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### Police Levy Back on Ballot Auborn Replaces Roorbach By Evan Kramer

Two very important things came out of the Thursday, February 20, Port Orford City Council meeting. A measure will be placed on the May 19 Special Districts Election for a local option tax levy to pay for a police department and Mayor John Roorbach is stepping aside temporarily as Mayor and has named Jim Auburn as the Mayor Pro Tem.

The meeting began with citizen's concerns with Wayne Lanin addressing the council. In John Roorbach's absence council president John Hewitt ran the meeting. Lanin told the council he felt the upcoming police levy would not pass. He referred to the economy being in the tank and reminded them of all the infighting which had gone on in the council last year. Lanin said he had never voted for a tax increase other than the previous police levy. He said when the new one fails three of the councilors could accept a large part of the blame. (The three that were on the council last year) Jack Marohl told the council they needed to make it clear the police levy was not an increase in taxes but a "continuation". We have been paying for a police levy in Port Orford for nine years. He told the council they needed to make

it clear the levy was not an "increase" in taxes. Chane Fullmer proposed the council have a one person police department with an administrator at a cost of \$120,000 and with no levy. He also advised the council they set up an oversight committee and review board for the police department.

Public Works Superintendent Allan Wagner reported on the massive water leak on Tuesday, February 19. It was discovered at around 2:00pm at Jackson and Twentieth Streets and involved a 20 foot long linear split in an eight inch water distribution line. It involved a great water loss until the isolation valves could be turned on and the water loss stopped. The city public works crew worked until 1:00am repairing the damaged line which was spewing water out at the rate of 1,500 gallons a minute. Wagner estimated the total water loss at 330,000 gallons and that some 200 people were without water at some point while the line was being repaired.

The council by a 6-0 vote approved a motion by Councilor David Smith rescinding Resolution 2005-20 which had made the police chief an officer of the city and to be supervised by the Mayor and council. The next police chief will report to the City Administrator rather than the council.

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The council then discussed the various options for holding an election for the purpose of approving a local option tax levy for funding a police department. They were presented with six options including amounts of \$1.21; \$1.31, and \$1.41 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation and for either a four or five year period of time. Councilor Caroline Clancy spoke in favor the \$1.21 figure and said the \$1.41 was too much money. Councilor Scott Luhr spoke in favor of \$1.31 as a way of showing austerity by the council. He said people were happy with our two policemen. Luhr later added that the former council didn't make it clear that the ballot proposition last year wasn't a new tax. He said people need to pass the new levy if they want some level of protection.

The council came to an almost consensus on going for a levy of \$1.31 for five years and on a motion by Scott Luhr voted to approve Resolution 2009-09 calling for an election within the city for the purpose of approving a local option tax levy for five years and it passed with Caroline Clancy voting no; sticking to her guns on the \$1.21 rate. City taxpayers have been paying for a local option levy for a police department for the past nine years at the rate of \$1.41 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation so it

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H1228 7.0	H1311 6.6	H1358 6.2	H1453 5.7	H1559 5.2	H1724 4.8	H1859 4.9	H2018 5.2
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is not a tax increase they will be voting on in May.

Councilor Luhr offered a motion to improve a management agreement with the Port Orford Rotary Club to manage the Community Building and it passed 5-0 with David Smith abstaining. The Port Orford Arts Council has managed it the past five years but recently relinquished the management of the building to the city. During their tenure as manager the Arts Council has made many improvements to the building from adding a sound system, lighting system, paint, drywall, curtains, padded chairs and lightweight display tables and more. Thank you for your efforts!

Council president John Hewitt read a letter from Mayor John Roorbach (see entire text elsewhere in this paper). Roorbach is taking a temporary leave of absence due to personal health reasons and in his letter named former Mayor Jim Auburn as the acting mayor. Councilor Luhr made a motion to ratify Mayor Ro-

orbach's choice of Jim Auburn as acting mayor and it passed unanimously.

Councilor Luhr addressed the council about wanting to see the water system replacement be brought up regularly at council meetings. It will be included in the city administrator's monthly report.

