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Buck

Buck is a nine-year - old Labrador Retreiver who needs a new home. For more information about Buck and his pals down at the animal shelter see Pets of the Week.
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Bucks

They're out there, in velvet, within the city limits and within the lens range of Photographer Lance Nix.
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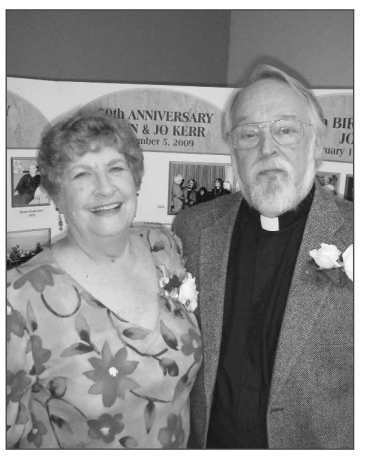
50 years



Jo and Ronn Kerr celebrated several milestones Sunday; 50 years of marriage, 70 years of life and 9 years living in 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.

Port Orford City Council

The Port Orford City Council will hold its regular, bimonthly meeting at 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 6.

Rhymes and Rhythms

Rhymes and Rhythms are being held at 7 p.m. at Theatre 101. See brief, below for more details.

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Rays Food Place, McKay's Market & Circle K

News briefs

Vacation Bible School set at POCC

During the week of August 3-7, children ages 6-12 can attend the Daily Vacation Bible School at the First Community Church, 20th and Jackson, from 9 a.m. to noon.

There will be fun activities, crafts, snacks, skits, music, and Bible stories. Watch for the famous "Water Day" on Friday!

So bring your kids to the Son World Adventure Park.

Rhymes and Rhythms is first Thursday

No fiddles, no sonnets! Rhymes and Rhythms (open mike without a mike) meets the first Thursday of every month at Theatre 101 at 7 p.m.

So far, we've enjoyed oboe and flutes, guitars, piano, and voice; but have yet to hear a fiddle. We've heard free and blank verse, haiku, rap, and nonsense ditties, but no sonnets.

There are many other acoustic instruments, and other poetic forms that have yet to be featured.

Surprise us!

Audience welcome to this free and family-friendly entertainment.

August's Rhymes and Rhythms is on the sixth. Music, word art, home-made refreshments!

Living history set at Hughes House

Short living history presentations at historic Hughes House near Port Orford will be offered twice in August. "Tea With Father Keveny" will take place three times Wednesday, August 12 at 11 a.m., 1:30 and 3 p.m. Jane Hughes will be portrayed by Inge Licon and Father Charles Keveny by Greg Ryder.

"Jane and Annie at Home" will be the last presentation of the season Wednesday, August 26 with Inge Licon as Jane and Dawn Sorensen as her daughter-in-law Annie Hughes.

Scheduled times are the same as above, with the

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The annual Blessing of the Fleet draws a crowd of several hundred

PON photos by Matt Hallx

On a warm, sunny day in August hundreds gathered to honor, bless and remember those who risk their lives on the sea.

Eleven names were read, eleven times the bell rang

By Matt Hall
PON staff writer

Her words were spoken from the seaward side of those assembled.

Before her were several hundred people; family, friends and community members all in attendance at the annual Blessing of the Fleet held Saturday morning at the Fisherman's Memorial adjacent to the Port Orford dock.

And as Beaver Rickel spoke, the sound of her voice rolled across the crowd and broke upon the first name of the eleven fishermen and women lost to the sea - the first name she was to recite.

"Jim Cook … ," managed Beaver, then stopped.

Before her the crowd rippled in understanding and the feelings of compassion and sense of loss seemed to be shared by all.

" … December 18, 1959," she continued finally, and a flower was placed upon the memorial.

It was a scene that continued until

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Life with Brice

The further adventures of Bill Cobb: Part III

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

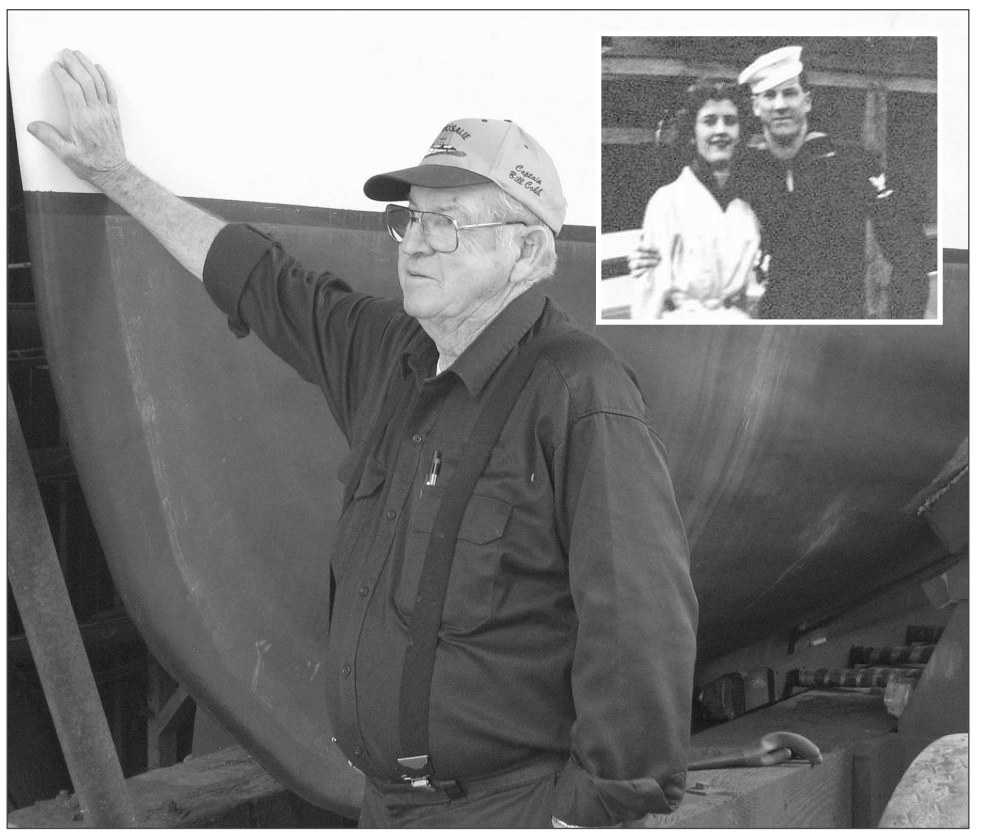
In the last episode of Bill Cobb (Port Orford News, July 22, 2009), we found him in his youth in the Navy on an island in the south Pacific and surviving a Hydrogen bomb test. He then finished his navy career and was ready to enter a new era in his life. A few months out of the Navy Bill married his sweetheart Lou on April 2, 1955, opening a new chapter in his life.

