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Westernmost Walk In The 48 By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce and the Port Orford Arts Council welcome everyone to participate in the Port Orford Volkswalk on Memorial Day Weekend. The three day event begins Saturday morning at 8:00am and continues through Memorial Day on Monday at 4:00pm.

We've had lots of questions about the Volkswalk and hopefully this article will provide a few answers. Volkswalk means people's walk. This event is co-sponsored under the auspices of the Oregon Trail State Volkssport Association and the Yachats Coastal Gems chapter of the O.T.S.V.A.

There are three separate events that will be held in Port Orford. One is a swim 300 meters in length off the beach at Battle Rock State Park. That should be interesting for the people who don't wear a wetsuit though I've been told all you need to qualify as having completed the swim is to walk along the water's edge.

The other two events are 6.2 mile or 10 kilometer walks. One is a city walk and will be held in Port Orford starting at the Community Building. Some of the highlights of this stroll through town include

Battle Rock State Park, The dock at the Port of Port Orford, Blue Water Harvester's Urchin Processing Plant, Geer Circle, Garrison Lake and the city's extensive wetlands. An alternate 5 kilometer city walk is available.

The second and the westernmost walk in the lower 48 takes place at Cape Blanco State Park. The walk begins at the parking lot for the Cape Blanco Lighthouse. Highlights of this walk include the Hughes House, Cape Blanco Pioneer Cemetery, the lighthouse, the day use area boat ramp along the Sixes River and the ocean.

These walks and swim are non-competitive in nature. An example of how non-competitive these walks are is the members of the Volkssport Association have requested that local people hold garage sales that weekend since one of their interests is stopping, meeting people and learning about the places they visit. The garden club will be holding a plant sale during the Volkswalk adjacent to the visitor center in Battle Rock Park.

Participants can begin any event between 8:00am and 1:00pm and finish by 4:00pm. There is no cost to participate unless you are a member of the Volkssport Association and they pay \$2.00 to get credit for completing the event. The only other

cost, and it is optional, is that there will be an award in the form of a button depicting the Lighthouse and it will cost \$2.00.

Everyone walking is asked to register at the Community Building and receive a start card for both the Port Orford and the Cape Blanco walks. The Chamber and Arts Council will provide coffee and cookies during the day for walkers at the Community Building. Maps will be provided but I've been told they won't be necessary. Members of the Yachats Coastal Gems will arrive in Port Orford on Friday and mark out the walks with colorful pink tape and arrows located along the way. When the walks are over the Gems will remove all the tape and arrows and the only thing left will be memories.

The Port Orford Arts Council is sponsoring an evening of storytelling with Will Hornyak on Saturday night, May 25, in conjunction with the Volkswalk. Tickets for this performance are \$5.00 for adults while high school students will be admitted free.

Preceding the storyteller the volkswalkers are sponsoring an ice cream social in the Community Building from 5:00-7:00pm. This is open to all walkers and is free. See you there.

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Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu May 16	11:43PM 7.9	6:07am -0.4	12:24pm 6.2	5:46pm 2.3
Fri May 17	NONE —	6:46am -0.6	1:08pm 6.2	6:27pm 2.6
Sat May 18	12:15am 7.8	7:25am -0.6	1:53pm 6.2	7:07pm 2.9
Sun May 19	12:47am 7.6	8:00am -0.5	2:35pm 6.1	7:48pm 3.1
Mon May 20	1:23am 7.3	8:39am -0.3	3:17pm 6.0	8:29pm 3.2
Tue May 21	1:58am 7.0	9:17am -0.1	4:01pm 5.9	9:14pm 3.4
Wed May 22	2:37am 6.7	9:58am 0.2	4:48pm 5.9	10:04pm 3.5
Thu May 23	3:22am 6.3	10:43am 0.6	5:34pm 6.9	11:08pm 3.4

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat May 4	58	47	—
Sun May 5	57	44	—
Mon May 6	57	45	—
Tue May 7	58	41	—
Wed May 8	57	41	—
Thu May 9	56	39	—
Fri May 10	59	43	—

Letter to the Editor,

Last evening at the City Council Meeting, our know all City Manager informed the Council as well as the public present, that there was not a quorum of the council, so they would have to open the meeting and close it, without conducting any business. Not one councilor present, questioned by what rule of authority the City Manager was acting, instead the council members readily accepted her ruling.