**Police Report**

2/6/09 Police were called to a local business in regard to an assault. Victim and suspect were gone upon arrival. Victim was later located and refused to press charges.

2/7/09 Police were contacted to assist a disturbed person on the dock. Person was transported home.

2/8/09 Police responded to a single vehicle accident on China Mountain—no injuries.

Police responded to a dog complaint. Dog housed at Curry County Animal Shelter.

2/9/09 Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at Madrona St. and Hwy

101. One person was transported to hospital for observation.

2/10/09 Police and Ambulance responded to a local business for an adult with unknown injury. It was later determined to be an assault. Anyone with information on an assault is asked to call the police department.

Report of possible identity theft. Victim called company to stop credit cards.

A male subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant, transported to Curry County Jail and lodged.

2/11/09 Police received a report of a stolen credit card.

2/12/09 Police contacted a female subject disturbing neighbors. Upon contact, subject didn't know her name, age, or residence location. Subject transported to Curry General Hospital for mental evaluation.

2/14/09 Police took a theft report from a local business. Case is under investigation.



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A driver was cited for driving while suspended.

2/17/09 Jackson Street was closed due to a water main break. Officers assisted with securing the area and keeping it secure.

2/19/09 Police received a report of an assault on 9th street. Parties contacted. One subject cited for Assault IV.

2/20/09 Police received a report of a burglary at a residence on 19th Street. Police officers responded along with two of our Reserve Officers. They processed the scene and gathered evidence, etc. After processing the scene, they developed suspect information. After further investigation, two 16 year old female juveniles were arrested and charged with Burglary II, and Criminal Trespass I. In addition, an 18 year old male adult was charged with Criminal Trespass I, having been an accomplice (driving the get away car). All stolen property was recovered. This case was assisted by a good neighborhood witness with just the right bit of information. Please be good neighbors, and report ANYTHING sus-



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picious. Help your local police catch these folks. This was a great example of good solid police work, along with great team work between the full time officers, and the reserve officers, and the public. Let's keep up the good work!!

Traffic Enforcement efforts resulted in 27 citations issued for excessive speed, with 24 warnings also being issued for speed. There were 3 citations issued for seatbelt violations, and 21 warnings given for the same reason. 6 warnings were also issued for various crosswalk violations, and 20 warnings for miscellaneous equipment violations.

We have two speeders of the two weeks!! One speeder was in a hurry to get back home to California, and was cited for 53 mph in a 30 mph zone at 11:40 am. Perhaps this driver did not want the officer to notice that they also had expired vehicle license tags.

The second speeder of the two weeks was for 47 mph in a 20 mph school zone, with lights flashing. This driver stated that they didn't realize they were in a town. It was raining at the time, with wet pavement.

We have noticed several notable school zone violations. Dishonorable mention for 38, 35, and 36 miles an hour in a 20 mph school zone, all of whom chose to speed on Feb. 18.

Please exercise caution on our highway, especially near the school!! Excessive speed increases stopping distance dramatically. Wet pavement also increases stopping distances. Please be alert, and obey the flashing school zone lights!

### Skate Park Ribbon Cutting

On Friday Feb. 27th at 10am there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Port Orford Skate Park (also known as "America's First Cradle"). The crew and lots of volunteers have worked hard this last two weeks to put the final touches and the deck together to finish the Phase II portion our skate park. The public is invited to attend this event as a tribute to all those who have worked, donated and supported this project. This project was made possible by our generous community through donations of dollars, materials and all volunteer labor. What an awesome community to go with our awesome skate park!

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## Still in the Building By Evan Kramer

As long as there are people like Dan Bighaus performing their impressions of Elvis, he will never leave the building. Last Sunday night the couple from Pahrum, Nevada, Dan (Elvis) and Venita Frederick put on quite the show at the Community Building. Those in attendance were first entertained by Port Orford musicians Steve Montana and Ted Owen doing a host of classic songs from That'll Be the Day to San Antonio Rose. Just to keep things exciting Ginelle Weber accompanied Montana and Owens as she did her various hoola hoop dances in front of the stage. It was a great crowd pleaser and a star was born.

