

Board of Commissioners seeks applicants for a number of panels

The Washington County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications for new members to serve on the following panels:

FAIR BOARD

The seven member Fair Board meets monthly, develops the Fair Complex's annual operating budget, and provides overall policy direction for management of Fair Complex activities and facilities. The Fair operation, a division of the County, produces the annual County Fair & Rodeo and manages year-round facilities rented for consumer shows, public exhibitions and special gatherings.

Fair Board members are appointed for three year terms. The current vacancy is an at-large position.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Nine volunteers advise the Board of County Commissioners on land use and transportation planning issues. They conduct public hearings, make final decisions on some changes to land use plans, and convey recommendations to the Board on comprehensive plan and community development ordinances.

Generally, two members are appointed by each Commis-

sioner, and one by the Board Chair as an at-large appointment. No more than two members can be engaged principally in the buying, selling, or development of real estate. No more than two members can be engaged in the same occupation.

Planning Commission terms are four years and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Five terms will expire on June 30.

CIVILSERVICE COMMISSION

Five volunteers provide a third-party review of County employment practices. They review changes to job classifications and specifications, approve new classifications, and hear and decide appeals by employees and candidates for employment.

Members of the Civil Service Commission serve two year terms. Four terms will expire on May 31.

The application deadline is May 4, 2007, or when 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 at www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commis.pl.

Between the Bookends

By Sarah Vandehey, Library Assistant
Banks Public Library



Join us for Preschool Storytime Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. This month, Miss Kathy will read on the following themes:

April 11: The Word is Bird
April 18: Up, Up, and Away

April 25: Itsy Bitsy Spider
May 2: Crazy Critters

Craft night was fun! Join us the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Just bring whatever craft you're working on to the community room and join other creative people for a good time.

The Hearing Voices programs are starting soon (the week of April 14), so keep an eye out for more information. On April 19, Lawrence Howard and Lynn Duddy will present Tandemium at the Banks Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Their show involves story harmonics. Visit <http://www.wilinet.wccls.lib.or.us/hearingvoices/2007/home.cfm> for more information on other workshops and performances.

Our annual Plant and Book Sale is coming up on May 4 and 5, so please think of us as you're dividing plants in your yard. We'd appreciate it if you set some of your starts or plants aside for this event. We'd also appreciate book donations at the end of April. For more information or if you need containers, call Sheila Day at 503-324-6191.

Need tax forms or help? Federal and state forms are available at the Forest Grove, Shute Park and Tanasbourne libraries (the Banks Public Library currently has only state forms). Free tax help is available at the following locations: Forest Grove Senior Center, Hillsboro Public Libraries, Beaverton City Library, and the Elsie Stuhr Center. Some offer assistance by appointment only, others are walk-in. For more information call the locations above or call us here at the library.

Some of our newest books include:

Key Lime Pie Murder by Joanne Fluke. Hannah Swensen, owner of The Cookie Jar is having a busy week making treats for the county fair, judging baking contests and solving a murder. Fellow judge, Willa Sunquist has been murdered on the midway and Hannah wants to know why. The list of suspects is as dizzying as the tilt-o-whirl, and Hannah's finding that foiling the killer is no piece of cake. This is the tastiest dessert murder you'll read and it includes original

dessert recipes.

By Order of the President by W.E.B. Griffin. If you like action-packed military tales, you'll love this. Griffin relates a story in our modern age of terrorism when a 727 is hijacked from Angola. When the powers that be become entrenched while trying to find out what happened, the President turns to someone outside the inner circle. A West Point grad and pilot veteran of Desert Storm, Major Castillo goes undercover in Africa. He seeks to uncover the enemy's plot quickly before disaster strikes.

Without Mercy by Jack Higgins. This work picks up where *Dark Justice* left off. Detective Hannah Bernstein, shot while battling Russian agents, lies recovering in the hospital when a figure from her past arrives to finish her off. Now Sean Dillon and Blake Johnson, U.S. spies, have sworn revenge. The fight is over the oil interest of a recently deceased Russian billionaire. Intrigue abounds in this international spy novel.

Stalemate by Iris Johansen. Eminent forensic scientist Eva Duncan is sought by the dangerous and wanted criminal Luis Montalvo. He seeks her help in identifying a skull and finding the killer – and he won't take no for an answer. Eva decides to travel to the luxurious Colombian compound after Montalvo promises to solve the most looming mystery of her past. If Eva's wrong in identifying the killer she'll be *dead* wrong.

Shopaholic & Baby by Sophie Kinsella. Becky Bloomwood is back and married and has another reason to go shopping...baby gear. Yup, she's pregnant and finds that shopping alleviates morning sickness, so she's off to find the hippest pram and best booties. Even her ob/gyn is famous...and having an affair with her husband (who is also the doc's ex-boyfriend). Antics ensue after Becky hires a P.I. to find out what the two are up to.

The Company by Robert Littell. When the company you work for is the CIA, another day at the office is anything but that. This novel covers double lives, amoral enemies and spans such events as the Bay of Pigs and the Gorbachev coup. While this is the longest spy novel ever written, it's also gripping and well-written.

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.

Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12 - 7:00 p.m.;
Fri. and Sat. 12 - 5:00 p.m.

Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

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