The City Charter, Chapter IV, Section 18, reads as follows: "President of the Council. At its first meeting after this charter takes effect and thereafter at its first meeting of each odd numbered year, the council by ballot shall elect a president from its membership. In the mayor's absence from a council meeting, the president shall preside over it. Whenever the mayor is unable to perform the functions of his office, the president shall act as mayor and retain the power as council

member". The operative word being retain. Under Section 19. "Vote required. The majority of the members of the council present shall be sufficient to determine any question or matter before the council."

According to the Charter, there was a Quorum present and this ruling by the City Manager was incorrect, the question arises was this ruling by Ms. Myers made because of the consensus of the members who were present.

In the future it would behoove the members of the City Council to request the City Manager to provide them with the documentation by which such rulings are authorized. This action by the council was an injustice to the citizens who now are required to attend a rescheduled meeting in order to make their presentation.

Walt Kaplan

Letter To The Editor

I was saddened to read that Olex, I believe the County's first German Shepherd police dog, died May 3. He was of great service to our county. There never was a report in your paper that he ever used excessive force to subdue a suspect. Also, very few of his suspects eluded him.

Hopefully, Sheriff Denny will review the record of Olex and then attempt to instill in his human deputies the same merits and qualities of Olex's restraint in the use of deadly force when subduing a criminal suspect. This is even more important when the force is intended to be directed at a citizen who is not a criminal.

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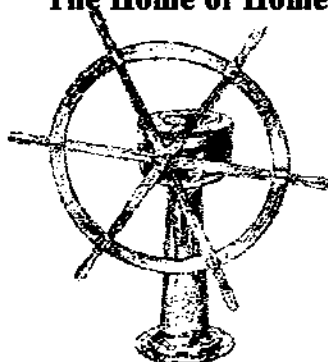
Senior News
By Mary Yoder

Well to start off with the people who went up to see the whale - really enjoyed it, and as I said the weather was real nice.

At the board meeting Wednesday, May 8 the audit committee gave their report and all is fine. Thank you Art Klima, Gloren Godfry and Pauline Lenox.

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Then May 11, was the Saturday luncheon. Here are the volunteers who worked Norma Ellis, Thelma Lagace, Greta Carson, Bessie Laurson, Peigie Stahl, Clare Stahl, Leo Welch and what's his name - real nice meal and the corn bread was delicious. The Sing A Longs sang and I can't believe it they do better every time I hear them. This time such beautiful songs. Maybe it's their leader Glorene Godfry. Oh yes, the volunteers of the month received the pin for May - E. David Klein.

At the luncheon we had a speaker. The new city chief of police Barney Issel gave a nice talk and asked for questions from the audience. I believe the city council did a good job in their choice.

I went down stairs to the rummage sale. Those working were Scotty Clothier, Nadine Vile and Robert Vile. Better tell you now that the center will be closed May 21 - That's Election Day.

May 25 will be the luncheon and rummage sale from 8am to 1:30pm and the same night the dance from 7:30 to 10:30. Seems like that should do it for this time - hope all you mothers had a nice Mothers Day.

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Who Are We Working For? Editorial opinion by Evan Kramer

The reigning troika of Curry County Commissioners and the county budget committee have referred Measure 08/12 to the voters asking for an increase in the county tax base to \$2,454,000 from its current level of \$841,419, an increase of \$1,612,581 per year. The increase on your property tax bill will be \$1.09 per thousand. A homeowner with a house assessed at \$100,000 will pay \$109.00 more per year. Then we the taxpayers can expect the county budget committee to roll in the 6% allowable but not automatic increase every year and viola, in 12 years the tax base will be 4.8 million dollars.

The reason given for this tax increase is decreasing O & C timber receipts. However, when the county was riding high with timber revenues the commissioners including twelve year incumbent Rocky McVay "encouraged us to eat our seed

corn", as commissioner candidate David Wilken so appropriately said.

This situation makes me think, who are we working for? Are we working for the government or working for our families and our future? I believe the property tax burden is high enough. It is a tax not based on one's ability to pay. Even with Measure 5 fully in effect property taxes will be rising every year now as assessed valuations on property increase and tax districts reach for their "automatic" 6% yearly increase. Most of us pay plenty of taxes including federal, state, county, city, special taxing districts and in addition fees for everything. Now it's time we the people to go back to working for our families and our businesses. That's why I'm voting **NO** on the Curry County tax base increase.

