

# Law enforcement, parks, council members, mayor on Banks ballot

If Banks residents want a city police department and improved parks, they will have to decide on two levies that will be on the November 2 ballot.

The four-year operating levy for law enforcement would cost property owners \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed (not appraised) value. The funds could be used only for law enforcement personnel, equipment and services.

A prior five-year levy, passed in 1998, was based at \$1.80 per thousand of assessed value. Banks voters have twice approved a new police levy but, in both elections, voter turnout

was too low to meet the double majority requirement. That requirement does not apply in the November General Election.

The second levy, for parks maintenance and improvements would cost 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed (not appraised) value. Also a four-year levy, the funds could be used only for maintaining or improving city parks.

After nearly 20 years of volunteer service for the City of Banks, Mayor Bob Orłowski is stepping down, so voters will also be choosing a new mayor.

Two candidates are seeking the mayor's position - City Councilor Terri Branstitre and long-time planning commission member Mike Lyda will both be on the ballot.

Three vacancies on the city council have attracted only two candidates. Ryan Birr is seeking another term. Brian Biehl, whose planning commission term is expiring, has also filed for a seat on the city council.



Boy Scout Troop #581, of Banks, pictured above (see story on page 13) at the beginning of their 50.9 nautical mile adventure. They started on the Gilbert River on Sauvie's Island.

# Washington Co. advisory panel volunteers sought

The Washington County Board of Commissioners is seeking volunteers to serve on several advisory panels. Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for county residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.

Candidates are needed for the following boards.

## Adult Behavioral Health Council (ABHC)

(1 current vacancy, plus 1 term to expire 12/1/04)

Description: Identifies community needs, recommend funding priorities, and help select and evaluate service providers. The County's emphasis on contracting with community agencies for social services makes the work of this volunteer advisory council critical.

## Commission on Children & Families (CCF)

(3 current vacancies, plus 2

terms to expire 10/31/04)

Description: Working with many partners, the Commission looks at conditions in the community that affect children and families and recommends planned strategies and funding to improve those conditions. The Washington County Commission on Children and Families is part of a statewide network of commissions. In addition to recommending funding for key services for children and families, the Commission administers a small grants fund to support the development of assets in the community.

## Land Use Ordinance Advisory Committee (LUOAC)

(3 terms to expire 10/31/04)

Description: An amendment to the County Charter established LUOAC to describe proposed technical changes to the County's land use regulations in a way the general public can easily understand. LUOAC's five members read all proposed land use ordinances and prepares notices describing them which are mailed to a list of individuals who request individual notification. The Committee also drafts the Annual Land Use Notice that is mailed each fall to Washington County property owners.

## Application Information

The application deadline is October 18, 2004 or until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling (503) 846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the website: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/com-mis.pl>.

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