This story began innocently enough three months ago when Dan and Venita were traveling north on 101 to Rainer, Oregon. They stopped on Eighth Street to look at the mural on the side of the Savoy Theater. I looked out the front window of the store at the right time and spotted their Elvis RV mobile and couldn't get over there fast enough. We hit it off and it all turned into friendships and a show in Port Orford – all because of the mural on the side of the theater.

At intermission people were in for a real treat as Brenda Dell had baked four cakes for people to eat including a pound cake made from the same recipe as Elvis' beloved mother Gladys made for him on his birthdays and which was

Elvis favorite cake. Brenda also baked a cake and decorated it with the likeness of the King!

Next up after intermission was Venita Frederick who sang two songs and did a dance number before yielding the stage to Dan as Elvis. He entered the building to the music from 2001 A Space Odyssey. He treated the crowd to ten Elvis songs with emphasis on the slower more emotional numbers; rather than the early rockabilly style Elvis. Despite a few technical glitches things went off well and the spirit of Elvis was well represented in Port Orford. Dan and Venita ended their show with a dramatic fire dance which started in one corner of the building and worked its way throughout the seating area.

Many people made this a special evening that worked out well. Special thanks to John Rask from Theater 101 for spend-

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ing a couple of hours on Sunday afternoon installing the gel cells in the light bank facing the stage. This made for a big improvement in the lighting. Thanks to Carol Malley who was in charge of decorations; can I say it "artistic director", while Malcolm Young manned the box office and helped clean up the Community Building at the end of the show with help from Larry Dell and several others. Thanks Valerie Kramer for designing and typesetting the poster and tickets! Thanks to Port Orford for supporting this event and who knows what is next in line for entertainment.

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## Letter to the Editor

It is my difficult task to inform you that I must take a leave of absence from my position as your mayor due to personal health issues. I would only ask that you respect my privacy concerning this matter as this was not an easy decision, but I feel this is best for the community and for me at this time.

Our City Charter provides that under these circumstances I may appoint a mayor pro tem. I have consulted with former mayor, Jim Auburn, City Councilors, and our City Administrator, Mike Murphy. Jim has graciously agreed to fill the position. His appointment as mayor pro tem will begin immediately, Thursday February 19, 2009 and come before the City Council for ratification at this or the next Regular Session of the City Council.

Our new City Council has begun the process of rebuilding our police department and is developing a public statement of support for the necessity of the upcoming police levy. There may be a town hall meeting and even a pancake breakfast supporting this effort. This




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will be very important for our City, for many reasons, make no mistake about it.

Recently we have filled a number of vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission and the Budget Committee. The City Main Street Program is in the works and moving forward. In the past two weeks our City crews found two big leaks in our water lines along Jackson Street.

The first was discharging a million plus gallons of water per month. We don't yet know the amount of the water loss from the second leak, but it was also substantial. We'll know exactly when we get the figures. The point is, our City is moving on and forward and we very much appreciate everyone's support.

My leave of absence is disappointing for me and I've had to evaluate some difficult things to make this decision, but now it's time for me to step aside.

Thank you,

John Roorbach

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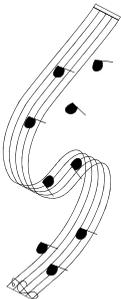
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Robert Shattuck and Jim Laskaris

**Acting Mayor Statement**

It is unfortunate that our newly elected mayor, John Roorbach, has to take a leave of absence due to personal health issues. Similar issues led to my own decision not to run for a second term as mayor. I respect his situation and pray for his speedy return. I've been fortunate in that my health has not deteriorated as rapidly as expected, and that I now expect to be limited only for a few weeks sometime within the next year or so. Thus, I was able to accept his temporary appointment as mayor *pro tem* that was confirmed by our new City Council at the end of their last meeting. I was sworn-in by our City Recorder after that meeting and have now assumed the position.

