

# Port Orford Today!

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## Welkommen Volkswalkers By Evan Kramer

Welcome everyone to the Westernmost Volkswalk in the Lower 48 in Port Orford this Memorial Day Weekend.

The main thing to remember about the three Volkswalk events is they all begin at the Port Orford Community Building, located just east of Highway 101, on 11<sup>th</sup> Street. When in doubt or if you have any questions about the walks and swim that's the place to go on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The building should be open by 7:30am and they'll be serving hot coffee and cookies. You can then pick up your start cards and begin your city walk or get in your vehicle and head over to the Cape Blanco State Park.

The starting times for the events is from 8:00am through 1:00pm. Event sponsors are asking you be finished with the Volkswalks by 4:00pm.

Phil Hanson, a member of the Yachats Coastal Gems Volksport club, reminded me to ask people when they are walking in areas with no sidewalks to walk against the traffic. Also follow the arrows and the colorful pink tape with black polka dots and you won't get lost.

One thing about the Volkswalk it will happen rain, shine or winds or any com-

bination of the three. Looking out the window seeing a light rain falling I've got my fingers crossed we'll have a dry weekend.

While you're out at Cape Blanco State Park partaking in the 6.2 mile walk be advised that the Cape Blanco Lighthouse will be open all three days of Memorial Day weekend from 10:00am to 3:30pm and the Hughes House will be open those days also from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Tours of both buildings are free though donations are appreciated. The Lighthouse tour includes a walk up a flight of 64 steps for a close-up view of the Fresnel lenses and a view of the surroundings that is incomparable. This lighthouse is the westernmost in Oregon, the oldest continuously operating (since 1870), and at 245 feet the highest above sea level. Tours of the lighthouse are docent guided and you're welcome to take photos but asked to stay on the trail from the visitor center to the lighthouse.

The Hughes House is an 1898 Eastlake Victorian home which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The two story, eleven room house is over 3,000 square feet and has been restored and lovingly maintained by the Friends of Cape Blanco. The house overlooks the mouth of the Sixes River.

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There are many interesting points along the way during the city walk. One of them is the 130 acre Garrison Lake. There are two city owned and developed access points to the lake. One is the Pinehurst fishing dock which is currently closed but the 12<sup>th</sup> Street boat launch is open. At this site you'll find a gazebo, picnic tables, barbecue pit and a restroom. It's a fine place to set in your canoe or kayak and paddle around the lake. There are many varieties of birds that you'll spot in and around this lake including osprey, bufflehead, belted kingfisher and great blue herons.

The Chamber of Commerce visitor center at Battle Rock Park will be open during the Volkswalk weekend and there you will find all the information you need to know about this area.

Now it's time to lace up those walking shoes and get started on the Volkswalk.

## Tax Base Increase Crushed Incumbents Ousted

Partial (and substantial) results are in from the Tuesday primary election and Curry County voters said no in a big way to the proposed tax base increase. Voters turned down the 1.6 million dollar tax increase by a margin of 3 - 1.

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Courtesy of the Port Of Gold Beach

Date	High	Low	High	Low
Thu May 23	3:22am 6.3	10:43am 0.6	5:34pm 6.9	11:08pm 3.4
Fri May 24	4:14am 5.9	11:28am 0.9	6:22pm 6.1	NONE —
Sat May 25	5:23am 5.5	12:14am 3.2	7:08pm 6.3	12:18pm 1.2
Sun May 26	6:39am 5.3	1:21am 2.8	7:50pm 6.5	1:10pm 1.5
Mon May 27	7:58am 5.2	2:23am 2.2	8:29pm 6.9	2:01pm 1.8
Tue May 28	9:06am 5.3	3:19am 1.6	9:07pm 7.3	2:50pm 2.0
Wed May 29	10:10am 5.5	4:07am 0.8	9:46pm 7.6	3:39pm 2.2
Thu May 30	11:05am 5.8	4:52am 0.1	10:23pm 8.0	4:27pm 2.4

He's...

All hat and no cattle.  
A few fries shy of a Happy Meal.  
A couplet short of a sonnet.  
A few beers short of a six-pack.

She's...

A few clowns short of a circus.  
A few peas short of a casserole.  
A few pickles short of a jar.  
A few pies short of a holiday.

### Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford  
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Sat May 11	64	49	—
Sun May 12	65	54	.04
Mon May 13	65	52	1.35
Tue May 14	55	53	.91
Wed May 15	57	47	—
Thu May 16	61	53	.80
Fri May 17	58	52	.80

### Kalmiopsis Audubon

In honor of May as National Wetlands Month, Margaret Forbes will present an illustrated talk on wetlands at the Best Western Beachfront Conference Room (Port of Brookings near the jetty) at 7pm on Wednesday May 29.

