

Viewpoints

Letters to the editor

Thanks for courtesy ...

At last Thursday's enormous meeting with Representative Peter De Fazio, a lady raised her hand.

Upon being recognized, she asked him to answer my question because my hand had been up for a long time.

It was very nice of her to do that, and I appreciate her courtesy.

Sincerely,

Gordon F. Corbett,
Port Orford

Questions asked ...

The "Port Orford News" of July 29th printed an article by the President of our Port painting, with a very broad brush, a picture of dreams and progress for our community. The "Port Orford Today" of July 30th gave us a few, very few, of the details.

At the port: What new buildings? How big? For what? For whom? And the old buildings?

At Battle Rock Park: What interpretive center? Where? How big? Why? What about the perfectly good building already

there?

The President of the Port referred to both "joy" and "pain." Whose "joy" and whose pain?" When are we going to get real information? When are we, the people, going to have our chance for some questions and answers and input? Are we going to hear the politicians' familiar refrain "Trust us?"

Respectfully

Jim Hajek,
Port Orford

Update on dog news ...

Just a quick up date to let North County know that the ladies at the wonderful feed store B&B have agreed to help the shelter out and sell dog licenses. Curry like several other Oregon Counties, calls the dog owner and lets them know their dog has been found. No impound fee, no overnight fees, as long as the dog has a license on. Last Monday the 10Th I got a call early morning a dog had been found in Alaska with our tag on. Yes, Alaska. Owners were from Brookings, had their Brookings phone number trans-

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

fer-ed to where they were in Alaska and they were reunited with their dog. A dog license is a glorious thing for those of us that love our dogs. My daughter lives in Portland and Multnomah county veterinarians will not see your dog, as a new client, if it does not have a rabies shot AND a dog tag. She also said if you do not re-new the license the Animal Control sends you a ticket for \$100.00 in the mail. City life. I just want to get dogs back to their owners, fix the shelter up and live a nice peaceful life on the Coast. Tickets in the mail? In my spare time? Geeze just put a \$25.00 tag on. I guess it is education on my

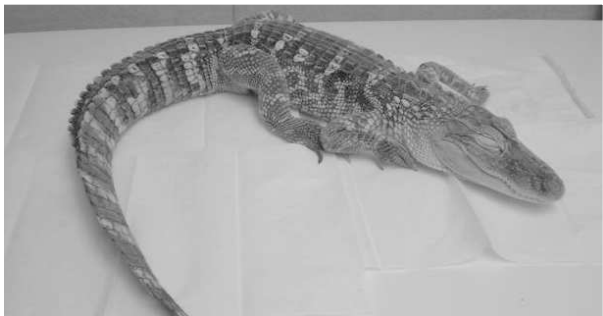
part. I need to re-educate the public, as I am hearing that people don't really understand the importance of a license or where the funds go. Contractor was down the other day to get the plans ready fro the ventilation windows in the "old" existing building.

Basis of my letter? Langlois you now can buzz down to a great little feed store and license your dog. Big thank you to B&B for your help and all the donations you give to our four legged friends.

Thanks for space in your paper!

Catherine Powers
Curry County Animal Shelter,
Gold Beach

Around the region ...



Submitted photos

A teen was safely and successfully plucked off a cliff at Harbor by a rescue team last week, and a three-and-a-half foot-long alligator was spotted, then shot, by a police officer at the Applegate River in Southern Oregon.

To be continued ... by Pastor Doug Jamieson

Last week I wrote about a situation at Loeb State Park eight miles up the Chetco River east of Brookings, Oregon.

The following year I had one other incident that bears sharing. At one time the state parks had open wood bins. At Loeb we had three bins. A few times each summer, one of the Rangers from Harris Beach State Park would bring a dump truck load of wood and fill up each of the bins. That worked well for years.

Then, one dark summer night I noticed some of the wood had been taken but not used in the Loeb camp sites. Little by little more wood was disappearing. I figured someone was taking the wood and heading up the river for their own usage. The wood was for the campers at Loeb only.

This demanded some closer

attention. I decided to play a little detective work, and stay up one night to investigate further.

Sure enough a vehicle came into the park and started loading up wood out of one of the bins, and I knew they were not camping, at least not at Loeb. After they loaded up some wood, it was time for Mr. Sherlock Holmes to drop in and nab the thieves.

They pulled out of the bin and I stepped out into the road, uniform on and flashlight in hand,



Doug Jamieson

waving at the vehicle to stop.

Please stop.

They didn't.

I thought to myself: Oh, not again!

This time it was too dark for me to get a license plate number as I jumped out of the way. They were going to run me over, but not before I got a good look inside the vehicle.

It was two ladies.

Our wood was being stolen, and one Ranger nearly ran over, by two ladies.

Fortunately, they must have figured it would be in their best interest not to return, because the wood problem stopped.

Nowadays, the wood is locked up and sold at intermittent times.

If things aren't tied down or locked shut, they just disappear. I guess they call it change.

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Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter 'Buck & Gretchen'



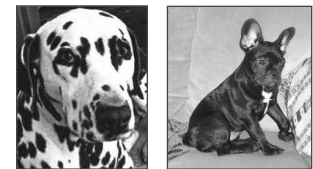
The Curry County Shelter would like to express it's gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support. **Buck** just arrived and what a great dog he is. He has been well cared for and at 9 years old he will fit in with just about any home situation. Buck is a Labrador Retriever and is neutered. Buck is looking and deserves a good retirement home.

Gretchen is a young 11 month American Staffordshire Terrier. If you are looking for a dog under a year Gretchen is the one for you. She is a lot of fun but is learning her manners so with a little training she has a lot of potential. She needs a good family that will spend the time with her and give her the attention and training she deserves. She is a lover.

PLEASE LICENSE YOUR DOG! IT HELPS YOU AND YOUR DOG SHOULD IT BECOME LOST AND THE FUNDS HELPS THE SHELTER!

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'Whodunnit!' coming up

"Who Planted the Gorse Salesman?" is a Port Orford Arts Council "Whodunnit?" Mystery Game to be solved Labor Day Saturday, September 5. Clues of suspects and possible weapons, as in the board game 'Clue,' must be found in shops throughout town.

Although, the motive is probably obvious ... was it the sailor with a rope, logger with an axe, hunter with a gun, shepherd with a staff, farmer with a hoe, or artist with a paint brush.

Game participants are to pick up instructions at

the Art Gallery at Theatre 101 at 10:30 a.m. Participating businesses will be announced and appropriately posted, map included. First person back with the solution will receive the prize of Theatre 101 and Savoy theater tickets.

For further information, call Weld at 332-8882.

Allergy meeting is Thursday

The monthly Food Allergy and Gluten Intolerance support group will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Southern Coos Hospital

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August 17 and will run two to three weeks barring weather delays.

This annual striping project includes painting the centerline and fog lines on various roads throughout Curry County. Motorists are advised to use cautions when observing the striping and to avoid crossing freshly painted lines.

If you have questions please contact Rob Schafer at 247-7097.

Road Projects map now available

Want to know where and when you may encounter orange cones and work zones as you travel around the state this summer? The Oregon Department of Transportation is distributing the Summer 2009 Road Projects map so motorists can plan ahead and be prepared.

With 140 projects listed on the map, Oregon is experiencing one of the busiest construction seasons in recent years.

The construction map is a helpful guide for general information about construction activi-

ty. For current road conditions, including construction activity,

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