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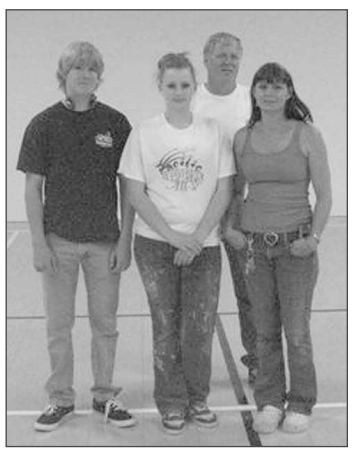

A lot of hard work by volunteers at Driftwood is paying off.
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A Rotary dignitary pays a visit to Port Orford.
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Coming up

Port Orford Rotary Club

The Port Orford Rotary Club meets each Thursday, at noon, at the Port Orford American Legion Hall.

Saturday kids art

Saturday children's art fun will be held at the Port Orford Library from 10 a.m. - noon with Kelly Fleming.

Mildred Hill concert

At 6 p.m., Sunday, at Zion Lutheran Church the 'Alameda String Trio' will perform a concert.

Also inside

Rays Food Place, McKay's Market

Governor lauds plan for port

Port Orford Marine Economic Plan is praised by Kulongoski

Project promotes ocean sustainability and will create jobs in rural Oregon

PORTLAND – Governor Ted Kulongoksi today approved the Port Orford Marine Economic Recovery Plan as an Oregon Way project and applauded the Port Orford community on their persistence to move this project forward. This project illustrates the type of "signature project" that the Governor envisioned when he created the Oregon Way Advisory Group to help showcase Oregon's leadership in sustainability and green development.

"I want to commend the Port Orford community on their commitment to creating new economic opportunities for their region" said Governor Kulongoski "By capitalizing on the newly designated marine reserve, they are able to map out a future for their community based on ocean sustainability, local fishing, and marine research."

The Port Orford community has joined together in an innovative project to make Port Orford a center for sustainable fisheries and a showcase on the South Coast for Oregon's first marine reserve and for green technologies that enhance the local economy and create jobs. The project envisions facilities designed and constructed using the LEED green building rating system, including:

◆ State-of-the-art facility for a high-value live fish processing center;

◆ Marine research field station with dormitory and work space for visiting scientists;

◆ "Green" Port complex including a working waterfront and retail space;

◆ Marine interpretive center for Oregon's first designated marine reserve.

The Port Orford area provides unique opportunities to conduct science on nearshore species and habitats essential to sustainable use and conservation, particularly because the Redfish Rocks area adjacent to Port Orford was recently designated as one of Oregon's first two marine reserves. One of the facilities will be a Marine Science Research Station that will provide critical infrastructure, laboratories, and staging areas for the increased research that will be generated by the reserve.

The research facility will create new job opportunities, both immediate and long-term, and will support the retention of fishing jobs. The project complements existing research facilities in Oregon and will serve the entire Oregon University System, as well as visiting researchers.

The Governor's approval and designation as an Oregon Way project will allow the Port Orford Marine Economic Recovery Plan to move forward to the federal government and continue to look for funding opportunities. The Governor believes strongly that by showcasing projects that highlight our competitive advantages, like the Port Orford Marine Economic Recovery Plan, we can position the state for continued economic growth and leadership in sustainability, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and green development.

For more information on the Port Orford Marine Economic Recovery Plan, click here.

To read the Governor's letter of support for stimulus funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce for this project, click here.

Driftwood gets a new gym floor

School District is seeking volunteers to remodel Driftwood School

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

On Monday, July 13, in the afternoon Superintendent Mick Lane took Port Orford Today Editor Evan Kramer and the Port Orford News through the Driftwood complex.

Many changes will be completed by the opening day of this fall for 2CJ grades K-8.

The playshed is being remodeled and being made very useable for organized basketball and other activities.