Margaret will talk about the ecology and functions of wetlands. How do wetlands improve water quality and protect against flooding? Why are they critical to so many species? Why do they continue to disappear at an alarming rate? Following the talk there will be a general discussion about what can be done on a global and local level to enhance and protect these critical areas.

Margaret has a B.S. in Environmental Engineering and M.S. in Environmental Systems and has recently completed several years of study with Dr. Robert Gearheart, one of the designers of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Marsh.

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The public is invited to attend a free ED-Net video presentation highlighting the effects of second-hand tobacco smoke on children, announced Sandie Hannah, director of clinical services at Curry General Hospital.

The program is scheduled from 8:30 to 10:00am, Friday, May 24, in the hospital dining room. The program is to teach professionals who work with children and families about the effects of second-hand smoke on children and how to help parents learn to decrease their exposure to it. It originates from the Oregon Health Sciences University.

Teachers, social workers, child care providers and others who work with children and families are especially urged to attend.

Coffee and tea will be available. The kitchen will be open for those who wish to order breakfast.

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## Point Orford Heritage Society

"The Oregon Historical Name Board is visiting Port Orford Heads on May 26, and the public is invited," reports Viola Cuatt, president of the Point Orford Heritage Society. "The Historical Name Board is a group of 20 people who have responsibility for naming historical sites not already named," she adds.

Currently traveling the state, the Historical Name Board is a prestigious bunch of history buffs who have an avid interest in Oregon's past. "We plan to have lunch at Port Orford Heads, tour the buildings and site, and walk to the point overlooking Nellie's Cove," says Elizabeth Potter from the State Historical Preservation Office.

Although the former Coast Guard installation has an official name, the Name Board is interested in inspecting this historically valuable location. According to Cuatt, "Here's another nod to the excellent condition of the Port Orford life-saving station. These folks are really excited." However, the Name Board is not alone in its enthusiasm for the well-preserved spot.

According to Dr. Don Peting, professor of architecture at Oregon State University, "Four buildings remain on the site. Together with the curbed driveways, areas of lawn and privet hedge surrounding the barracks, and related paths and walkways, the four-building ensemble con-

veys a particular sense of place and time. The site retains sufficient integrity to be considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places."

Built in the depression of the 1930's, the Coast Guard compound was a boon to the town's economy. Providing local employment during construction and ongoing rescue of fishermen, the life-saving station served the area for 30 years. At times, up to 100 people were posted at the Heads.

During World War II, there were horse and dog patrols on duty to protect the coastline. However, speedy rescue of crews in peril was the purpose of the station. In the boathouse on Nellie's Cove, destroyed by fire in the late 1970's there were two 36 foot lifeboats and a whale boat always ready to respond.

It was 500 steps from the lookout tower on the point to the boathouse on the cove. Known as the "Stairs of a Thousand Tears," to fuel the rescue crafts. Coast Guard crewmen carried gasoline in five-gallon cans down the steps, one can in each hand, until the tanks were full. Visitors can see some of the staircase still intact.

Occupied until the 1960's, Coast Guard personnel stationed at the Heads were welcome in the community and three local women married crew members. After more sophisticated navigational aids were invented and boat rescue was replaced by helicopter, life-saving stations

were phased out and few fully functional facilities still stand.

In 1976, the Port Orford property was deeded by the federal government to the state. At first, there was an OSU project to experimentally raise salmon at the site. Later, State Parks took ownership. Currently, parks employees occupy the commander's home and the Point Orford Heritage Society plans a museum for the former barracks building.

If you are interested in spending time with the Oregon Historical Name Board and taking a tour of the former Coast Guard life-saving station, pack up your own bag lunch and meet them at Port Orford Heads State Wayside on Coast Guard Hill at noon on Sunday, May 26.

Lunch-time is scheduled for 12:00 to 12:30 followed by an inspection of the buildings and a walk around the park. After visiting Port Orford, the Name Board expects to go to the Hughes House and Cape Blanco Lighthouse.

## Plant and Bake Sale

The members of the Sunset Garden Club are holding a plant and bake sale at the Port Orford Community Building on Memorial Day Weekend, May 25, 26 & 27. The garden club will also have decorated hand made bird houses and garden gloves for sale during this three day Volkswalk event.

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Acrobat, comedian, and juggler Rhys Thomas will bring his unique talents to the Coquille Community Building on Friday, May 31. His performance is for the entire family and will be a kick-off for the Gay 90's celebration which is traditionally held the first weekend in June in Coquille.

