

# Viewpoints

## Letters to the editor

**A tough job ...**  
 Last week member of North County Emergency Services personnel worked together to accomplish the daunting task of a recovery from a deep canyon past Rusty Butte. This location is approximately 25 miles up Sixes River. Members of Port Orford Community Ambulance, Sixes Fire, Langlois Fire and Curry County Sheriff's Office worked together in seamless teamwork on a call that lasted over 4 hours. The terrain was steep and treacherous. The recovery was accomplished by ropes, a Stokes basket and an incredible amount of muscle. This multi-agency group worked together as though they had been training together for years for this type of incident. With the outstanding assistance of the Curry County Dispatchers, communication prearrival was excellent between agencies; allowing for work to begin immediately upon arrival. The personnel had good weather, but had to be concerned with the quickly approaching evening darkness. After arriving on scene, it took a little more than a half an hour to reach the patient and then more than 2 hours to get back to the staging site.  
 All members of our community should be very proud and grateful to have such extraordinary men and women working on our Emergency Services agencies. This call was extreme. However, outstanding training, teamwork, skills, and camaraderie made a seemingly impossible task work perfectly.  
 Sincerely,

Gayle Wilcox  
 Port Orford Fire  
 Port Orford Community  
 Ambulance

**'To anyone who is annoyed by the visitors to our little town:'**

According to the U.S. Travel Association, American taxpayers would have to pay an average of \$950 more per household on tax day if not for the tax revenues generated by travel and tourism to and within the U.S.

"Take a moment to extend some friendly hospitality to the tourists in your city or town today - the money they spend has saved you nearly one thousand dollars in personal taxes this year," said Roger Dow, president and CEO of the U.S. Travel Association. "The leisure or business traveler staying at the nearby hotel, eating at a local restaurant, shopping or visiting a local attraction is keeping your local economy vibrant and putting money in your pocket."  
 The money travelers inject into the economy often means more money for civic development, infrastructure and state and local jobs such as teachers, firefighters and police forces. In 2009, travel spending by U.S. and international visitors resulted in more than \$111 billion in tax revenue for federal, state and local government. Of that total, \$77.3 billion came from leisure travel and \$34.2 billion was generated by business travel, including meetings and conventions.

So, please treat our visitors as

the valuable resource they are for our economic health .... and also refer anyone who is looking to visit our lovely area to: www.EnjoyPortOrford.com, our free community site. It's a great source of information of things to do and see here, as well as lodging and dining options (let me know what I've missed and need to add).

Respectfully, Michelle Duarte,  
 Port Orford

**'Vote for LaBonte'**

Good leadership for the County is important in these difficult times. Lucie La Bonte has worked hard for Curry County in this capacity. She has worked as a volunteer Chair of the Klamath Management Zone Fisheries Coalition over the past year keeping the Coalition together to work on achieving a good ocean salmon season for recreational fishermen.

Lucie worked for our fisheries and fish seasons while she was our County Commissioner so we know when elected as our Commissioner she will continue this important work. Good fishing seasons mean a good economic boost for our communities. we are voting for Lucie La Bonte for County Commissioner.

Support our fisheries, vote for Lucie La Bonte for Commissioner.

Thanks Barb and Chet Frazer,  
 Harbor

**'Thank you 'Rays Market'**

Sometimes I am amazed what I see in our grocery stores:

Last week at the Port Orford Rays store, a huge cardboard poster showed a young woman visible over many aisles in a sexy pose with her naval and belly exposed and her jeans dropped to the "lowest gear" possible, creating an invitation

..... There is so much violence, domestic violence, sex abuse, molesting and rape going on in Oregon, I am stunned that the Oregon's Children's Division and all of Oregon's Abuse Centers do not try and give it their all to put an end to this by making a law that forbids advertisement which provoke in public places.

The good reader may not know that Coos County, just north of us by 26 miles plus, is the No. 1 domestic violence

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 — Matt Hall, Editor, Port Orford News

county in all of Oregon. I do not know how Curry County fares. Not only that, the State of Oregon is either # 3 or # 10 in the Nation with the worst domestic violence.

