

## Free SOLV training offered

Volunteer Action Training will be offered by SOLV in Astoria on April 9. Participants should sign up in advance for this popular and effective training workshop. To register, call 800-333-SOLV, or use the SOLV website at <www.solv.org>.

Volunteer Action Training is a free workshop that teaches the skills needed to organize volunteer projects to help Oregon communities. Topics include volunteer recruitment and management, coordinating volunteer projects, fundraising, and media relations.

In exchange for the free training, participants promise to organize a SOLV project in their community, such as park restoration, stream restoration, or litter cleanup.

The training will be Friday, April 9, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Alderbrook Hall in Astoria. Participants will include a broad mix of citizens, businesses, community groups, public agencies, or anyone who wants to organize a volunteer project in their community.

SOLV started Volunteer Action Training in response to requests for help in organizing projects and engaging volunteers in their communities. "Across Oregon, there's a growing hunger to keep Oregon livable," said Neil Schulman, SOLV's Outreach Coordi-

nator. "Oregonians know that in this day and age, we can't sit back and expect our communities to remain places we can be proud of if we don't act. We train people to be volunteer leaders, and that creates a ripple effect that helps every community for years to come."

Volunteer Action Training is funded by The Collins Foundation, the Jeld-Wen Foundation, the PGE Foundation, and U.S. Bank. The City of Astoria is hosting the workshop.

## Earth Day event at Killin Wetland

Killin Wetland in Banks will benefit from the work of volunteers during an Earth Day restoration event sponsored by Tualatin Riverkeepers, on Saturday, April 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Work on the wetland will include planting native trees and shrubs in order to restore habitat for wildlife and water quality. The work site is located in Banks, off Highway 6 at the intersection of Cedar Canyon Road and Killin Road.

The event is supported by SOLV-IT and volunteers may register through either the Tualatin Riverkeepers or SOLV-IT web sites. For further information contact Amie Diffenauer at 503-590-5813, or <amie@tualatinriverkeepers.org>.

## Garcia Center, Pacific combine for health fair

Health professionals, students, educators and a community organization will come together to celebrate National Public Health Week on Saturday, April 10, when Pacific University and the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center sponsor a community health fair from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Echo Shaw Elementary School, 914 S. Linden St. in Cornelius. Free health care

## Banks students exhibit skills in arts and music

Banks High School and Banks Jr. High will host their 14th annual Fine Arts Festival on Wednesday, April 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The festival will feature a large visual arts display, as well as musical performances by students from both schools. These works reflect most of a year's worth of dedication to learning, developing and perfecting skills in the visual and performing arts.

The event will take place on the BHS campus with live performances in the cafeteria and the Art Show in the district's beautifully remodeled "Community Board Room." Pottery and painting demonstrations, solo musical performance and light refreshments will all be part of the evening. Mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents of many of the school district's young people.

screenings will be available and a Spanish language interpreter will be on site.

Pacific's College of Optometry will offer vision screenings that provide information about clarity of vision, eye health, and eye coordination.

Health screenings useful for the whole family will be offered by the School of Occupational Therapy, along with suggestions for healthy work habits and practices.

The School of Physician Assistant Studies will perform blood pressure readings and

blood glucose testing.

The School of Professional Psychology will provide information to help parents raise resilient children to be optimistic and effective in coping with stressors.

Practitioners from the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center and mobile dental service are participating in the health fair by providing nutritional counseling and dental hygiene education via the Center's mobile dental service.

For more information, call 503-352-2144.

## FBLA students qualify for state

When Banks High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed at the District FBLA competition at St. Helens High School, all eight competitors qualified for the FBLA State Convention scheduled for April 4-6.

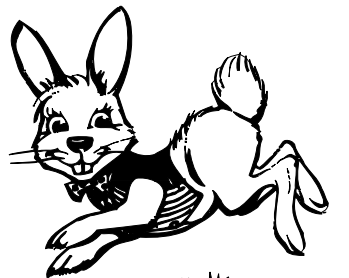
Amanda Petti placed third in Impromptu Speaking at the District competition, and the Desktop Publishing team of Vanessa Hancock and Hannah Williams finished fifth. The Entrepreneurship Team of Kristen Schmidlin, Annie Wood and Hancock took third place.

In Job Interview, Amber Wheelock placed sixth and Wood was fifth. Corwin Ediger came in sixth in Technology Concepts, while Stephanie Andersen placed fourth in Creed Speaking.

There will be some changes at State FBLA, which limits students to one event each, so

everyone can compete. Ediger and Hannah Williams will compete as the Desktop Publishing Team. The Entrepreneurship Team will consist of Wood, Vanessa Hancock and Kristen Schmidlin. Amber Wheelock will enter in Job Interview, while Stephanie Andersen will compete in Creed Speaking. Amanda Petti will compete in Impromptu Speaking.

About 1,200 students will compete at the convention, which will be held at the Jantzen Beach Double Tree Hotel.



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