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vision, done improv on a Broadway stage in New York City, worn a 9-foot tuxedo on an NBC movie of the week and juggled flaming zucchini in Alaska. He is very popular with the students and performs throughout the Northwest in schools and local festivals.

His performance is sponsored by the city of Coquille. Curtain time is 7:30pm. The admission price is \$2 per person at the door. For more information, call City Promotions at 396-5131.

He's . . .

A few bombs short of a full load.  
A few bricks short of a wall.  
A few planes short of an Air Force.  
A few revisions behind.

### Community Meetings

The Sixes Grange #856 will hold its monthly business meeting on Thursday, May 23pm, at the Grange Hall next to Sixes Store. No pot-luck is planned.

The Port Orford Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, May 27, noon, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

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### Senior News By Mary Yoder

First I'd like to say thank you to the Sea Breeze Florist. Wasn't that a nice arrangement of flowers they gave the center for our Mother for Mothers Day - really special.

Here is a reminder - from now on there will be just one pool game nite - Thursday from 7 till 9.

Saturday, May 25 is the luncheon at 11:30. The rummage sale will be held from 8 to 1:30 and the dance at night from 7:30 to 10:30pm with lunch at the break about 9pm. If you don't dance come eat. The band will be Memphis - know you will enjoy them.

Better say now - our annual meeting will be May 29. It's also the membership meeting at 11am. Then Port and Star-

board for pizza at 12 noon, and there is always a special dessert.

You know we have volunteers who take care of the office, answer the phone, greet the people, answer questions really dedicated people - here are a few - B.J. Heinauer, Harold Trimbal, Helen Simonini, Nadine Vile, Marie Barrington, Lucille Douglas, Pauline Linox, Gloren Godfrey. This isn't all of them will have more next time. Now, next comes June - I mean the month of June. The birthday party will be held June 2 - just around the corner. All are welcome birthday or not. Ice cream and cake for every one.

Monday night was pinochle. High for men E. David Klein. Low Micky Harper. Ladies High Vinita Marstall. Low Judy Peacock Klein. A good time was had by all.

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Many fantastic values will be available including a used book exchange, buy 1, get one free, 25¢ cotton candy, and free door prizes.

Driftwood is located on Highway 101 at 12th Street (across from the Chevron station and the Wooden Nickel.) The best thing you can do for a child is to instill a love of reading. Here's help.

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We've talked a lot in the past about power protection. Don't forget to protect your modem. This recent storm saw some sad folks!

With summer coming on, be sure your computer has good ventilation. If the room temperature gets over 90 degrees, it's a good idea to think about turning the computer off.

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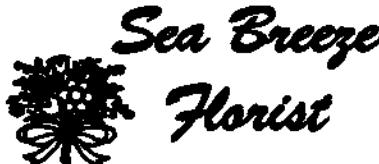
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Water, Water Everywhere - Not!!!  
By Donna Hoffman, Master Gardener

We've just returned from New Mexico where we helped my brother purchase property. We saw strange-looking plants with weird names like creosote bush, jumping cactus, salt brush and tamarisk trees. It's a ruggedly beautiful place - mountains, mesas, buttes and arroyos - high desert country. And almost no water! Annual rainfall is 7" where we were, just west of Albuquerque. (Elevation is around 6,000 feet and growing season is 3 months if they're lucky!) My brother considers himself very fortunate - he purchased property that had deeded water rights. Some people had drilled for wells, 3 and 4 times with no success. Made me very aware of my water usage and practices.

While we're speaking of water and related issues, the Master Gardeners will be coming involved with a new program which was announced during the President's State of the Union Address. The program is called HOME\*A\*SYST. It's to help people with their well water and septic systems. How it works, I'll have to let you know shortly. Siggi and I, with a couple of other Master Gardeners, will be attending an O.S.U. workshop next month. One of the simplest things you can do right now, is install a backflow device on your hose bibs. A true story related to us during one of our Master Gardener courses told how a man had hooked one of those canisters to his hose,



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for weed and feeding and sprayed his lawn. His wife inside the house was refilling the fish tank. Within 3 days, all the fish were dead. They didn't have a backflow device and the water from the hose was able to siphon back into the house's water system. Think about that, the next time you get a drink of water. Stay tuned - the program should prove interesting and informative, even if you don't have well-water or septic.

During the Volkswalk, the Sunset Garden Club will be selling plants, birdhouses, gardening gloves, etc. They will be there all 3 days. The Master Gardeners will have a plant clinic set up next to them, to answer questions about your plants, gardens, etc., except we'll be there Saturday and Sunday only, from 8am till noon. Stop by and see us and the Sunset Garden Club at the Community Building/American Legion Hall, May 25, 26 and 27.