Moving back to Myrtle Point with his bride, Bill got a job with Martin Kinschloe general contractor. Bill drove dump truck and did many other tasks working for Mr Kinchloe. Work slowed down for his employer so Bill took another job with a small logging contractor, then he ventured on for a general contractor in Coquille, Oregon Woodward- son and Barklow.

Bill did numerous jobs such as lowboy operator, front end loader operator. Bill worked paving streets in both Bandon and Myrtle Point.

1,000 per month

One night at home a phone call came in from Russell Train(a well known road builder-logging contractor). Russell offered Bill a raise quaranteeing him $1,000 per



PON photo by Brice Wagner/Inset photo contributed

Bill Cobb leans against "Rosalie," as he recalls some of the events of his life.

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Farewells given as Newmans leave First Community Church

By Phyllis Johns
For the Port Orford News

The First Community Church of Port Orford was a scene of fond farewells on Sunday, July 25th. Pastor Mark Newman has accepted the invitation to become the Senior Pastor of the Powellhurst Baptist Church in Portland.

Elders presented Pastor Mark and Shauna with gifts, both humorous and practical. Pastor Mark told each one in the congregation how he would remember them.

Using Acts 20:17-24, Mark likened his experience with that of Paul.

"You know how I lived the whole time I was with you...,"

Mark was always involved in our community. You might have seen him driving the SMART truck in the Fourth of July parade. Shauna worked in the school system at Langlois and at Driftwood. Abe was the friendly checker at Rays, and Ana gave the Valedictorian address at Pacific this year.

"I served the Lord with great humility..."

Pastor Mark was instrumental in making the Camp Fircroft a successful program. He has been the Dean of the camp for 13 years and children come from Alaska to California to partake of a well-organized and fun camp. Shauna taught swimming there and Ana has been a Junior Counselor and now this year a Senior Counselor.

"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you..."

Mark's greatest strength was

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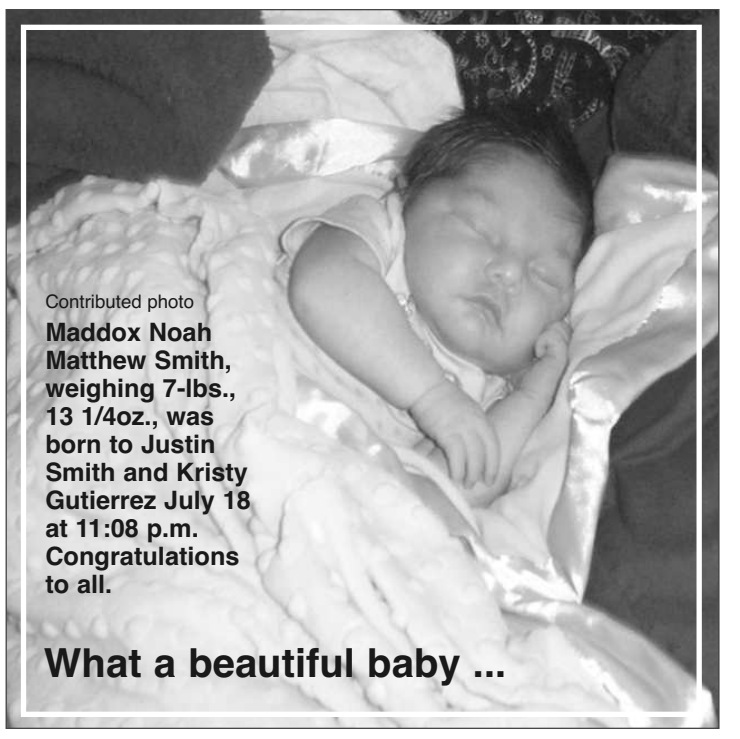

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Maddox Noah Matthew Smith, weighing 7-lbs., 13 1/4oz., was born to Justin Smith and Kristy Gutierrez July 18 at 11:08 p.m. Congratulations to all.

What a beautiful baby ...