Do the commissioners really expect this tax increase to fly or is it instead a hot potato thrown to the voters who, when they reject it, can then be blamed for not

"wanting county services?" There hasn't been enough tilling of the electoral soil on this tax increase issue. What there has been is the laying on of too much manure. Let's elect some new county commissioners and then take a good hard look at the needs of the county government.

Phalarope Update

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employee Dan VanDyke said he was expecting a report from Dr. Hamore of Oregon State University concerning the recent die off of red-necked phalaropes in Port Orford. Dr. Hamore had been sent a few samples of the dead birds. VanDyke said what he knew at this point is there was some bruising on the birds but no lesions. He said this meant there was nothing bacterial causing the deaths. He said there were no other reports of a bird die off like this elsewhere along the coast. He will share the results of the report from Dr. Hamore with the public when they are available.



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Mark Twain In Port Orford

Mark Twain paid a visit to the Fun Zone last Wednesday in the form of U.S. Senate candidate Kirby Brumfield. Nancy and I were busy testing light bulbs and as we looked out the window we saw a man with a striking resemblance to the most famous American author get out of a car and head into the store. Brumfield walked into the store carrying a full size photograph likeness of himself.

Brumfield is running for Senate in the Republican primary. He told us he doesn't expect to win but is running to make a statement. He says a vote for him is a vote for campaign finance reform. He

makes a point that the Democratic party has two millionaires and the Republican party one millionaire running for the Senate in this May's primary and that people like him can't compete against this kind of wealth.

Brumfield was a refreshing change of pace for us at the Fun Zone. Here was a political candidate who understood the limitations of his campaign and admitted he wasn't going to win yet still was running because he wanted to make a statement. He presented himself with a sense of humor which is sorely lacking this political season. Brumfield makes his living as a video producer, author and as an impersonator of Mark Twain. He even gave us a small sample of his repertoire from one of America's greatest authors. Thanks for the visit and good luck Kirby Brumfield.

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Jubilee Committee meets on Wednesday, May 22, 6:30pm, at Jennie's Old Towne Cantina.

Port Orford City Council meets on Wednesday, May 22, 7:00pm, in the council chambers. The meeting is in place of the council meeting which was canceled on Monday, May 13, for lack of a council quorum.

Port Orford Public Library annual public budget meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 7:00pm, at the Port Orford Library.

Al-Anon meets every Thursday night at the Zion Lutheran Church at 8:00pm.



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Langlois RFPD Report By Tobe Porter

When you vote next Tuesday, you'll see an important little item at the very end of your ballot, Measure 08-14, "Shall Langlois Rural Fire Protection District establish a new tax base of \$29,600." Just how important is it? I asked Chief Mike (The Murph) Murphy how a higher tax base would benefit the taxpayers. "It will allow us to accomplish the important things we need to accomplish."

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imagine how much longer a fire fighter could work effectively with 20 fewer pounds to drag around. Like the never ending need to replace parts, and of course all parts are more costly the second time around. Like the increased costs involved in answering more calls for service, accidents as well as fires. And like constantly having to update the communications equipment.

"I could provide a whole laundry list of items we need," Murphy said; but I told him there was no need, we all know that everyone's laundry is important, some more than others. I am not allowed to encourage you to vote yes on Measure 08-14 so I'll just encourage you to vote on May 21, it's important.

Attorney General Investigation

Salem - State Senator Bill Dwyer (D-Springfield) today called for an Oregon Attorney General investigation of the secret taping of a Catholic confession between a priest and a criminal defen-

dant in Lane County, and said he will introduce legislation to prohibit the practice in the future.

"I am writing to request that your Office investigate the matter of the Lane County District Attorney's recording of a confidential communication between a criminal defendant and a member of the clergy," Dwyer's letter said. "We need to determine how wide-spread this practice is."

"This intrusion by government into the sanctity of religious confession borders on being immoral," Dwyer said. "This unlawful government intrusion violates the separation of church and state, and if it's allowed to stand, then 'Big Brother' is truly here."

Dwyer also pointed out that such actions threaten the ability of the criminal justice system to keep violent offenders in jail. "It distracts from the efforts of law enforcement officials to mete out justice to those persons who have committed heinous crimes," Dwyer's letter said.