I will do my best to serve the citizens of the City of Port Orford in this temporary position until John Roorbach returns. Our new City Council is in place and functioning well. I look forward toward openly and transparently working with them. I don't expect to be required as mayor to break many tie votes. Their deliberations regarding the police levy at the last meeting were conducted openly and with respect for differing opinions.

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When I was in the audience, I was encouraged watching them in action. Their final decision was to place the levy on the May 19 ballot at a reduced rate of \$1.31/\$1000 of assessed valuation vs. \$1.41/\$1000 of the existing levy that failed renewal last November. This tax decrease will necessitate some cost cutting in the department budget but should still provide us with adequate police protection for the next 5 years. The de-

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tails will have to be worked out during the budget committee meetings in May. I'm proud to join the City Council in enthusiastically supporting the new police levy and will work hard with them to promote it to the electorate.

I look forward toward working with our City Council, city staff, special districts, other government organizations, volunteers, and concerned citizens in meeting these challenges and taking advantage of these opportunities both in this interim position as mayor *pro tem* and as an ordinary citizen after John Roorbach returns.

Jim Auburn

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Brent died peacefully and unexpectedly in his sleep this February in his hometown of Pleasanton, California. He was 58. A small ceremony was held in Pleasanton after his cremation. He is survived by his mom, Mary Lou Wilcox and her companion Dutch, sister Gayle and brother-in-law Frank, all of Port Orford. He has a sister, Jan, living in Upstate New York. His father George/Jack preceded him in death. He also leaves a remarkable number of friends; many from early school years.

Brent went back to school in his 50s and received his Masters degree in June 2008. He was pursuing his passion for knowledge as he worked on digs in the Western States.

Brent was also an outstanding musician and landscape designer. He worked for

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Brent's family and friends will honor his life in July by continuing his tradition of the "July Birthday Party" in Pleasanton. His friends are establishing a scholarship fund in his name at his high school, Amador Valley High in Pleasanton. For more information, please phone his sister Gayle at 332-0445.

### Letter to the Editor,

I want to congratulate the city council, specially our new councilors, for acting responsible and thoughtful by voting not only "yes" to the continuance of police funding but they also proposed to save the taxpayer significant moneys.

On a \$ 200,000 home, the savings will amount to \$ 20.-, a respectable sum in today's economy. It is unfortunate that our new mayor is still not able to lead the council at open meetings. Councilor Hewitt is to be commended for trying to fill a mayor's shoes but still lacks understanding of the Oregon Public Meeting Law. I hope that his appearing arrogant

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can be explained with insecurity while faced with having to lead the meeting.

He did not know that the public is entitled to add their two cents at the end of discussions and therefore tried to ignore pertinent requests until reminded of the stipulations. Interrupting and cutting in on "citizens concerns" is also not called for and is unacceptable. In the meantime I wish the new mayor all the best in his personal and public endeavors hoping to see him in action soon.

Jack Marohl



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## Pampered Pooches

will be CLOSED Mar 1-24  
Reopens March 25th  
332-0520 For Appointment

### Classified Ads

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**NO TIME FOR EXERCISE?** With the complete, short & sweet 26 minute circuit at Bandon Fitness with 24/7 access, there's really no excuse! Well worth the drive. 347-3522.

**LICENSED/BONDED LOCAL** Contractor, remodels or new construction, proposed pricing or hourly rate, contact Anthony Houck (541) 260-8911 CCB# 138822.

### GARAGE SALE

**PROJECT GRADUATION** is collecting good clean useable items—no clothes, for our upcoming yard sale. Donations can be dropped off Feb. 28 from 9:00am – 1:00pm at Driftwood School. For more info call 332-4503.

**SIGN UP NOW** for table reservations at Team Jubilee's Swap Meet. For details call Wendy at 332-9082.

**PROJECT GRADUATION** Yard Sale Saturday, March 7th 9am – 3pm at Driftwood School.

**SIXES GRANGE MARKET PLACE** open this Thurs, Fri, Sat. 11am to 4pm. Beads, crafts, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, incense, good used items. Something for everybody.