Our children are suffering! Our children who belong to all of us are not being protected all the way by us, the adults, who live in these towns.

We allow sexy ads of that caliber into our neighborhood grocery stores.

This ad was placed with a tower of Budweiser beer at the end of a center aisle.

I asked for the Manager of Rays store and Judy Tree was agreeable and immediately removed the 10-foot cardboard image.

Thank you, Judy Tree, for your understanding and prompt removal of unwanted "items" that have no place here.

Our abused children, whether mentally or sexually abused by "holy" peoples or "lowly" peoples are suffering without end. No psychologist, no psychiatrist can ease their pain.

They are scarred for life forever.

Please help where you can. Respectfully,

Jutta Benner,  
 Port Orford

**Voting:**  
 I voted for the first time in 1961, but I'm not sure I fully understood the responsibility. Think about it. How do we vote; "The lesser of two evils"? That's one option. Or, let's choose a friend, a neighbor, a friend of a friend, classmate, or even worse, a relative.

Can we vote for someone without discussing the issues they represent? Or elect a like-minded person who agrees with everything we say? What are your concerns for you, your family, and your country? Listen to TV or radio stations, read opposing papers or magazines

to find the candidate that share your concerns.

Should just anyone run for office, or be elected to office? Shouldn't they achieve the same level of knowledge and experience in private life, as the positions they seek in government? Does their credentials/resume match the importance, the responsibility of the position? Are the resumes truthful, can we trust what they say?

I'm referring to all positions, City, County, State and Federal elections that require an understanding of the job. Such as legal issues, finances, or areas of expertise like law enforcement. OJT, (on the job training) doesn't work on positions that could have negative consequences.

Especially for those making decisions regarding our children's future; where do they stand on issues that could affect us for years? How much longer are we going to entrust a responsibility to men and women who see only power in the position we give them? When are we going to hold them responsible to the promises they make?

I may lean to the right because of the Constitution and I served my country to protect

it. But I vote across party lines for the person I trust the most. Could I still be voting based on "The lesser of two evils"? Possible; although my first concern is qualification, not the party, it's what have they accomplished to warrant my vote, my confidence and my trust. It's your vote, don't disrespect it.

Curry County ballots are mailed on or about April 30 and must be post marked no later than May 18.

Phil Colozzi,  
 Port Orford

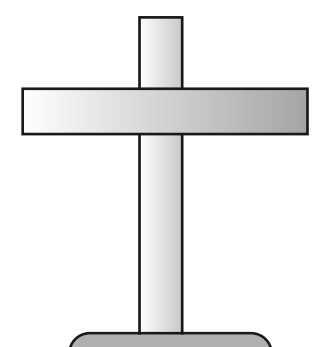
**'Dear Gentle Readers'**

After so many support letters and letters stressing about the Curry County Animal Shelter and it's status, I have decided it is time to write a letter. For those of you that read my letters, you know how much fun they can be. This one might not be so jolly.

Everyone take a deep breath. Inhale through your nose and expel all the air through your mouth. Good. The shelter will be OK even if there is no money I promise you that the dogs will be feed, loved, respected and adopted out because I will never give up on

our homeless dogs. I am their voice and I will make sure their barks are heard. I also will make sure they will be cared for because I will do it, pay or no pay, I will give the dogs their needs. They have only us. Our community has been so generous and good to our dogs I cannot imagine you not helping in a desperate time of need. We will be there, our homeless dogs WILL have a place to sleep. And yes the county does have a responsibility to helping in funding our shelter. I keep saying give it two more years and we will see an even board. Income will pay the budget. Two years it not a long time but it is when there is no money. If everyone in the county put a license on their dog we would have a surplus that could help out another department. I love when I go on a call and ask "Is you dog licensed?" And they say "Oh, yes. I got my tag at the vet." That tag usually is the rabies tag. Folks a license is the shape of a bone and has the letters LT and 4 digits. My daughter lives in Portland, OR and the veterinarians will not even see

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### North Curry County Church Directory

