

Banks Fire District receives FEMA grant

Banks Fire District has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Banks Fire District will use the funds for personal protective and rescue equipment.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is designed as an opportunity for the United States Congress to work with FEMA to enhance basic fire

service delivery across the United States. Over 5,000 departments will receive \$360 million to support fire protection, EMS delivery, vehicle purchase and prevention programs in 2002.

"The men and women of both volunteer and career fire departments confront new and changing life safety challenges, everyday," according to USFA Administrator, R. David Paulson. "President Bush has provided the USFA an opportunity to take some much needed steps in providing these people the right tools to be able to do their jobs safely and more efficiently. It is our hope this grant assistance program will demonstrate our commitment to improving fire and life safety

across the country, and will provide the necessary incentive for all Americans to join in supporting these brave men and women, as they face the challenges of today."

Over 19,000 fire departments applied for grant awards this year. The request of the Banks Fire District has been through a national peer review process involving over 300 fire service leaders. FEMA is proud to announce the Banks Fire District is a 2002 grant award recipient.

For more information, call Banks Fire District 13 or Tom Olshanski, USFA Grant Information Coordinator, at 202-646-3068. For more information and national fire statistics, visit www.usfa.fema.gov

ShamRock'n Roll at Hillsboro St. Pat's Day Parade

The community is invited to celebrate at the annual Hillsboro St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15! Sponsored by Murphy's Furniture, the community event is a benefit for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland.

The theme of this year's parade is "ShamRock'n Roll." Staging for the parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot across from Hare Field on N.E. Grant Street in Hillsboro. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. Starting from Hare Field, the parade route goes east to Cornell Road, south on Main St., west on Main to 2nd Ave., north on 2nd to Grant St., and east back to Hare Field.

The \$10.00 entry fee benefits the Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland. Entry forms for the parade will be mailed out by February 11 to all previous participants. If you do not receive an entry form within a week, or would like to be in the parade for the first time, entry forms are available at local Hillsboro businesses.

Adding to the festivities, the Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club is developing post-parade activities for children. These past-times will be on the Courthouse lawn.

For additional information, call Murphy's Furniture, 503-640-1124.

Great musical farce "The Mikado" presented by Pacific University

Pacific University's Music and Theater departments present the best loved of all Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, *The Mikado*. Produced by Theatre Professor Edwin Collier and conducted by Professor of Music Scott Tuomi, the production opens on Wednesday, March 12 and continues through Sunday, March 16, in Tom Miles Theatre in Warner Hall on Pacific's campus. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.

The Mikado revolves around Nanki-Poo, who has banished himself from the little town of Titipu. Nanki-Poo has fallen in love with Yum-Yum, who is engaged to be married to her guardian, Ko-Ko. However, when Nanki-Poo hears that Ko-Ko has been condemned to death for the capital crime of flirting, he hastily returns to Titipu, only to learn that Ko-Ko has not only been granted a reprieve, but has been promoted to the post of Lord High Executioner. Those in power, wishing to slow down the rash of executions, reason that since Ko-Ko was next in line for execution, he can't cut off anyone else's head until he cuts off his

own. The Mikado soon takes notice of the lack of executions in Titipu and decrees that if no executions take place within a month, the city will be reduced to the status of a village. Ko-Ko, desperate to avoid cutting off his own head, vows to find a substitute, and at that moment, Nanki-Poo wanders onto the stage with a rope, determined to take his own life rather than live life without his beloved Yum-Yum. Ko-Ko immediately seizes on this opportunity and offers a month of luxurious living at the end of which Nanki-Poo would be decapitated. Nanki-Poo agrees, on the condition that he is married to Yum-Yum right away so that he can spend his last month in wedded bliss. But just as the wedding celebration begins, a law is discovered which decrees that a condemned man's wife must be buried alive with his corpse.

Tickets will be on sale at the door or at the Pacific University Box Office for \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and seniors.

For more information, call the Pacific University Box Office at 503-352-2918.

Rodeo court clinic scheduled

A clinic covering all aspects of preparing for a rodeo queen pageant, including applications, fashions, modeling, interviewing, speeches, impromptu questions, rodeo knowledge, horsemanship and more, will be held Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13, in St. Helens.

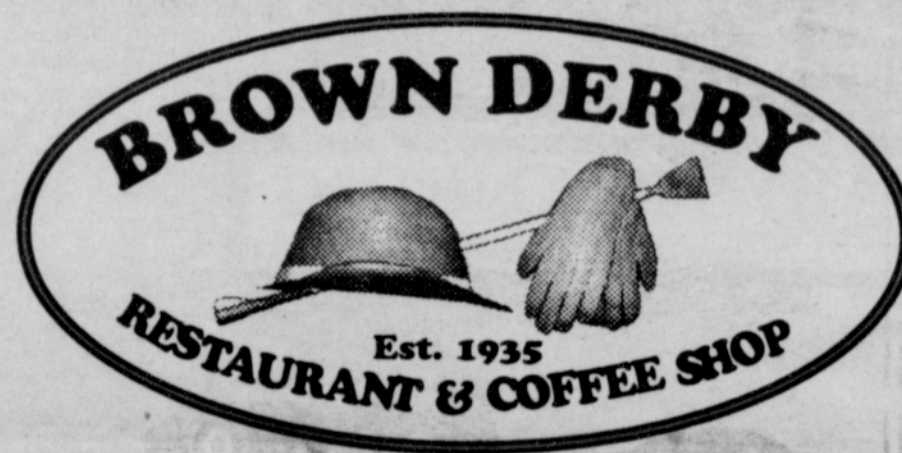
Instructors include past rodeo royalty, queen coordinators, pageant judges, Miss Rodeo Oregon committee members and well-known horse trainer and judge Lance Branum. Class is designed for young ladies from 12 to 24. Early registration is recommended, as space is limited.

Saturday's session will be at Best Western Oak Meadows Inn, 585 S. Columbia River Hwy. Sunday, it will be at Cheney Quarterhorses, 34478 Pittsburgh Rd.

Fees for the clinic are \$125 for both days, with instruction book, meals, makeover and photos; \$75.00, Saturday class only, with instruction book, meals, makeover and photos, \$55. Adult audits are available.

To register, send check by April 1 to Jean McPherson, PO Box 458, Columbia City, 97018. For more information, call 503-366-1945 or 503-369-2775.

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