Update: Regarding the use of Subdue for phytophthora ilicis (holly leaf and twig blight), I recently found out that it only comes in 1 gallon size and the cost is \$100+. That would be all right if you could split the cost with neighbors and friends, otherwise check with your nurs-

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If you can't make it to see us at the Volkswalk, you can still call us on Wednesdays, 9am till noon, 1-800-356-3986. Good growing.

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## Storyteller By Tobe Porter

Master Storyteller Hornjak will perform at Blanco Middle School on Friday the 24 at 10:15am and at Driftwood Elementary School at 2pm. Principals Phil Sword and Harry Shipman welcome community pre-schoolers and home schoolers to these two shows especially designed for children.

Hornjak will be at the Port Orford Community Center at 7:30pm on Saturday, May 25. Admission is \$5/adults and free to high school students.

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### Letter To The Editor

I have received several telephone calls and have been stopped on the street by people protesting the cancellation of the May 13, 1996 City Council meeting. I would like to offer a public apology for not requiring documentation from the City manager when she announced that a quorum of the council was not present.

The Council was told by the City Manager that although 4 council members were present, when councilman George Kennedy assumed his role as President of the Council, he would have to give up his role as councilmen for the duration of the meeting. This would leave only 3 councilmen at the meeting which is not enough to make up a quorum.

At home after the meeting, I consulted the City Ordinances. Chapter IV of the City Charter Section 17 reads in part, "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." It seems that a quorum of 4 council members were present and that a meeting could have been held as scheduled.

My apologies to the citizens in attendance and especially to those who brought petitions requiring city action.

Councilman Robert Warring  
Port Orford

### Roaring Sea Open House

Everyone is invited to enjoy the featured artists and musicians at the Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Open House at Roaring Sea Arts, 41687 Highway 101 South, Port Orford, from 2:00 to 5:00, May 26.

Featured this month will be silk art and portraits by Carol Adams of Bandon, who will provide some art-in-action by sketching portraits of anyone willing to be sketched! Lloyd Etters of Bandon, whose monumental acrylics on wood have amazed us before; and Dave and Shirley Sorensen of Neahka Beach, both of whom are weavers.

Informal music performances will be presented as usual by the Kammeroque Ensemble at 2:15, 3:15 and 4:15.

Come share the entertainment, refreshments, and snacks - which are as usual, pot-luck. It's always fun, and always more fun with more people. If you have questions, call Donna at 332-4444.

### NCFCC

The North Curry Family and Children's Center will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 6pm in the Port Orford City Council Chambers. The public is welcome and encouraged to come and participate. New developments on the Youth Center in Port Orford will be discussed among other items. If you have questions or comments call Tere Tronson at NCFCC at 332-1042.

## Election Results Continued from Page 1

Incumbent Curry County Commissioners Terry Hanscam and Rocky McVay were swept from office. Both failed to get the nod from voters in their political parties. Hanscam was defeated by challenger Lloyd Olds by a 2 - 1 margin while McVay was defeated by challenger Bill Roberts but more narrowly. Roberts won by a 51 - 45% margin.

On the local scene local candidates played to mixed results. Candidate for state legislature and Port Orford city councilor Martha Weaver-Britell won the Democratic primary with 56% of the vote in a race against Steve Beyerlin. Curry County Commissioner candidate for position #3 and Port Orford watershed chairman David Wilken was defeated by Cheryl Thorp. Democratic incumbent State Senate candidate Brenda Brecke beat challenger Doug Inman by 3 - 1 margin.

The top two vote getters in the race for

Curry County District Attorney were Patrick Foley and John Spicer. Incumbent district attorney Kim Olin failed to make it into the finals. Foley and Spicer will square off in the November election.

Incumbent county assessor Jim Kolen with nearly 70% of the vote easily turned back a challenge from Floyd James.

Voters in Langlois approved an increase in the tax base of their fire department with over 70% of the voters saying yes. Brookings voters turned down an increase in their city tax base.

Measure 24 was defeated by the voters statewide who decided they didn't want to make any changes to the way initiatives qualify for the ballot. Voters passed Measure 23 and Measure 25.

As of press time:

**Curry Tax Base Increase:** Yes=1,805, No=4,995.

**Commissioners:** Hanscam=972 vs Olds=1,966; Wilken=992 vs Thorp

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=1,746; Roberts=1,634 vs McVay=1,461.

**Curry Co. DA:** Foley=2,301 vs Spicer=2,343 vs Olin=1,985.

**Assessor:** James=2,010 vs Kolen=4,606

**Langlois RFD Tax Base:** Y=115, No=46

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