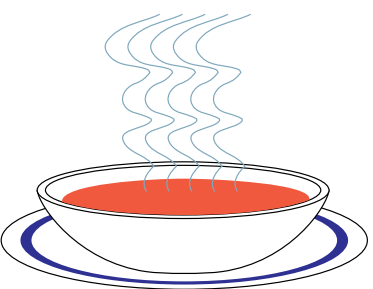


Soup tickets on sale now

The Banks Community Foundation will host the third annual International Soup Festival on Saturday, January 28, 3-7:00 p.m. in the Banks Elementary School cafeteria, on South Main Street in Banks.



The Banks Community Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to enhancing cultural, social and economic development in the Banks community. In 2005, the Foundation published a feasibility study for a "world class" motion picture sound stage and back lot facility to be built in the Banks general area. The Foundation is interested in the clean industry of filming which in turn creates more jobs, increases education, cultivates cultural arts and brings the arts to the City of Banks and surrounding areas.

The International Soup Festival event will feature live music from several professional musical groups such as The Bare Soul Band, Alena Fergu-

son performing as Patsy Cline and Stan McCredie as Elvis and other performers. Hand-made soups will include award-winning Hawaiian Chili, African Stew, Italian Tortellini, French Onion Soup, 'Tom Ka' Thai Soup, Grandma's home-made Chicken Noodle Soup, desserts and more.

"Attendees can support an annual community event, learn more about the BCF's next project, visit with neighbors, listen to live music and enjoy spectacular soups from around the world," said Tracey Rowatt, vice-chairperson of the Foundation.

This is an "All You Can Eat," family-friendly event open to all ages. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12, five years and younger are free. Advance tickets are also available at a discounted price of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Call Denise Dethlefs at 503-324-2422.

Several local businesses have donated money, products and fresh produce, helping the Banks Community Foundation sponsor this event.

For additional information about the festival or the Banks Community Foundation, log on to <www.banksfoundation.org> or email <tracey@banksfoundation.org>.

Banks Council is short a councilor, again

Banks City Council finds itself short a councilor, again, as Kirk Andrews has moved out of the city. Applications will be sought from interested citizens. Applicants must have lived in the city for 12 months. The position will be up for election in November regardless of whether it is filled.

The January council meeting continued without Andrews and also without Mayor Mike Lyda, who was unable to attend. Council President Teri

Branstittre presided over the meeting.

Council approved a \$330 bid from Psalm 1 Landscaping to finish improvements to the swale by the new public works building. Work will include eliminating weeds and adding rock to the area so it will be in compliance with the requirements of Clean Water Services. An additional bid of \$1300 for planting around the public works building was not approved at this time.

Council also approved a \$2340 bid for city arborist David Hunter to tend to two trees in the Scout Cabin Park. The bid includes removal of one Oregon white oak tree and pruning another. The tree to be removed poses a serious threat to the log cabin if it were to fall.

Council passed a resolution to dispose of surplus city property at a public city garage sale within the next 60 days. The sale will be held on a Saturday

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Getting mail is not as easy as it sounds

by Susan Cackler

Allen Ibach moved from 37603 Harrison Road to 37420 Harrison Road last September, but don't send him a housewarming card, because his mail hasn't caught up with him yet.

Ibach paid a \$50 fee to Washington County to have an address issued at his new residence and built a spiffy new mailbox at the end of his driveway. Unfortunately, he hasn't been able to convince the post office to deliver mail there.

The Banks Post Office told him he would have to put up a box where he used to live, but Ibach already had a new box up and wanted his mail delivered where he could keep an eye on it.

Currently, the mail boxes by his old residence are the end of the route, where the carrier turns around. Delivering to Ibach would require the carrier to drive 1/8 mile farther and turn around in Ibach's driveway. Ibach pointed out that his driveway is large and is a safe place to turn around.

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Allen Ibach stands by his new, as yet unused, rural mail box in Washington County and waits for a letter from post office.

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