**SALE AT 190 SIXTH ST.** Furniture, computer & good stuff. Sat. Feb. 28th 9am to 3pm.

### MISCELLANEOUS

**MINI STORAGE/U-HAUL.** 200+ storage units, 150+ climate controlled. Airport-U-Stor, across from Ocean Spray 347-4356.

**NEEDSPACE** for XL garden. Will trade produce.

**Java John's**  
**ESPRESSO**  
Coffee • Tea • Snacks  
At Battlerock Park

**100 & 250MIN PHONE CARDS** are now in stock at the Downtown Fun Zone! \$5.50 & \$12.50 respectively..

**NEWVIDEOS:** "What Just Happened", "The Haunting of Molly Hartley", "Freezer Burn", "Sexdrive Unrated", "The Librarian: The Curse of the Judas Chalice", "Futurama: Into the Wild Green Yonder", "Soul Men", "Religulous". Please remember all items are due back by 3:30pm the next business day. Reservations must be prepaid so cannot be taken over the phone. Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. Open 9:30-5:30 Mon-Thurs and 9:30-6:30 Friday and Saturday. Closed Sundays.

**CD / DVD / GAME WON'T PLAY?** Don't throw it out! Fix it! Downtown Fun Zone, Inc. now offers disc cleaning/repair services. (single sided) \$3.00 for basic cleaning, \$5.00 for deep scratches. See store for details.

**TRAVEL SPANISH TUESDAYS** in Port Orford. Learn speaking skills and travel techniques. 8 week course includes 20 hours and materials. \$200. 253-6420. [www.experienceyucatan.com](http://www.experienceyucatan.com).

**NEW AT THE GRANGE:** Sixes River Market Place thrift store mini-mall now open Thurs – Sat. 11:00 – 4:00. Featuring handcrafts, collectibles & household goods. Also, Bingo Wed. nights 6 – 9.

**WANTED TO BUY:** 1 or 2 old anvils. Call Tom 332-2300.

**FORSALE** - 2 beautiful antique armoires / wardrobes. Cherry & Maple. \$250.00 each. Call 541-643-5955.

**IGUANNA WITH AQUARIUM** and supplies \$50.00. (541) 253-7590.

**WANTED TO BUY:** Stationary exercise bicycle. Nothing fancy, just good working condition. Phone 253-6198.

## The Powder House

Vacation Rental  
343 9th St. 541-332-5039  
Great in-town location  
Bright & cheerful - 3 blocks to beach  
Specialize in Hiking Information



**40' PARK MODEL** Travel Trailer. Very nice, new floors. Never leaked and loaded with appliances and 52"HD TV \$11,000 obo. Delivery and setup. 253-7590.

**4 – WILD COUNTRY RADIALS** R.V.T/235-75-15-90% mounted on 5 hold Chev. aluminum wheels. Like new \$200.00 o.b.o. 332-4500.

**PORT ORFORD COMMUNITY** Ambulance is in need of file cabinets. If you have one for donation or inexpensive, please call 332-0384.

**WANTED: A FEW GOOD MEN!** Come learn to dance. Mondays 6:30-8:00pm Beachcombers Cove. For more info (541) 447-1753.

### Senior Center News

Last week the Senior Center asked to hear from the community about how we can better use our great facility and, so far, we haven't heard from anyone. We would hate to know that you don't care. Please give us your suggestions and opinions anonymously, writing or calling the Senior Center at PO Box 726, 332-3771.

Don't forget to mark you calendar for the Senior Center's St. Patrick's Day corn beef and cabbage community dinner on March 12, from 5:00-6:30pm. Donation is \$6.50 for adults and children \$3.50. We do hope to see you there.

## THE WOODEN NICKEL

Myrtlewood factory and gift shop. Unique wooden products plus souvenirs, T-shirts, jams, salt water taffy. FREE factory tours.

