

IBEW's Barnes to kick up his heels at fundraiser for Fort Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Ed Barnes, a retired business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48, will be one of seven local residents taking to the stage Sept. 15 to show off their best dance moves at a "Dancing with the Local Stars" fundraiser for the Fort Vancouver National Trust.

Barnes, 78, has committed to raise \$5,000. He said he has a challenge to bring in more money than dance competitor Ryan Hart. Hart is district director for Congresswoman Jamie Herrera Beutler (R-Wash.).

Each dancer has been paired with an Arthur Murray dance instructor and is receiving professional dance lessons. While the competitors' dances will be judged by the audience on the evening of the event, it is the dancer who raises the most money who is declared the winner. The community is encouraged to "vote" with their dollars for their favorite dancer.

Barnes has been learning the foxtrot and will dance to the tune, Minnie the Moocher. When introduced to perform, he will be chauffeured in by Local 48 Business Manager Clif Davis driving the local's Chevy Volt electric car.

Barnes is accepting donations, and will have a booth set up at the Northwest Oregon Labor Council's Labor

Day picnic at Oaks Park. Any contribution amount is welcome.

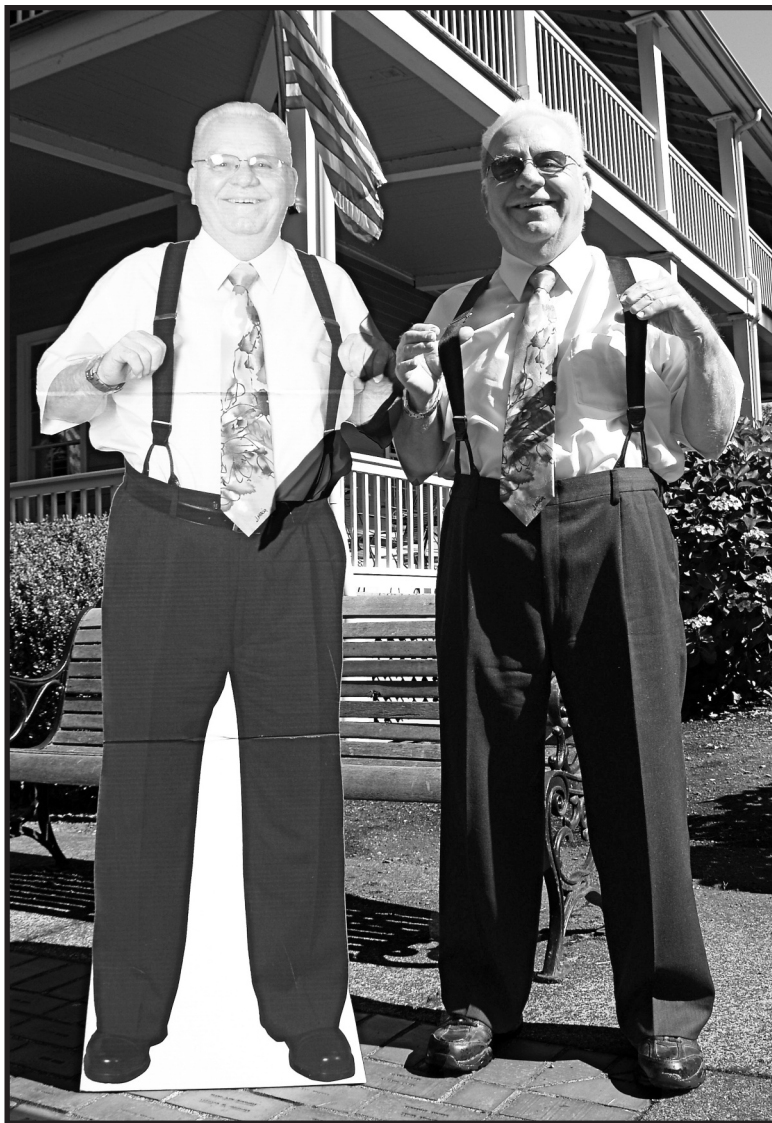
Donations also are accepted online at www.fortvan.org/dancers, by mailing a check to the Trust at General O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson St., Vancouver, Wash., 98661, or by donating at the event.

To attend, tickets are \$50 and include dinner, a no-host bar, and open seating. Reserved tables for eight cost \$500, VIP Tables for eight are \$1,000, and Sponsor Tables for 10 are \$2,500. Capacity is 450, and usually sells out.

Tickets are available for purchase online at www.fortvan.org/stars.

The event will be held at Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. Fifth Street, Vancouver. Doors open at 5 p.m. The dance competition begins at 6 p.m., followed by live entertainment and dancing until 10 p.m.

PHOTO RIGHT: Look for the cardboard cutout of Ed Barnes, or Ed Barnes himself, at the Labor Day picnic at Oaks Park. He will be soliciting donations for the "Dancing with the Local Stars" fundraiser for Fort Vancouver National Trust. The trust was established in 1998 as a private non-profit to enhance and operate Fort Vancouver National Site.



Portion of Kalama grain terminal expansion will be built union

KALAMA, Wash. — Union officials are reporting that Temco has awarded a \$50 million grain silo expansion project at the Port of Kalama to general contractor Borton LC of Kansas. That's good news for union construction workers, because JH Kelly will do 85 percent of the work as a subcontractor. Kelly is signatory with several building trades locals in Washington and Oregon.

Temco is a joint venture owned by Minnesota-based cooperative CHS Inc. and Cargill. Cargill is one of the world's largest private companies, and CHS is the largest U.S. farmer-owned cooperative. Temco also operates grain export terminals in Tacoma and Portland.

The Kalama job calls for eight to 12 new grain storage silos, new rail lines, and new conveyor belts. Temco acquired the land under a long-term lease agreement with the Port of Kalama.

In June, members of the Longview-Kelso Building and Construction Trades Council held a "hire local" rally at the Port to encourage Temco to build union. They said the project will create 100 or more union jobs in the community for more than a year.

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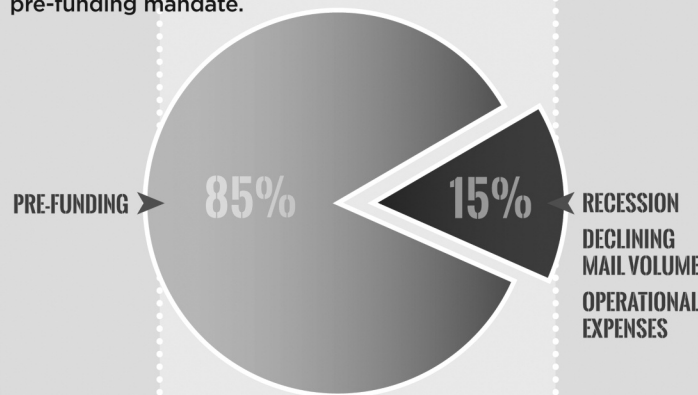
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554 million

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40 percent

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U.S. Germany Japan Great Britain France Brazil

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