

Banks: 27 year history of fundraising for community and schools

Banks Community Auction, first organized in 1973, started out simply enough: It was started by parents to raise funds for a foreign exchange program.

Since then, the auction has grown in popularity and is now the community's biggest—and most entertaining—fund raiser. Now the coordinated efforts of parents, students and other

community members are needed to pull this huge event together.

Proceeds from the silent

library, park and fire district will all benefit from the fund raiser.

In the Banks School District, which has been hit hard by the

tion also helps support other school activities, including choir and drama, and provides many scholarships for graduating seniors.

Among the items up for bid in prior years' auctions have been tickets for various events, including the Oregon Symphony and the Trail Blazers, nursery stock, local produce, fly fishing trips, restaurant certificates, office supplies, fuel, portraits, furniture and much, much more. This year's event promises another exciting selection for auction goers.

Volunteers have worked for many weeks to acquire items for the day-long garage sale, too. It will start at 9:00 a.m. and continue until auction time.

The silent auction will start at 5:00 p.m. and be followed by the oral auction at 7:00 p.m. You needn't miss your dinner, either. A barbecued chicken dinner, with potato salad, baked beans, roll and pop, will be served from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. for \$5.00 per person. Proceeds from the dinner will help support Grad Nite activities.

All activities will be at Banks High School on Saturday, April 29th.

Plant and book sale on schedule

The annual Plant & Book Sale of the Friends of the Banks Public Library will be held Saturday, April 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Among the offerings will be rhododendrons, dwarf conifers, perennials, evergreen and deciduous azaleas, as well as

bedding plants. Also for sale will be some gardening books donated by Timber Press, used books, and used videos.

The Banks Public Library is located at 111 Market Street. For more information, call 324-1382.

Proposed budget gets approval

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ings and statewide categorical funding.

Increases in expenditures include \$190,000 for 3.5 additional classroom teachers; \$45,000 for language arts materials; \$35,000 each for technology and for the creation of a deferred maintenance account; and lesser amounts in five other specific categories. The proposed budget also includes a two-percent increase in most other budgeted categories, a four-percent increase

in contractual obligations (salaries and benefits) and a 10-percent increase in transportation.

The proposed budget includes a contingency fund of \$120,000. Use of these funds would require board authorization. The approved budget will go into effect July 1, 2000.

Budget Committee members from the community are Rod Hjelmstad, Tom Duyck, Jayne Peterson, Duane Lundsten and Doug Nordholm.

Auction Before Time Saturday, April 29

Garage Sale 9:00 a.m.
Silent Auction 5:00 p.m.
Oral Auction 7:00 p.m.
Barbecue Chicken Dinner 4:00-8:00 p.m.

**27th Annual
Banks Community Auction
Banks High School
450 S. Main St., Banks**

and live auctions, an all-day garage sale and a barbecued chicken dinner will help many programs. Scholarships, school sports, the public li-

tax cuts of the past few years, all extracurricular sports are "pay-to-play" and there would be no sports program without community support. The auc-

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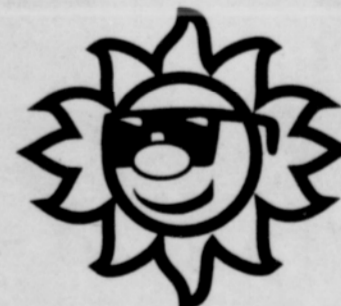
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