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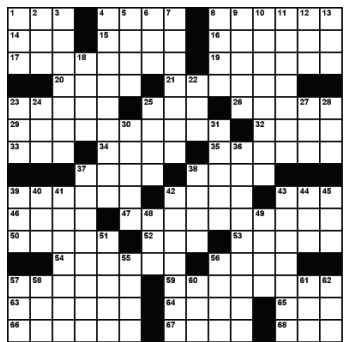
Sports

We've added a sports page, with the latest on the Pacific High Pirates basketball teams. — Page 7



Crossword

We have added a crossword, too. Hope you enjoy it. — Page 8



Art ...

Jane Schmaltz's art is explored in Art, off the wall. — Page 5



Coming up

P.O. Rotary Club

The Port Orford Rotary Club will meet at noon, Thursday, January 7.

Free music jam for kids

Each Thursday, beginning at 4 p.m., at the Zion Lutheran Church, Port Orford. See news brief below.

PHS basketball

Powers will play at Pacific High on Saturday night, with a full array of junior varsity and varsity. Page 7.

Also inside

Rays Food Place, & McKay's Market

News briefs

Free 'Kids Music Jam' will be held each Thursday at Zion Lutheran

It happens every Thursday at 4 p.m., and is hosted by Kim Nye at Zion Lutheran Church. It's a place for kids to gather and share music, from guitars, to mandolins, fiddles, harmonica, xylophone, bugle and more.

I am also looking for a drum set donation because all kids love to play and experiment with drums.

Our first jam is 4 p.m., Thursday, January 28, and Steve Montana will join us for some tips.

Call Kim for details at 541-332-1702. I hope you will join us (Meagan Olmstead and Jasmyn Wenner, this is your personal invitation).

PHS Pep Band is seeking players

Do you play an instrument and love music and really enjoy kids? Did you ever play in the pep band at Pacific High School (or any other school?) And if you did-wasn't it a blast!!

Please consider playing with the Pacific High School Pep Band during our home Basketball games!! It is a wonderful thing to hear and gives our students pride in our school- not to mention parents, grandparents, teachers, staff- the list goes on. Mr. Will Jarvis leads the bands and the kids just love him. He teaches the whole music program for 2c! From leading grades K-3, 4-5, 6-7-8, High School Band, ensemble, and Chorus, he graciously also gives us his evenings to lead the Pep Band! I can't think of anything that would make me prouder than getting to play the National Anthem before the start of the evening game!! What about you!!

We have several more home games (Homecoming is Saturday, January 30th!) Please if you are interested and would like to come play-there is NO age limit! Information can be found by calling the Pacific High School 541-348-2293. Dates and times and copies of the music can be either picked up or mailed to you if that is more convenient.

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Alicia Billings honored for service

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

Frank, Bonnie, David Smith, and staff held the Port Orford Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet at the Port and Starboard Restaurant, Friday evening.

All attending enjoyed a menu of fish, pork loin, or vegetable lasagna.

David Smith was the master of ceremonies introducing the 2009 past happenings of businesses and tourist visits in the Port Orford area, including the Cape Blanco Lighthouse, Hughes house, old Coast Guard station (the heads) and facts about the Battle Rock visitor center.

The Chamber awarded the following: First holiday lighting went to commercial first place was Driftwood Elementary; Second place was The Shoreline Motel. First place residential was Diane Peabody, Second place was Teresa Nelson.

The following service awards were given: The Wilbur Green lifetime achievement award went to Alan Mitchell, Volunteer of the year went to: Ed Mcquade for starting high speed internet; Business of the year went to: Hard Rain Café; Organization of the year was the Common Good; the Achievement of the year went to: Port Orford Arts Council; Presidents award for outstanding community service went to: Alicia Billings.



PON photo by Brice Wagner

Chamber President David Smith and Alicia Billings are shown at the awards ceremony.

Port of P.O. files to declare 'state of emergency'

By Brice Wagner
PON staff writer

United States Army Corps of engineers' representative John Craig visited the Port of Port Orford this week and suggested to Port manager Gary Anderson that the Port District file a declaration of emergency.

The process starts with the Port then, goes to our City manager Mike Murphy, then it will go to the Curry Board of Commissioners, then to Governor Kitzhaber's to be signed, then sent on to Washington DC.

As all have seen the Port Orford Jetty continues to deteriorate, with a large hole developing, and this winter's series of southerlies has eroded the jetty even more. It is hoped

funding will be available for needed repair to the jetty or breakwater whichever one chooses to call the structure that protects the Port.

Hallmark Fisheries office, freezer/refrigerator space was moved several feet from where the buildings were tied down. Blocking that the freezers sat on was shifted or completely washed out from under the reefer units.

Rock was washed up onto the parking lot near Griff's Restaurant, and timbers were washed around on the dock.

All the commercial fishing boats seemed to have fared well through the high winds and ocean washing onto the dock area.

The evening of January 18 high winds out of the south hit the Port Of Port Orford with a peak gust of 76 mph registering on the

automated weather station on the end of the dock according to Ryon Sandler meteorologist stationed at Medford, Oregon.

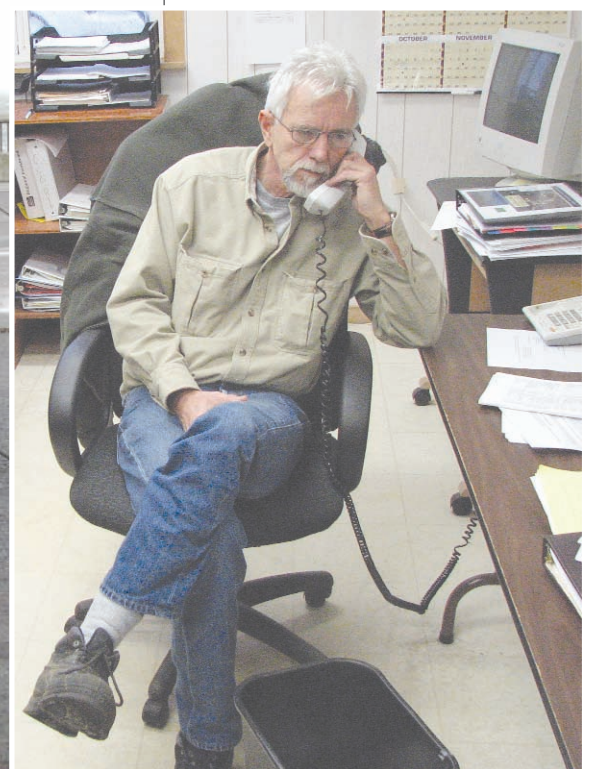
Wind gusts hit in the 80 to 90 mph category at Cape Blanco.

High waves breaking onto the sea wall flooded the Port of Port Orford office and tool storeroom. Fresh sandbags were installed both at Griff's, as well as the Port restrooms. Norcal Fisheries buying station building reported no damage. It was predicted that Thursday January 21 would be another high wind event but it seemed to hit south in California. Meteorologist Ryon Sandler stated "Thursday you will be hit by a wind event as big as or bigger than Monday," but sometimes the weather men miss the prediction.



PON photos by Brice Wagner

LEFT: The storm moved this container on the docks several feet. BELOW: Port Manager Gary Anderson is shown working in his office on the dock.



A very handsome boy



Submitted photo Miles Alexander Christoffersen was born on January 11th, 2010 at 2:52 p.m. to the proud parents Michael Christoffersen and Holly Hollenbeck. He was 8-pounds and 7 ounces and 21 1/2 inches.

Wild life at Tseriadun



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