

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

Thanks to fourth, fifth graders

Mrs. Weinblatt's fourth/fifth graders auction was a huge success.

I would like to thank Wade, Debbie, Norma, Ginger, Evan, Doreen, Sandy, Judy, Vicki, Sally and Charlene.

Thanks again.

Denise Anderson,
Port Orford

Thanks to Driftwood

I would like to thank Driftwood School for the opportunity to work with their students.

Mrs. Weinblatt's 4th & 5th grade students participated in an 11 class curriculum on Watershed's, which was followed by a similar set of classes on Foodsheds – how growing food affects our watersheds, and the importance of supporting locally grown agriculture. I hope the community takes advantage of the students display in the Oregon Room of the Port Orford Library. These kids put a lot of work into their Community Outreach Project to share with you what they learned. Their art work is precious.

Ms. Nye's 6-8th grade classes

have worked tirelessly on their Driftwood Wetlands Restoration Project. They planned a huge community event enlisting 14 adult and 20 student volunteers to remove 12,000 lbs or 90 cubic yards of non native vegetation and open up trails so they can do science inquiry studies in this area. This project will be lead by Fred Betz next year, so look for more opportunities to help students learn about the importance of wetlands in their community.

Cathy Boden
South Coast and Lower
Rogue Watershed Council
Education and Outreach,
Port Orford

Thanks for After School help

Thank you volunteers and kids at the After School program!

What a blast we had at the After School Program this year.

Thank you to all the dedicated volunteers who poured out their hearts into the Port Orford children! It is an honor to serve with you.

What a great time with Paula Cracas teaching us about worms, painting with Darren Evans, crafts with Rosie Hajek, and others who would stop in to give

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

the kids special attention.

Thank you also to the Christian Center who donated the use of their gym!

Hey, can someone out there teach our kids how to play chess in the fall?

This program is truly a blessing to our community, thank you for your support.

Susan Stevens,
Port Orford

Thanks to PO Rotary

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank the Port Orford Rotary Club for keeping the public informed as to the progress and status of the free School Based Health Center located in the Port Orford High School (SBHC), open now every Tuesday, year round, see story page 2).

Conspicuously absent from the Rotary's public relations bul-

letins have been the names of the dedicated medical professionals who are so generously donating their time and considerable skills to this endeavor.

First is Port Orford resident, Dr. Janine Jason, Harvard educated pediatrician, who was the initiator and driving force in bringing the SBHC to Port Orford, with help from colleagues in the Curry County Health Department (CCHD), specifically Linda Morgan, a CCHD nurse. Port Orford's own, Kelli Brown, RN, works with Dr. Jason. When Dr. Jason is away from Port Orford, Patricia Savage, a pediatric nurse practitioner with the CCHD will cover the clinic.

Kudos and thanks to these selfless individuals.

Carol Strenkoski,
Port Orford

The P.O. Giants



Contributed photo

The Port Orford Minors Team, The Giants, are sponsored by: Duds n Suds and coached by Ed Shriver. In the front row, left to right are Craig Conway, Cody Perdue, Alex Miller, Justin Hall, Devon Miller; back row are Josh Stephens, Jesse Johnson, John Morrill-Keeler, Amanda Finley, Kaden Ashdown, Joshua Engdahl and Coach Shriver.

To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

What does a boy between seven and seventeen love to do in the summer around the Port Orford area?

I can tell you what was important to many of us around here during those years, especially as the sun went down. We loved to be out of the house and lying under the stars, weather permitting, hovering around a campfire and telling stories. Then, when you crawl into your blanket or sleeping bag, the next hour is spent gazing at the stars, looking for anything unusual and counting the satellites and meteors.

But I have a suggestion to the parents who might be reading this article. (Here I go again trying to pass on advice.) If you are a dad of a young boy between those years, try and spend a few nights with your son out under the stars. I guarantee you will never forget those times, and I will also guarantee that your son won't either.

Even if you live in town and decide to sleep in the backyard, it can still be loads of fun.

I know my Dad worked hard and his knees, shoulders, back, and everything else in his body hurt, but I still would have enjoyed him sitting in a chair with us for a few hours.

I loved my Dad, but that's one thing that I never experienced with him. So, I decided to make sure that I spent some time with my son, camping out.

Even if you are older and your children are grown up, there is something bonding about sleeping out under the stars with your kids.

I remember one adventure in a typical suburban home in Irvington, California many years ago. My cousin and I were sleeping in his backyard, talking about all kinds of crazy things.



Doug Jamieson

He was telling about UFO sightings on Mission Peak, which we could see from his house.

That was scary.

Then I asked him if there were any rattlesnakes around this part of the country. Of course he said "Duh."

Early in the morning I woke up and felt something in the bottom of my sleeping bag, (borrowed, because I never owned one.)

I was awake enough to realize that the something in the bag was alive. I hate snakes. I nearly shed my skin coming out of the bag. It was my cousins little dog that had crawled down to the bottom to stay warm.

That was a close call.

In spite of the little scary creatures that crawl about, you can still find a good spot to sleep safely.

So, while summer is about to get under way, set aside a day in the near future to camp out with your kids.

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To be Cont'd

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



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.

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 wondering and now that he has been neutered and been at the shelter he has turned out to be a great dog. Woody says if you take him he promises he will be a great companion. Just make sure you throw the ball once in awhile and give him a few treats.

Thunder is a large black/grey husk mix. He is about 7 years old. Thunder is kind, gentle and wants to be by your side. He says I might be big but I am a no fuss dog. You will just want to wrap your arms around me.

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HAZMAT, from page 1

event. This is a great opportunity to get rid of a hazardous mercury containing thermometer and received a brand new digital thermometer as a replacement.

Examples of what to bring:

- ◆ Aerosol Cans
- ◆ Degreasers
- ◆ Dry Cleaner Solvents
- ◆ Engine Cleaners
- ◆ Furniture Stripper
- ◆ Herbicides
- ◆ Kerosene/ Gas
- ◆ Paints
- ◆ Paint Thinner
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Photographic Waste
- ◆ Pool Chemicals
- ◆ Printer Inks & Solvents
- ◆ Rust Remover
- ◆ School Lab
- ◆ Chemicals
- ◆ Solvents
- ◆ Thermometers
- ◆ Wood Preservatives
- ◆ Florescent light tubes

- ◆ Unwanted medications
- ◆ Any mercury containing devices (thermostats etc.)

What not to bring:

- ◆ Explosives
- ◆ Radioactive Waste

Important:

- ◆ Keep products in original containers if possible.

- ◆ Do not mix any products.
- ◆ Keep away from passengers while transporting

Remember, this event is free to households from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 20.

The state is paying for the disposal. Let's all take good advantage of their generosity!

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