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Inside

Rusted ...

Art lies in the eye of the man or woman behind the shutter. The old catapillar shown here is a study in black and white photos, courtesy of our own Lance Nix.
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Sports

Some great pix of the Blanco Invitational Track meet held last week at Pacific High, and the latest in ODF&W and other state hunting and fishing news.
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Ollie Jones

It was a lot of fun, and informative at last week's P.O. Rotary lunch. A min-auction and Ollie Jones shared some of her "story" with those present.
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Coming up

LWV Voter's Forum

The League of Women Voters will hold a candidates forum at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 21. See below.

P.O. Rotary Club

The Port Orford Rotary Club will meet at noon, each Thursday at the P.O. American Legion Hall.

Astronomy at the library

From 1-5 p.m., Saturday, April 24, National Astronomy Day will be celebrated at the P.O. Library.

Also inside

Rays Food Place and McKay's Market

Exploring the wonders of nature with the Wilderland School

Every month the students at the Wilderland School make a trip into their community to see first-hand the variety of activities that take place where they live.

Just a few weeks ago students went on a fieldtrip to see the Wahl family lambing barn at the mouth of the Elk River.

Earlier this year, students visited the cranberry bogs on airport road for harvest time, went on a scavenger hunt and ate good food in the gardens of

Valley Flora on Floras Creek, rode horses and visited with miniature donkeys at the Van Den Abeelen's stables near Bandon, and explored sea-life on Orion Ashdown's fishing boat in Port Orford. This month

students will get a chance to see and learn about fish of all sizes at the Elk River fish hatchery. In May we will visit our closest neighbors when we walk around Langlois and see the Post Office, the Feed Store and the Langlois

Market. And as an end of the year send-off we will make a trip to the beach.

The Wilderland School has offered a preschool program for the last four years, and for the last three it has offered K-1. Next year a morning preschool program will be offered with an option for extended child-care in the afternoons.

If you would like to visit the school, feel free to give us a call at (541) 348-2414 and set up a time to stop by.

Photos by Kelly Fleming

RIGHT: Kobe Ashdown, 4, is shown holding a lamb during the Wilderland School's recent visit to the Wahl lambing barn.

BELOW LEFT: Tucker Long, 4, reaches down into a pen to pat a soft, wooly head.

BELOW RIGHT: Jack Sorensen, 3, has his hands full of his very own little lamb.



David Brock Smith kicks off local campaign

By Matt Hall
PON staff writer

David Brock Smith, Port Orford councilman and president of the Northern Curry County Chamber of Commerce, took time out from a very busy schedule Sunday to host an informal gathering of friends, supporters and interested observers while stating his candidacy for Curry County

PON photo by Matt Hall

David Brock Smith at Sunday's kick-off event.

Commissioner, Position No. 1.

The gathering, which was held in the "Freedom of Speech" room of the Port Orford Public Library, featured Smith at his most earnest, a gathering of over 40 very interested citizens, and of course, due to the family business, the Port & Starboard Restaurant and Lounge, a well-stocked buffet.

Smith began by welcoming the crowd, introducing himself, and offering background. "Who am I?," he asked rhetorically.

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Art off the Wall: Rebekah Wagner always played

By Shirley Nelson
For the Port Orford News

Langlois native Rebekah Wagner cannot remember a time when she was not playing the piano. The Pacific High School senior relates that when she was very young, "Mom would play as I fell asleep at night; mostly Beethoven." A favorite was the Sonata in C Minor ("Pathetique"), a composition Wagner played in the recent Mildred Hill concert at Zion Lutheran Church. Other numbers on the program, played for a full house, were

by Chopin, Brahms, George Gershwin, and Norman Dello Joio.

Wagner's mother, a mostly self-taught pianist, held the two year-old girl on her lap as her little hands played notes. Her mother continued teaching Wagner until the girl began working with other teachers from about age seven. While in the eighth grade she decided she would pursue music as a career. Though her two sisters and two

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Photo by Shirley Nelson

Rebekah Wagner at Zion Lutheran.



Council hears engineer's report on water system

By Matt Hall
PON staff writer

The Port Orford City Council met at 6 p.m., Thursday, at the Gilbert Gable Council Chambers in the Port Orford City Hall.

Present were city staffers Mike Murphy, city

PON photo by Matt Hall

Steve Donovan of SHN Engineering is shown talking about Port Orford's water.

administer; Allan Wagner, director of public works; Shala Kudlac-McKenzie, city legal counsel; Beverley Manes, city recorder, and Marvin Combs, chief of police.

Councilors present included David Smith, John Hewitt, Bill McArdle, Caroline Clancy and Scott Luhr. Councilor Tim Pogwizd was absent.

Mayor Jim Auburn officiated.

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News briefs

LWV to hold voter forums

The League of Women Voters of Curry County will hold three candidate forums for County Commissioner candidates in the May 18 Primary Election. The forums will be in Port Orford, Wednesday, April 21 at the public library; and in Brookings, Thursday, April 22 at Chetco Public Library. All forums begin at 7 pm.

Three candidates are running for Commissioner Position #1 on a nonpartisan basis. They are David Itzen, Brookings; Lucie La Bonte, Gold Beach; and David Brock Smith, Port Orford. If one candidate receives 50 percent of votes plus one in the Primary, he or she wins the seat. Otherwise, the two top vote-getters run in the November General Election.

Voter registration deadline is April 27

Curry County Clerk, Renee Kolen reminds residents that are new to Curry County that the deadline to register to vote in the May 18 Primary Election is April 27.

"You must register with the county elections office by April 27 if you wish to vote in the May 18 Primary Election and you are not currently registered. April 27 is also the last day to change party affiliation for the Primary Election," said Kolen.

Mail registration cards to Curry County Clerk/Elections Division, PO Box 746, Gold Beach, OR 97444.

Voter registration cards are available at your local city hall, post office, library, on line at <http://co.curry.or.us/> Clerk/Registering or contact the County Clerk's Elections Office so they can make arrangements to get you registered.

Ballot packets will be mailed out to registered voters between April 30th and May 4th. If you have not received your ballot packet by May 7, or need help in registering, please call Kolen's office at (541) 247-3297 or toll free at (877) 739-4218.

National Astronomy Day at P.O. Library

A National Astronomy Celebration will be held from 1-5 p.m., Saturday, April 24, at the Port Orford Public Library.

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To be wed



Kimberly Kerr & David Michael Compton

On Feb. 13th, David Michael Compton proposed to Kimberly Dawn Kerr. They plan to marry June 4th, 2011, at Oregon Beckenridge

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It was a bad feather day

Photo by Lance Nix

This Stellar Jay was caught in the midst of a "bad feather day," according to Port Orford Photographer Lance Nix, who says that he shot the picture of the brilliant blue bird "north of Port Orford."

It's a great shot, Lance, thanks again for sharing. Send your "unretouched, raw" pictures to portorfordnews@gmail.com.