[www.oregonmyrtlewood.com](http://www.oregonmyrtlewood.com)  
1205 Oregon St. (541) 332-5201

## Schools Will Be Consolidated

The Port Orford-Langlois School District Board of Directors, at their February 9 school board meeting, reviewed the recommendations from the Facility Advisory Use Team (FUAT). After a review of public input through meetings, presentations, and surveys, and also a thorough analysis of education advantages, financial impact, and population demographics related to enrollment projections, is the consensus of the 2CJ Facility Use Advisory Team that we respectfully offer the following recommendation to the Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ Board of Directors:

We recommend that the two K/8 schools be consolidated to one site. At this time, Driftwood school is the only facility with a cafeteria and enough classrooms to house the students. We further recommend that the Driftwood School infrastructure be improved to provide the highest quality learning environment for our students.

We see these necessary changes in facility use not only as a responsible fiscal action, but also, a unique opportunity to bring the Langlois and Port Orford communities closer through our children.

2CJ Board members John Jensen moved and Roger Rieber seconded to consolidate to a single school site at Driftwood beginning in the 2009-10 school year. The motion passed unanimously and the change will take place within six months.

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## Golf Tournament

The Pacific High School Project Graduation is holding a benefit golf tournament at the Bandon Crossing Golf Course on Sunday, March 15, beginning at 10:00am. The entry fee is \$75 per person with lunch and awards to following the play. Mulligans are \$5 each or five for \$20.00.

## Common Good News

The Common Good is in need of several items for our "Pantry Closet". Basically, warm everything. We need blankets, comforters, coats, socks, and more socks! As for food, we can use anything that will warm a cold tummy, breakfast, lunch or dinner. How about some popcorn? A warm cup of cocoa, tea, or coffee will also do. We value your donations, big or small. Please, watch those expiration dates, though.

Throughout the year we have many sponsors. When they have a "Good Thing" we like to help out. One of our best is the Port Orford Senior Center. They are having a very reasonable fund raiser on March 12 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. It is a Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for kids. Your attendance will be appreciated.

The Common Good, Inc. is a non profit, completely volunteer managed, Community Supported, equal opportunity provider. Come and visit us. We are ready to sign up Dependable Helpers anytime.

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## Rhymes and Rhythms

Rhymes and Rhythms, open mike without a mike, is a Port Orford Arts Council program, beginning 7 p.m., March 5 at Theatre 101, 1320 Oregon St., and continuing first Thursdays of every month.

Whether you are a Mary Oliver or Robert Frost fan, or if e.e. cummings or Alan Ginsberg is more your poetic taste, you are welcome to read at Rhymes and Rhythms. Read your own verses or your favorite authors.

Readers will alternate with acoustic musicians, who may entertain with tunes in most any style, solo or in ensemble. Just plain listeners are most cordially invited. There is no event charge.

Siren coffee and chocolate shop will be open for refreshments during the programs. For further information contact Weld Champneys, 332-8882. The public is welcome to come each month and discover the extraordinary creative spirit of Port Orford.

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## Valley Flora on NCC Radio

North Curry Community Radio is still waiting to hear back from the FCC about its license application. To keep excited about the possibility of local radio, check out a new sound piece at our website ([www.nccradio.org](http://www.nccradio.org)) about three local women farmers: Betsy Harrison and Abby and Zoe Bradbury. This is the first sound piece by Ann Vileisis, local author of the book, Kitchen Literacy, which encourages shoppers to support local farmers and sustainable agriculture. Betsy, Abby and Zoe's Floras Creek farm will be offering a new harvest basket CSA program this year. Sign ups are happening now to receive weekly baskets of fresh, local produce for 26 weeks through summer and fall. To learn more, visit the Valley Flora Farm website ([www.valleyflorafarm.com](http://www.valleyflorafarm.com)).

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## Fun for All

In these tougher economic times, it's good to have something to do with our family or community that is inexpensive, wholesome and good for our bodies. The Beachcombers has started square dance lessons and next Monday is the last chance to join this session. We already have several families enrolled, so whether you are a family, a couple, or a single, come join us next Monday at 6:30 - 8:00 at the Beachcomber's Cove, north of Port Orford, on Nicholson Dr. We promise a laugh and guarantee a smile. For info, call Malcolm at 332-8003.