The new floor has been installed onto the existing cement floor. First a special pad was laid down, then an eleven person crew laid down the snap together special flooring. The lines have been painted for basketball and it looks like a new structure inside. There will be built new changing rooms and storage on the south end of the gym.

Major changes also include new heating system (consisting of 13 heat pumps on the roof system), taking out all glass block for student safety, and replacing with 37 windows the size of the current glass block at a cost of $1,000 per window. The windows will be sliders for air circulation, and also emergency egress that meets Oregon state fire Marshall Requirements for fire emergency egress.

The School bus entrance will be changed to south, by the building cafeteria, and new exit onto 101 for school buses only will be engineered and completed by starting time. This change will be safer, and offer better security for students and create more parking (north end) for parents and visitors for various school events. All students will be walking under a covered breezeway, then enter through the south west double doors by the flagpole. The playground will see equipment brought in from Blanco School. The new bus lane will require the existing baseball backstop and bases to be moved to the southeast part of the playground. Also the existing bleachers will be repaired

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Life with Brice

Bill Cobb Sr., and some of his adventures: Part II

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

Meet Bill Cobb Sr., whohas led a charmed life as readers will see as we examine Bill's life, Part II.

Last week we found out that Bill played football, basketball, and went out for track in his Myrtle Point High School years, then joined the Navy. He did his boot camp, then was trained as an aircraft mechanic and was stationed in Hawaii.

Again Bills old hobby of fishing came back to him and he tells of doing well ocean fishing and spear fishing in Hawaii. He once was swimming with his buddy and his sling spear-fishing gun went haywire and he was fiddling with it in the water and his buddy bumped him once and he didn't get the message the first time, but again his swimming partner bumped him and pointed to a 10-foot-long shark coming in way too close to both spear fishermen swimmers.

They later had a full understanding of why Hawaiian native spear fishers trailed their catch behind them rather than having the bleeding fish attached to their belts.

Two years into Bills service in the Navy he met the special girl who would be his life's partner, Lou.

Bill in his third year of Navy service found himself on aircraft carrier duty. One

PON photos by Brice Wagner

Bill Cobb, Sr. is shown with his wife Lou, while in the U.S. Navy.

of Bill's friends talked Bill into Volunteering to go to Japan so together they volunteered. Three days later after departing he ended up on an island called Kwajalein. Bill was reassigned to another Island known as Eniwetok.

A couple of weeks later the General called all personnel together and it was announced what they had volunteered for. The operation was called "operation castle". It was the first testing of the hydrogen bomb. This military operation was one the men couldn't get out of once in place.

The hydrogen bomb shot was to take place on a tiny atoll called "Bikini." Bill and his navy buddies fished on a nearby atoll that was a walk to situation at low tide. They fished for yellowtail (tuna).

Bill wore everyone out on wanting to go fishing so Bill went by himself which he wasn't supposed to do. He was discovered fishing by a helicopter patrol and Bill quickly made his way on the corral ridge back to main Island of Eniwetok. He had five nice size yellow tail on a string.

His reception was not a welcoming party but the MP's and they bodily carried him to the jeep and he went through processing. The incident was taken care of and Bill complained to his officer that they would give him no cooking utensils to cook the fish for his buddies. So his officer went to the mess sergeant and traded a fifth of whisky for all the utensils for preparing the fish needed including cooking oil.

Interesting enough when Bill and his buddies had their fish fry with buddies and invited friends, they also had beer available,

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News briefs

'Alameda String Trio' playing Sunday at Zion in Mildred Hill series

A "Trio" by Ludwig van Beethoven, "Appalacia Waltz" by Mark O'Conner and Ernst von Dahnanyi's "Serenade" will float from the strings of the Alameda String Trio at the next Mildred Hill Concert hosted in Port Orford by Zion Lutheran Church, Sunday July 26 at 6 p.m.

Tickets are $10 (youth 18 and under free), available at Downtown Fun Zone in Port Orford, at the door and from ConcertTickets@ZionLutheranPortOrford.org The church is one block east of hwy. 101 at 20th Avenue and Washington.

