

Breakfast with Banks Firefighters



This striking bench will be raffled at the Banks Volunteer Firefighters' breakfast.

The much-anticipated breakfast hosted annually by the Banks Volunteer Firefighter Association will be Sunday, March 7, in the Banks High School Cafeteria. The menu will include pancakes, ham or sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee, milk or orange juice. Tickets are \$20.00 per family (maximum 6 members), \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12 years, and \$4.00 for seniors 62 and up. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and

tickets are available at the door. In addition to breakfast, the firefighters will offer free fire engine rides to children, and free blood pressure checks to adults. The raffle item this year is a bench. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. The bench may be seen at the fire station. Tickets may also be purchased there, or at the breakfast. For more information, call Banks Fire District #13 at 503-324-6262.

Valid signatures will force recall election

Petitions with 73 signatures produced the 68 valid signatures needed to institute a recall election of Mayor Robert Orlowski, reported Banks Election Officer Deborah Deegan, who verified the signatures. The petitions were submitted by Becky Gosselin, the chief petitioner for "Citizens of Banks for a More Informed Community." According to the Petition for Recall, one reason given for recalling Orlowski is a "lack of communication to the citizens at large by city officials," which petitioners claim is responsible for insufficient votes to maintain the police department levy.

Orlowski, who wrote the first police levy, five years ago, said that he personally knocked on more than 230 doors to talk with citizens and promote this year's levy. Those who voted were overwhelmingly in favor of renewing the police levy, but not enough voters cast ballots to meet the double majority requirement. In response to the petition's charge that major decisions are made without citizen input, and citizens "are not encouraged to attend City Council meetings," Orlowski pointed out that meetings have always been advertised and are open to all

citizens. Citizens are allowed to speak at council meetings, and many of them utilize the opportunity to do so. Orlowski, who has served as a councilor or mayor for 16 years, said that, under the City Charter, the Council makes decisions and the mayor is responsible for carrying out those decisions. The date of the recall election will be set by the Washington County Elections Office. The cost for the special election will be the responsibility of the City of Banks.

Application time for Historic Preservation grants

The Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is accepting applications for Preserving Oregon grants to support historic preservation rehabilitation projects in rural areas and urban neighborhoods. To qualify, a historic property must be currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places, either individually or as a "contributing property" in a historic district. Applications are due February 27, and approved projects, which must be completed no later than May 1, 2005, can begin May 1, 2004. Complete information on eligibility and a downloadable application form are available at < http://hcd.state.or.us/shpo/services_grants.php>, or by contacting SHPO Grants Coordinator Kimberly Dunn, by e-mail: kimberly.dunn@state.or.us; or by phone 503-986-0670. Proposed projects must meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilita-

tion of Historic Properties. Examples of projects that meet eligibility requirements include roof and gutter repair, foundation work, structural stabilization, weatherization, painting and the replacement of deteriorated historic features. Ineligible projects include remodeling, construction of new additions and projects proposed only for cosmetic purposes. Projects involving commercial or depreciable properties that qualify for federal investment tax credits also are ineligible. The 2003 Oregon Legislative Assembly appropriated \$250,000 in lottery funds to SHPO to fund the grants, which range from \$5,000-\$20,000 and require a 50-50 match. "We have set a \$20,000 limit in order to benefit more properties across the state," said Dunn. According to Dunn, higher priority will be given to public non-profit properties, private (non-commercial) properties and properties offering the

greatest public benefit through visual access and interpretive/educational value. Geographic distribution and historic significance of the property also will also be considered. SHPO will notify recipients by March 31, 2004.

Orchid Show at Fair Complex

 Visitors to the Spring Orchid Show and Sale, March 6 and 7 at the Washington County Fair Complex in Hillsboro, can feast their eyes on hundreds of beautiful orchids. Orchid plants, books and growing supplies will be on sale, along with the works of local artists at "Orchids from the Hands and Hearts of Artisans." A vireya rhododendron show and sale will round out the event. Show hours will be Saturday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sale hours on Saturday will be 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will also be a Repotting Clinic on both Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is an additional charge for this clinic. The Spring Orchid Show and Sale will be in the Main Exhibit Hall of the Washington County Fair Complex at NE 34th and Cornell in Hillsboro. General Admission is \$3.00, with children under 12 free. Parking is also free. For show information, call (503) 280-5455.

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