

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

Wonderful theater,

On May 16th we drove 300-plus miles to your wonderful coastal city to watch the Theatre 101 production of "Seascape." The cast, direction and set were top notch. Our real reason for attending was to watch John Jeronimo, our singer/songwriter buddy become "Leslee the talking lizard."

T'was great to watch the four cast members get totally into character as they transported us to the land of Albee.

John Jeronimo is a very gifted musician and the people of Port Orford need to get him onstage with a mic and his guitar and let him sing you a song, it won't take long, it will make you strong, and it will make you feel like a dog riding shotgun with his face out to the wind.

Thank you.

David & Rene Misso,
Tulelake, Calif.

Great clean up,

We had a great turnout for the Highway 101 clean up. People showed up with hand and power tools and lawnmowers. They used them to cover most of 101 in Port Orford. Also the Port area was covered by some of their workers.

What a difference we can make when we join together to form a team.

I would like to thank each of you for your help. There are some good things happening here with the Hawthorne project and possible stimulus monies available at the Port. We can be proud of what we accomplished.

Our city will look good for the Port visitors and for the Fourth of July. Port Orford has a great base of volunteers. It would be great if we could all come together two times a year to do this. I do not know for sure how many loads of brush and weeds the city hauled away on Thursday but it was at least two or three.

On Saturday we cleaned another 10 - 20 bags of weeds.

I am sure people will notice the efforts you put forth.

Port Orford is a great place to live with great people that help each other out.

Sincerely,

Tim Pogwizd,
City councilor;

Really liked the clean up,

For those of us supporting the Main Street revitalization project, we really appreciate the cleanup of the sidewalks and

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

city-right-ways along Hwy. 101 in Port Orford, clean up that is actually the responsibility of adjacent property owners but has been neglected.

This effort was inspired by Alan Mitchell who initiated the effort by painting the fire hydrants; organized by Tim Pogwizid, Jeff McFarlane and David Smith; our City Public Works crew who hauled off the debris; and ODOT who contributed a street sweeper.

We also thank the other volunteers who worked on the clean-up such as Tim's wife and son. Such efforts make Port Orford a much more friendly town to both residents and visitors. Hwy.101, our Main Street, is the "window to the world" for our businesses and community.

Karen Auburn,
Port Orford Main Street

Revitalization Team

Editor's note: See some pictures of the brave volunteers who did all the work on page 5.

Thanks again,

Huge thanks to all the volunteers (including City Councilors) who made time to help with the 101 cleanup and weeding project. I think anyone can easily see a huge difference in the "curb appeal" of town along the highway, thanks to these people.

For two days they mowed, weed-eated, scraped and raked, some on hands and knees, hauling literally truckloads of weeds, trash and debris, and making Port Orford show a little more "sparkle".

There are too many to name, and some I would fail to name

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A 'whale' of a mural



PON photo by Matt Hall

This mural of a Blue whale was painted on the drain next to the Visitor's Center at Battle Rock Parks Saturday, June 13 and is proving to be a popular addition for the tourists passing through.

To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Progress comes in many different ways, and change always happens, if you stay in one place long enough.

Then there's perspective. Everyone has their own perspective, and that's normal. In the 70s there was a shop where the old Wheelhouse Restaurant used to be, ran by a couple for a short time.

You may remember the little gift shop there on the corner. They carried lots of glass floats and other memorabilia; rocks, driftwood, Myrtlewood, and old antiques.

Well, that was Clyde and Rachel Watson's place for a very short while. It was something they had always wanted to try. Many of us have tried to make a small business successful sometime in our lifetime. As many other things, the business often ends up owning us rather than we owning the business.

By the way, they were my Mother and Father-in-law. Then down a bit farther was

Molly Malone's Fish and Chips. Now there was a fine lady with a meal you would not soon forget.

When Gladys saw me come in with my girlfriend (Ruth), she would size me up and feed me till I wanted no more. If there was a bone in the fish, you got your meal for free. If she felt you needed more, she would cook more.

If you were a transient and needed food, she would feed you.

The batter was her own secret recipe she somehow discovered in the Bible.

The food was delicious. My favorite was the Clam Basket. Then, a few years later, after



Doug Jamieson

Gladys retired, Bob Tope purchased the building which became the infamous "Shell Shack."

People would return to the Shell Shack from year to year just to see the smiling face of Bob, and if he wasn't there, their expression was saddened.

Bob would help clean the parking lot and keep the place as slick as a whistle.

Yes, people have come and gone, buildings go up and come down. Memories are made and sometimes forgotten. There have been other businesses that have come and gone from the corner.

Now, we have new hopes for the new owners as they build to face the ever challenging economy of our area. To the businesses in Port Orford, I would like to encourage you. We have had our hard times, so let's keep forward to good times, and don't forget to smile. A smile can go a long way in making people feel welcome in our community.

To be cont'd ...

Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter 'Raina & Kona'

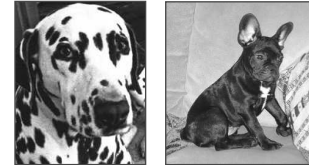


The Curry County Shelter would like to express it's gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support. Raina is a 7 year old Australian Shepherd. She has a beautiful red and white long smooth coat. She looks like a princess. A very quiet and polite dog. She needs a home that will give her lots of love and attention. Kona is a young female and is a brindle Pit-Bull mix. She has been with a foster family for a while now and they think she is the greatest. She love's playing with kids, go for a walk, play with other dogs and chase the ball. Kona's foster mom says to please call and ask about her.

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For the last 12 years he and his wife Pam have lived in Las Vegas, NV where he is a Senior Field Engineer for Hitachi Medical systems and Pamela is a children's Librarian.

Michael's hobbies are gardening, golfing and cooking.

They have one daughter, Elizabeth, who graduated from the University of Nevada Reno at the top of her class with a Bachelors Degree in Geological Engineering and with minors in Geo-physics, Hydro Geology and Geology. She works for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency. She is a member of Saige, Aises, AGU, AFTRF and GSA. She is also a member of the DAR.

We look forward to Pauline's parade appearance with all three of her sons on this

July Fourth. The Lenox Family is truly a distinguished pioneer family.

Another honored guest: Esther Conley

By Shirley Nelson
For the Port Orford News

Another honored guest will be ninety year-old Esther Conley has a clear memory of the two

years she spent in a mountain lookout in southern Curry County when she was in her early twenties. Esther and her husband Ed, with their small son David, spent two years working for the Air Warning System and United States Forest

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