The growing number of supporters of Mildred Hill Concerts have enjoyed guitars, choirs, a baroque trio, harp and brass in four concerts each year since 2007. From barbershop to classic harp and guitar, the variety of music with a classics touch add an important niche to the musical scene in Port Orford.

Michael Grossman, violin, has been part of the Festival string section and has played with distinction all over the country.

Michelle Mathewson, Principal viola of the Festival Orchestra, has been heard in many festival chamber concerts over the years.

Cello Katherine Schultz has a musical pedigree as deep as that of the other players.

The dialogue between and among the instruments as they play the selected pieces is what puts the chamber into chamber music

All of them will finish Festival classics week on Saturday night in time to play this special Mildred Hill Concert in Port Orford.

Mildred Hill died at age 95 after being a charter member of Zion Church in 1955. With a degree in vocal performance

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Port Orford artists featured at Hult in Eugene

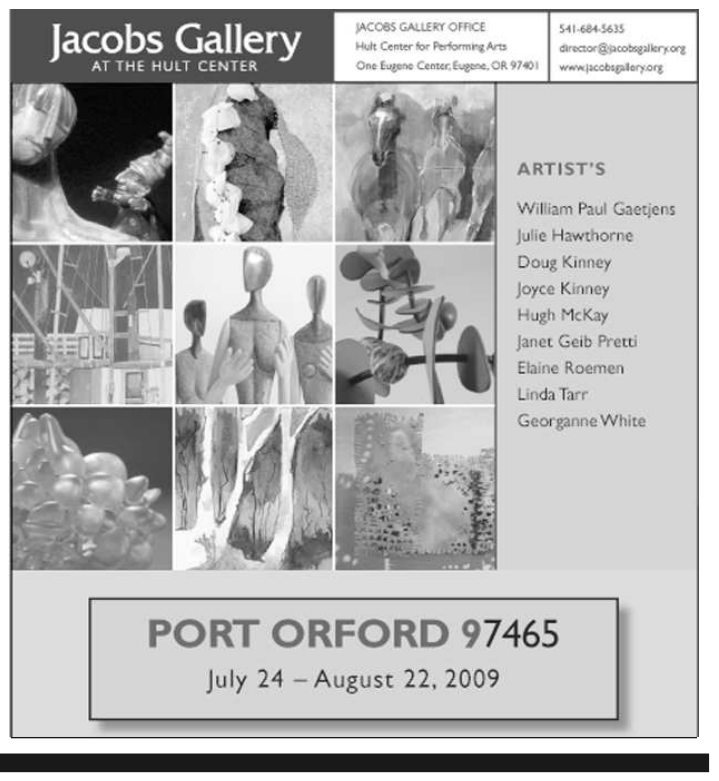
By Jan Bennett
For the Port Oford News

Nine artists from Port Orford will be featured in a month-long show in Eugene, OR, beginning with a reception from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on July 24.

The exhibition, called PORT ORFORD 9(7465) opens at the Jacobs Gallery located in the Hult Center for the Performing Arts and will run through August 22.

The artists include William Paul Gaetjens, Julie Hawthorne, Doug Kinney, Joyce Kinney, Hugh McKay, Janet Geib Pretti, Elaine Roemen, Linda Tarr, and Georganne White.

As noted on the gallery website, these nine artists "were selected to show the diversity and quality of the arts inspired and created in and around Port Orford."

After application over a year ago to be juried in for an exhibit as a group, the artists have been working to create pieces representative of their media. Asked how she feels about being included in the exhibit, participant Joyce Kinney said, "I am just honored to be in such a good group of artists."

Take time to visit the Hult Center and the Jacobs Gallery at One Eugene Center, Eugene OR. The gallery hours are Tue-Fri, noon to 4pm, and Sat 11am-3pm as well as one hour prior to and during all Hult Center performances. Check out the gallery at www.jacobsgallery.org or visit the website of the Hult Center at www.hultcenter.org. You can reach the Jacobs Gallery by phone at 541-684-5635.