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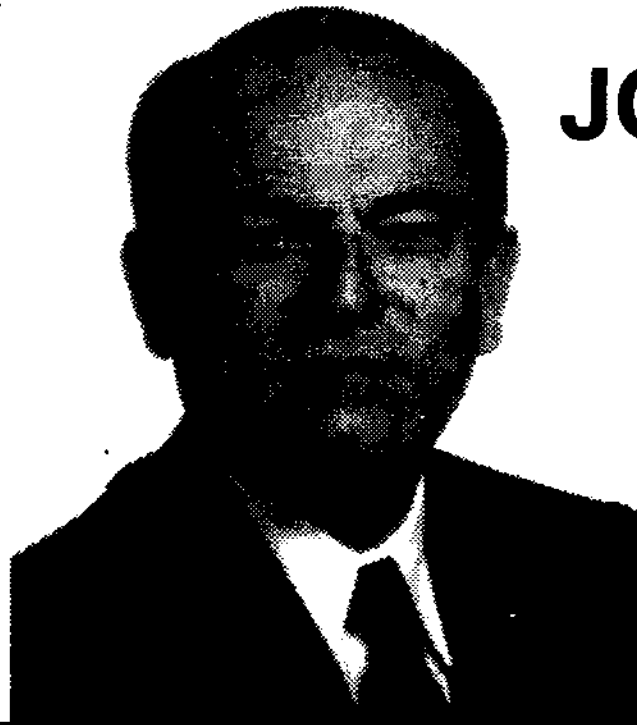
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Also, every Friday at noon, a group of

folks are meeting at Driftwood and covering books with clear contact paper to make them last longer. The school offers a free lunch and good company. If you'd like to help out, give Lela a call at the school (332-2712).

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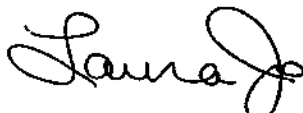
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Council Meeting Caricoted By Evan Kramer

The Port Orford City Council meeting was canceled on Monday night due to lack of a quorum. Council members Tim Spurr and Carl Bekelson did not attend and neither did Mayor Delaine Kennedy who had injured her foot earlier in the day. The council and public were informed by city manager Dotti Myers that since none of the four councilors would have to serve as mayor thus leaving only three councilor there would be no quorum. Even though the official meeting was canceled the remaining four council members consisting of George Kennedy, Martin Weaver-Bristell, Ralph Donaldson and Robert Warring decided to stay and let various groups put on presentations where no vote or council action was required. The council will meet again in regular session on Wednesday, May 22, 7:00pm, in the council chambers.

It takes more than talk to manage Curry County! Re-Elect Rocky McVay

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Authorized by McVAY FOR COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE,
Leo Musser, treasurer, 505 5th St., Brookings, OR 97415

Local motel owner Carl Miller spoke to the council and questioned the placement of Carl Bekelson and Robert Warring on the bed tax review committee in light of their previous position on the bed tax.

Police Chief Barney Inzel was given the oath of office by City Recorder Norma House.

The public and council heard a presentation by members of the Rural Development Initiative strategic planning team on their work. Members Frank Smith, Paula Rascoart, Clayton Lyons, Frank Cramer and Bonnie Allen covered such topics as business development including a business park, the infrastructure of the city and quality of life including landscaping of Highway 101.

Don Huber was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the city council for his unpaid voluntary help in keeping the City of Port Orford clean.

H.G.E. engineer Matt Gray gave a brief update on the water system upgrade project.

This was the longest non-meeting I've attended as it lasted nearly two hours.

Fuchsia Stolen

A beautiful fuchsia with red and white flowers was stolen from in front of the Sixes Store on Sunday. Store owner Marilyn Adams said the plant was 4' wide and difficult to bring in and out of the store through the front door every day because of its size. It would be appreciated if the fuchsia was to find its way back to the rightful owner.

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Certified as an instructor by the Bengali master, Zevely conducts yoga retreats and teacher training's throughout the country.

Zevely began practicing yoga in 1971 as a part of a ski racing program in Portland. He met Ruth Denison, his meditation teacher, in 1979. He is a continuing student of mindfulness meditation.

Living at Breitenbush Hot Springs for 12 years, he helped run the center and led many workshops. His career as a yoga teacher was launched when Ram Dass asked him to lead yoga for one of his retreats.

"The Tao of Yoga" workshop will incorporate the philosophy and science of yoga, yoga postures, conscious breathing, meditation and prayer for world peace.

