

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

Thanks for the fireworks,

On behalf of the citizens of Port Orford, our visitors and myself, I'd like to thank Gayle Wilcox and our volunteer firemen for a great 4th of July fireworks show. This was also made possible by the efforts of many others including: the Jubilee, especially Milton and Dee Finch; our police department and reserve officers under the direction of City Administrator Mike Murphy; and a great group of spectators who accepted the mandated beach closure without incident.

Our fire department had to expend a great deal more effort this year in that all the fireworks had to be placed in individually loaded mortars along a long stretch of beach a safe distance from spectators. The situation was complicated further by an abnormally high tide at the time of the display, increasingly severe insurance and regulatory requirements, and the need to close the beach to vehicular traffic and spectators. Despite these factors, unusually cool and foggy weather, we had a great show that everyone enjoyed.

Thank you again.

Jim Auburn,
Mayor

Hello and thank you,

The Port Orford Library Foundation thanks the following donors who sponsored a day at the Library in June;

Happy Birthday Jim Rhoades from Midge Hayes
Happy Birthday Phyllis Johns

from Carol Johns

Pat Rhoades for State Parks Day

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Happy Birthday Emily Johnston from Sally Johnston.

Stop by the Library to find out how to sponsor a day of your own.

Tobe & Shalisa,
Port Orford Library

Thanks to the City's team,

About 10 am Saturday, July 4, we placed an emergency call to the City to report a significant water leak in front of our home.

Within two minutes (no exaggeration) Rick Rogerson was on scene. Within twenty minutes Rick and Kurt Franceschine, were making the repair.

Thank you Rick and Kurt. We hope you didn't miss the parade.

Thank you, Beverly Manes for naming names.

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

Thank you Port Orford!

Harry & Amy Wareham,
Port Orford

The right to protest

I am a native Oregonian, a graduate of both Pacific High and the University of Oregon, and a resident of the south for the last 40 years.

This July Fourth because of my love for this country, I felt honored and duty bound to participate in the Oregon Patriots' protest.

Thank you to all the parade spectators who high-fived and warmly cheered us and also to those non-believers who smiled with tolerance because they respect our first amendment rights.

Now to the lady who called me a rich racist. You do not know me or the others. We march because we believe in the constitution, Bill of Rights, term limits, and personal responsibility. We are against stimulus plans that do not work, government bailouts, earmarks, government control of business (fascism), socialism, world governments, and lawmakers who are corrupt-ed by special interests.

Many people who feel our country is on the wrong path do not speak out because they fear being called racists. This derogatory term is used by those who do not understand that the "tea parties" are non-partisan. Both democrats and republicans have contributed to the financial mess that may be the downfall of our country. And since when is it okay to disagree with the policies of a white president and not those of a black one? This is certainly racism.

Now, back to the lady who called me a racists. My sign was non-political and had nothing to do with our president. I am an independent who donates time and money working for the poor regardless of their skin color. Educate yourself on the issues so you no longer need to resort to name-calling. And yes I do believe everyone, including you, should pay a fair share of taxes.

Sincerely,

Connie Shaw,
Port Orford

First cut



PON photo by Brice Wagner

Farmers are already working hard on golden fields of hay up Elk River. For more on the mid-summer harvest, see Life with Brice, page 6.

To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Another Fourth of July has come and gone in Port Orford. As before mentioned, I packed my Grandpa's falling axe and my Dad's lunch bucket.

However, my Uncle Dick's Pro Mac 125 with a 60 inch bar kept staring at me in the tractor's front bucket.

I thought to myself that Uncle Dick packed this saw around for years, up and down mountains, felling huge timber, bucking it up, and then packing the monstrous saw back out of a canyon somewhere in the County. Why not pack it through the parade, with Grandpa's axe.

Once I threw the saw over my shoulder, that was it. I felt locked in. There was no backing out. Surely I could walk through town.

When we rounded the corner at Paradise Cafe and started down 101, my left hand was already numb. Strange, because it was the arm that I was carrying the axe and lunch bucket. We only had a mile to go, if that.

Then the saw pad kept moving so that the bar and chain were digging into my shoulder, but the worst problem was the enormous Dogs that stick out to dig into the tree to give leverage for the bar and chain kept sliding forward and digging into the back of my neck.

I didn't even have a complete load to walk into the timber. I didn't have wedges in my back pocket, nor did I have a can of gas and oil to pack along. Nevertheless, it was do or die. By the time I arrived at Circle K, something happened. I think they call it an adrenalin rush. I felt this empowerment come over me. I wonder if that is the feeling loggers have when they head into the timber?



Doug Jamieson

I felt like starting up the old saw and cutting something(wood of course).

Needless to say, I made it through the parade without putting the old timber cutter back into the bucket.

Next day. I hurt everywhere. my shoulders are rubbed raw and my head hurts. My back hurts. My legs hurt, etc.. Think about it. Then get up at before dawn the next morning and do it all over again. Year after year.

I have a new found appreciation for my Uncle Dick and his work over the years, and every other timber cutter that worked their lives cutting the huge timber we called Old Growth.

I remember my Grandpa and Uncle Dick were hard as rock. Most timber cutters were. I am honored to have carried my Uncle's livelihood as well as my Grandpa's.

Though it means nothing or little to anyone else, I will never forget there niche in the history of our Curry County.

To be continued ...

Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter
Tripper & Howie'



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. **Tripper** is a 3 year old Australian Kelpie. He is a working dog which means he loves activity so Tripper needs a person who will spend time with him and enjoys training their dog. A very friendly dog, highly intelligent and eager to please. **Howie** is a 1½ yr. old Rottweiler mix. He is a large dog but approachable. A comfy bed and a few pats on the back would be just fine for Howie. He does well on a leash and enjoys his daily walk.

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