wagner position # 4.
*Brice Wagner
Past assistant Fire chief/ Vol Firefighter for many years PORFD, and fire fighter for Sixes River RFPD-retired*
Thanks to firefighters
If you know someone who serves as a firefighter, next time you see them; please say "Thank You."
They train for countless hours throughout the year. They then get up in the middle of the

night or leave with no warning from a family function to respond enthusiastically to an Emergency Incident.
It might be yours or that of your family or friend. They risk their lives to keep you safe. Please say "Thank You for your service".
Sincerely,
*Gayle Wilcox,
P.O.R.F.D. Firechief*

Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter ‘Bear & Fritz’



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. **Bear** is a large Labrador/Rottweiler mix. He is just over a year old he just wants to run and play. He has been at the shelter for awhile and is turning out to be a very well behaved dog. Give him lots of hugs and he becomes your best friend. He is really good on a leash and enjoys his walks. He would be a wonderful for anyone.
Fritz is a neutered 1 year old Pit-Bull. This guy just loves being with the pack either human or furry. He is a fun dog with lots of energy. Fritz would rather be with older children especially if he knew he could lots of play outside. It would be best for Fritz to have an owner who will take the time to spend with him.
PLEASE LICENSE YOUR DOG! IT HELPS YOU AND YOUR DOG SHOULD IT BECOME LOST AND THE FUNDS HELPS THE SHELTER!!

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

When Ruth and I decided to become parents in 1976, we had no idea what to expect or who was going to be living under our roof. It was a leap of faith.
Up until that time, we had enjoyed six years together without the responsibility of children. Like most young couples, we soon adjusted to family life with the three children that were born to us in the next few years.
When Ruth and I decided to become Foster Parents in 1990, we had no idea what to expect or who was going to be living under our roof. It was a leap of faith.
What we did know was that we had come to love children and wanted somehow to be active and available to children in our community. We could have taken our time and donated it to the school district, but as it turned out, we became a home for children who have suffered great loss.
In the past nineteen years, we have helped care for many children, even getting to adopt someone who needed a permanent home. I want to encourage parents.
Proper parenting is not an easy job, but can become ever so joyful, watching your children grow up into capable and productive adults. I hope that is at least one of your major family goals.
It's incredible how fast our children grow up. One minute we are changing their diapers, then they want the keys to the car. Finally, they are walking out the door to their own home.
I can not be more passionate in saying that you must be patient with your children from

birth until your grave. They will always need you. Families have times of crisis. I'm sorry, but it cannot be avoided.
How you as a parent respond is crucial to the health of your family.
One early morning while driving to college, I wrecked my Dad's new Toyota pickup. It was still drivable, but didn't look very good. I was scared to

death of what he might say when I got home. Sheepishly that night, I drove up into the driveway to tell him the news. I'll never forget how he came out and looked over the truck. He showed no anger at me and was glad that I wasn't hurt.
Then he went and bought a new Toyota pickup, and I drove more carefully.
I cannot imagine what would have become of our relationship had he responded in anger. I'm sure it would have injured both of us.
I'm glad we took that leap of faith, which landed us in the middle of a large group of children and grandchildren.
To be cont'd ...



Doug Jamieson

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‘Squabble time again’
It's squabble time again. With everyone tossing their opinions out there, I thought I'd put my two cents into the ring also. Some of the letters to the editor I've read lately have valid points but most seem to be just petty finger pointing. Whether you live inside the city limits or not, this being a free country, a person still has a right to express what they think, regardless of the fact that their opinion may or may not have anything to do with the situation. On the whole, I'd like to think that people will make decisions on how they vote, for the various issues, based on common sense and not what some one on a soap box has to say.
Bottom line, we know the
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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 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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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Port Orford Branch
20th & Jackson
332-5501

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