<p><b>St. Christopher Episcopal Church</b>                  Sunday Holy Eucharist                  10 a.m.                  417 Ninth St.                  (Behind Fun Zone)                  (541)332-0947                  (541) 332-9334</p>	<p><b>Port Orford Christian Center</b>                  Come celebrate the Lord with Pastor Doug Jamieson.                  Sunday School .....9:45 a.m.                  Sunday Morning .....11 a.m.                  Wed. Bible Study ....6:30 p.m.                  10th &amp; Washington                  (541)332-2561                  Assembly of God</p>
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<p><b>St. John's Catholic Church</b>                  Sunday .....8:30 a.m.                  Wed. ....9 a.m.                  Hwy. 101 &amp; 15th St.                  Port Orford, OR                  (541)253-6250</p>	<p><b>First Community Church</b>                  2025 Jackson St.                  (541) 332-3664                  Worship Service                  11 a.m.                  Sunday School                  9:30 a.m.</p>
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**Zion Lutheran Church**  
 Bible Study at 10 a.m., Worship at 11 a.m.  
 "God's work, our hands ..."  
 Pastor Tim Carraher  
 2015 Washington (541)260-1309

**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
 Port Orford Branch  
 20th & Jackson  
 332-5501

**Langlois Community Church**  
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 ♦ Wed. Bible Study - 7 p.m. ♦ Nursery provided  
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PON photo by Matt Hall  
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 Jennifer Bastian, Broker: 541-253-6895

**Least Expensive Home In Town - sunny with convenient paved access to town; Home needs immediate repair. It's a perfect opportunity for a handyman.**  
**\$53,000. # 362**

**Pets of the Week at the Curry County Animal Shelter 'Puppies & Snickers'**

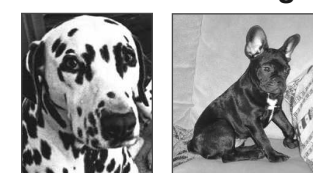


The Curry County Shelter would like to express it's gratitude for all the support the community has done to help our shelter to maintain a humane sanctuary for our furry friends in this past year. Please continue to support us as our residents appreciate all you can do. Thanks for all your support. Peppy just arrived and was a shelter resident before. His living circumstances changed so his owner knew that we would be able to find him a comfortable home again.  
**Puppies** - We have puppies! They are a Springer /Lab /Boxer mix. Mix of male and females. Very cute! They will be available in about two weeks. Please call the shelter for more details.  
**Snickers** is a 1 year old American Bull Terrier mix. He is neutered and house broken. He has a lot of enthusiasm so a big yard and lots of exercise would go a long way to make Snickers one happy dog. He gets along with all our furry friends at the shelter. He does not do well with cats. He is a lovable and friendly dog. He will make anyone a great companion.

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

**Pet of the Week NEEDS SPONSORS! Anyone who would like to help sponsor Pet of the Week please call Matt Hall at (541) 260-3638. For adoption info call (541) 247-2514**

Sponsored by Little Shop of Horrors, Geoff Trotter & Bridget



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style have entertained many live audiences, and his debut album, "Stranded", released in December of 2009, quickly became one of the top selling Oregon albums of over 4400 released last year. Produced by Rob Stroup of 8 Ball Studio in Portland, the seven song EP includes accompanists by some of the finest musicians in Oregon, including Tony Furtado.  
 Matt crafts songs that take listeners on journeys that will remind you of childhood, the people you love, and dreams you have. Some of the other honors Matt has received are:  
 ♦ "Suggested Artist" - VHI Song of the Year Contest - December 2008  
 ♦ 1st Place Winner - "Stranded" - Texas Songwriters Cruise Song Contest 2009  
 ♦ Best Rock Song "Idol" - Portland Songwriters Assoc. Yearly Song Contest 2007  
 Tickets are available at the Downtown Fun Zone for \$8, or \$10 at the door. You can reserve will-call tickets by emailing [mpmusic@gmail.com](mailto:mpmusic@gmail.com), or calling: 503-581-1840.

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