

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

‘FOOLS HILL’, from page 1

pyromaniac. Learn about human bones, Parker's Solid Gold Meteor, double homers, "Turd" McCormick's wagon, chicken massacres, the Prum-Yay Automobile, falling out of trees, and trying to hang onto friends who are about to kick the bucket. Anyone who was ever a kid should read this book."

As much fun as it has been for me to live/work in Port Orford from the 1970s to the present ... I've always been curious about what life in Port Orford had been w-a-y before my time. (Maybe I was hearing the 'whisper' of something in the wind ?)

Then at some point I was lucky enough to become

acquainted with eloquent elders of Port Orford such as Esther Conley, Lucille Douglas, Pauline Lenox and Syneva Lindberg. Those elders and 'Western Staters' like Mabel Edwards and Leon White gradually showed me where to look. Eventually I learned from them how to 'hear the whisper' of Port Orford's Living History.

That was years ago. Since then, many folks have shared their memories with me and allowed their old photos to be scanned by me for inclusion in the new Port Orford Library I was raising money for. Since I am not a 'Local Boy', trying to keep all the names and events

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— Matt Hall, Editor, Port Orford News

and back-stories straight continues to be a work in progress for me. Fortunately I am finding Brice Wagner's "Life with Brice" articles to be a big help with that. Like Pat Masterson before him, I feel he is developing into quite a good story teller.

Because of the negligible monetary value involved, keeping track and making sense of local history will always be a

labor of love. So until "Time Travel" is invented, we will always be dependent on the skills of our story tellers and Historians among us. And - of course - each of our memories is shaped first by our point of view and then re-shaped by the aging process as those memories gradually fade and merge together.

Alan Mitchell,
Port Orford

‘FIREWORKS’, from page 1

shoot from a different location on the beach (farther south), have to transport our shells on the 4th (exposure on Hwy 101 we prefer to not have), start many hours earlier, preload our entire show and spend a great deal more prep time. We will work far later into the night as we will have much more equipment to haul off the beach than ever before. We have had to have more meetings than ever in advance of the 4th and will spend almost all day on the 4th with the setup. We did not make up these rules and regulations. They are REQUIRED by the State and by the Insurance carri-

er. All of the mandatory changes mean we will spend very little time with our families enjoying the same 4th of July activities you will. We wish that we could do the show the way we have in the past.

However, this is THE ONLY WAY the show will go on. Between the rules and regulations and the high tide, the previously announced beach closures are mandatory. If people would prefer not to abide by the State and Insurance required closures, we WILL NOT BE ABLE to shoot the show. We realize that for some, the closures are a tremendous inconvenience.

ence. It may be that in the future, people will choose to have the beach open all day and evening. In that event, we will not have the fireworks show. This year, we concluded that, while we knew people would be upset about the closures, more people would be upset if we could not have any fireworks show whatsoever.

Please understand that many people have worked very hard long hours to have a Fireworks show this year. Noncompliance with the regulations this year will mean that we will have to return the fireworks to permitted storage in North Bend and the

show will not happen. Please note that the Dog/Dock beach will be open as well as Hubbard's Creek beach north to the barricades.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Port Orford Volunteer Firefighters wish you a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Sincerely,

Gayle Wilcox
Fire Chief, PORFD

LETTERS, continued

‘To the people responsible for shutting down the beach,’ I realize it has been goal for some to close the beach on the Fourth of July for a long time. It seems this year they are getting they're way. I don't know who is responsible for the final decision but, they are wrong to do so.

Many people travel to Port Orford each year for the unique experience of watching a great fireworks show from the beach, not to mention all the local folks who plan on it every year. My family has been doing this for a long time, enjoying a warm fire, barbeque, and fireworks.

I think it's a big mistake to

take this away from the public, keeping in mind that this is public property, and will be very damaging to the Fourth of July spirit. This policy will also undoubtedly hurt our community financially.

So let's not worry about a few

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To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

In 1876, my Great Grandfather, Walter Sutton, became the Curry County Clerk, and served in that capacity for three terms.

Later, in 1892, after owning and publishing the Gold Beach Gazette, he sold out and began his ownership and publishing of the Port Orford Tribune. It's first issue appeared on May 10, 1892.

That, obviously, would be on my Grandmother's side.

My Great Grandfather, Amaziah Jamieson, also moved to the Port Orford area, owning property up Sixes River at Dry Creek, and began his logging and lumber industry.

My Grandfather was born in Port Orford I believe around 1898, or earlier. What a mix; logging and journalism are the historical legacies in my families history. That must be why I'm questionable at either one. I know just enough about writing and logging to endanger us all.

Anyway, it looks like certain members of my family will be organizing a float with some of our family heritage, and I have been asked to walk alongside as my Uncle Dick Jamieson and possibly my Aunt Thelma are on the float. If this all happens you will get to see some memorabil-

ia.

I plan on dressing like a logger to the best of my ability, with my Grandfather's logging axe that is famous for killing a bear, plus my Dad's lunch bucket that he used while working for Champion International up the Rogue River.

I'll never forget the time Dad came home and shared with us



Doug Jamieson

about losing his false teeth. He always kept his teeth in a jar in his lunch bucket until one day he stopped for break, opened his bucket, and the jar was empty. He looked everywhere, but couldn't find his teeth. Then, it dawned on him that he had eaten something earlier in the morning, and sure enough they were right where he had put them, in his mouth.

Now, I thought it would be an added feature to have Dad's false teeth still in the lunch bucket, but I couldn't find them anywhere.

I wonder?

Hope to see you and your family on the 4th of July.

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Skate Park will be hot



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Episcopal Church**
Sunday Holy Eucharist
10 a.m.
417 Ninth St.
(Behind Fun Zone)
(541)332-0998

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