

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

Write-in Dave Rickel for Port Commissioner, Pos. #2

I recently was out of state for about a month due to a death in the family.

After getting back into town on the 23rd of March, I learned that the deadline had passed to file for re-election to the Port Commission.

I was very disappointed to learn that my name would not be on the ballot in the next election as I want to continue to serve the Port of Port Orford District as a commissioner.

So this year I will be running as a write-in for the Port Commission.

Please, when you ballot comes out in May, write-in David Rickel for position #2.

Thank you.

Dave Rickel,
Port Orford

Thanks to the board members

Here we are once again electing members to the PORFPD and here we are once again in a huge vindictive, personal one-sided mudslinging contest.

Do we ever ask ourselves why we are at this point once again? Can we ask ourselves if we can just be happy with the huge changes the current board members have accomplished?

I know a big majority of us can and I also know that there are some that would rather cause a bunch of unnecessary turmoil.

I for one, am so tired of hearing about the BS that gets spread around by a certain few. Can we for once just look at the facts and then ask ourselves, is this someone we really want as a board member. Someone who can't and will not try to get along with everyone. Someone who would put all their energy towards causing trouble rather than using it to serve a better purpose.

I really begin to wonder how the board members feel about all that they have accomplished and

then basically have it said that it isn't good enough, that their efforts by some are not acceptable.

Well, I say to all of you board members that you have done an outstanding job. Thank you Edna Auld, Marie Van Art, Ed Tennant, Rick Hazard and John Johnston. What you have done for this community and our firefighters has been no small feat.

Sincerely,

Brenda Duncan,
Port Orford

Questions about past board members?

Is Mrs. Auld really that naïve to think that hers is the only PORFD board that has done anything?

Where does she think every thing that was in place when she became a board member came from? It came from a lot of dedicated firefighters and board members before her, who had a lot more experience than she!

And I might add they did a lot more for the district and for the firefighters then this board could ever think of!!

Jake Marshall

Former Port Orford Resident,
Firefighter, Ambulance Driver
Thank You from The

Common Good

Thank you to the Food Labyrinth for donating 268 pounds of usable food items to The Common Good.

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We here at The Common Good, both volunteers and clients, appreciate The Food Labyrinth's time and commitment and thank them once again.

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

Jackie Granados
Pantry Manager and
Volunteer

Support for Wagner

I support Brice Wagner for Fire Board.

Brice is a longtime resident who understands the fire protection needs for this community and has the independent thinking that we need on the Board.

Vote for Brice Wagner.

Stephen Abbott,
Port Orford

A few thoughts about the up and coming elections

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 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 people running for the fire board. Vote for those who have done a great job and not on how you feel about them personally. Vote "Yes" for the police levy because we just don't have the funds available to continue the police department without it.

I owned a business in Port Orford for over 15 years. We

had a chimney fire, spotted by a volunteer fireman on his way to the weekly meeting. Without his keen eyes and willingness to do what he did, we'd have lost the front living quarters. I didn't care and still don't about the politics governing his being there. I was just damn thankful he was. We need a board who runs efficiently, not one who's sole purpose is to function comprised of the "in" people. Use that as your yard stick when deciding who to vote for... people who have experience versus those who don't!

When it comes to the police levy, I have to say that I remember what it was like when there wasn't a police force in town. We had several break-ins and waiting over an hour or even to the next day wasn't much of a help. I'd hate to think what would have happened if we had been held up and things had gone bad. Over the course of our living there, right outside my living room window, there were at least two terrible accidents where children crossing the street were plowed down. The cross walk exercise "in my

Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter 'Chloe & Woody'



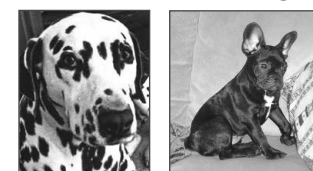
The Curry County Shelter would like to express its gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support. **Woody** is a male, Yellow-Lab who is about 5 years old. Woody is on the small side for being a lab but has all the classic markings. He was found wandering and now that he has been neutered we suspect that will change. Woody says if you take him he promises he will be a good dog. Just make sure you throw the ball once in awhile.

Chloe is a young, female Beagle/Boston Terrier mix. Chloe was roaming the streets and says those days are over. She would love to be with kids and says she will make a great companion for anyone. She wants you to come and look her up 'cause she is one cute pup.

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

I know that Mother's Day has now come and gone; I wonder if there is a calendar event for Sister's 'day'?

When I was three and four years old, it was my sister that would dress me up and put me in a stroller. When we were in the car, as so often was the case in our early years, making our trek to California, it was my sister that calmed my nerves when Mom and Dad would get into their little arguments. She never seemed to mind her little brother sharing the back seat with her.

Either I have blocked it out of my memory banks, or I don't remember her saying as much as a cross word to me when we were growing up. I know there were times I must have really irritated her. Especially the time I accidentally shot her in

the leg with my BB gun. It really was an accident!

It has been my sister that has always kept me up to date with family history and what's happening with those that I have lost contact with over the years. She has been the compassionate one. She is the one that has worked to the point of physical disability to provide for her family, and continues to work taking care of people who no longer can care for themselves. She would give everything



Doug Jamieson

for her children and grandchildren, and I believe probably does.

After all I have written about love and compassion, I have taken time to tell my wife and immediate family the abundance of my love for them, but I have not expressed it toward my "Sis." Well, that can now be considered history, because I want you and her to know that she should win the Mother's Day award.

You (I'm sure), have someone in your family that deserves an award of your appreciation.

I know that actions speak louder than words, but an occasional verbal communication of your appreciation could and would be greatly received. So, what are you waiting for? To be cont'd ...

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had the chance to get it and did make sure the Police Department would still be there.

Sincerely,

Cathi Choquette,
Port Orford

Consider the Police levy carefully

Soon, Port Orford residents will be considering a ballot issue that will dramatically impact law enforcement within their town. I was raised and schooled in your town and my parents lived their lives there. As a youngster, I felt too constrained by the "entering" and "leaving" Port Orford signs. I went away to college, joined the military, later joining the Los Angeles Police Department. Now retired, I am a part time Oregon resident, living on the Elk River about three months each year. With age has come a greater appreciation of what we had, and still have in this small town. Like many of you, I remain concerned about Port Orford and have followed various issues in the local publications.

Recently, I contacted your

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North Curry County Church Directory

<p style="text-align: center;">St. Christopher Episcopal Church Sunday Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. 417 Ninth St. (Behind Fun Zone) (541)332-0998</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Port Orford Christian Center 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</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">St. John's Catholic Church Sunday8:30 a.m. Wed.9 a.m. Hwy. 101 & 15th St. Port Orford, OR (541)253-6250</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>First Community Church</i> 2025 Jackson St. (541) 332-3664 <i>Worship Service</i> 11 a.m. <i>Sunday School</i> 9:30 a.m.</p>
<p>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</p>	
<p>The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Port Orford Branch 20th & Jackson 332-5501</p>	
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