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Letter to the Editor,

Say no to business as usual. Both McVay and Hanscam boast of experience in their voter pamphlet resumes. These two self professed "experienced" politicians have been making decisions for over 10 years while in local government positions that have led us Curry County citizens to be facing a debt of over 1 million dollars if we do not vote in a tax increase equal to that amount. If McVay and Hanscam have so much valuable experience and leadership skills could you please explain to me how both of them did not see this County debt problem coming awhile back - and do something about it before now? Have you been noticing the kind of land use decisions this current board of Commissioners has been handing down?: time and time again, McVay and Hanscam participate in allowing land developments that spoil County Scenic Recreational areas an/or spoil residential neighborhoods. Both McVay and Hanscam list an extensive list of other boards they "serve": Do you think being affiliated with all these other companies and organizations might distract McVay and Hanscam from their full attention to the job of County Commissioner? Both Olds and Roberts promise to bring the Commissioner's

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office back to the people and to keep corruption out of local government. You know what you have now! More than once, County elections have been decided by less than 10 votes. Democrats vote for Lloyd Olds and Republicans vote for Bill Roberts on Tuesday May 21 to give this county a chance for real change in November.

Stephen & Lidia Donnelly

Letter To The Editor

In regard to Curry County Commission Position Three, I think the voters should elect someone with the experience and integrity that Dave Wilken would bring to the Commission. He has worked out solutions to some difficult problems during twelve years in elected office, dealing with some problems complicated in their technical and political aspects.

Dave Wilken's experience in Curry County goes back to 1970. He has a local record on which to run. In times like these, we should go with experience and integrity. Wilken is the one for Curry County Commission Number Three.

Yours truly,

Harry Mason

REAL ESTATE & RENTALS

WILL SHARE WOODED LAND - five acres, Port Orford with one or two retired couples with their own trailer \$180/mo. 3320229.

LOTS OF TREES, ocean view, se-cluded, two nice creeks. This one has it all including low down payment and owner carry financing 10 acres. 332-8733.

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FULLY FURNISHED efficiency apart-ments - ocean view - q-sized bed, full bath. Day, week or month. Call (503)332-6610, above Grantland Mayfield Gallery.

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SERVICES

BANKRUPTCY, DIVORCE, Wills, Trusts, Deeds, - Join our list of satisfied customers. For a low cost, sensible non-lawyer alternative, call Summer Rain Services, 347-9196.

COUNSELING for individuals, couples & families - Ernest Thayer, announces the opening of a private counseling prac-tice in Port Orford and Bandon. Issues of depression, abuse, parenting, relation-ships. Sliding fee scale (sorry, no insurance.) Call for a free assessment. 332-3210.

DID YOU KNOW Gold Beach has a dentist? Replacement Dentures \$345 each, relines \$95, teeth replaced. Re-pairs while you wait. We accept Oregon Health Plan. Phone 247-5107.

DRY CLEANING: Free pickup & de-livery from & to Lila's Dry Cleaners in Bandon available at the Downtown Fun Zone. 332-6565.

SKILLED HANDYMAN seeks small jobs reliable references. Call Roy at 332-7204.

DANNY'S LAUNDROMAT open (7) days a week. You wash or we wash. Attendant on duty. Located between 10th & 11th St., in Bandon.

WILL SIT CHILDREN 6/7 years old day camp summer on my land on Hensley Hill, Port Orford references. Call 332-0229.

COMPLIMENTARY FACIAL. Per-sonalized skin care program customized for your skin type. Dermatologist-tested. Call today for a free consultation. (Julia Belcher) Independent Mary Kay Beauty Consultant.(332-1304).

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TREES, TREES, TREES: Tree falling, trimming, limbing, or topping, clean-up of storm damage or deadfall. Or, turn your woods into a park-like, usable set-ting. 18 years experience. Local references. Call for a free estimate. 347-2817.

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CARPETS DIRTY? Need Janitorial Services? Call Sunrise Carpet Cleaning! Residential and commercial, licensed and insured. Free estimates. Call Cliff at 347-3164.

EMPLOYMENT

PORT ORFORD COMMUNITY Children's Center is seeking applicants for the Director position. This position will be approximately 20 hours per week (afternoons) and will include a variety of duties at this time, including some hands on work with children and supervisory, administrative, and public relations du-ties. Please send letter and resume to POCCEC, P.O. Box 556, Port Orford, OR 97465.

GARAGE SALES

BIG SALE MAY 17-18 Langlois Lion's Club from 9-3. Washer, dryer, exercise equipment, books, glassware, dolls, clothes, bedding, coffee table, lamps, power saws, combination microwave & convection oven, counter top stove & oven - almost new, some antiques & misc. items.

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