

Banks Community Auction, Apr. 24

The 37th annual Banks Community Auction will be Saturday, April 24, at Banks High School.

There will be fun for the whole family with a garage sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Junior High School gymnasium, followed by the silent auction from 4:00 to 7:15 p.m. and then the oral auction from

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Child care will be available starting at 5:00 p.m. Get pizza, pop and a brownie for \$5.00.

Proceeds benefit scholarships and a wide variety of community and school activities (choir, band and FFA are a few examples). The event is sponsored by the Banks High School Parent's Association.

Play bingo to help Banks Jr. High

Help support the Banks Junior High by playing bingo and eating pizza tomorrow night, April 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Banks Junior High School cafeteria, 450 S. Main

Street in Banks.

Enjoy pizza 'til it's gone, a snack bar, a goodie walk, and bingo! A bingo card good for 20 games is only \$2.50 (or \$2.00 each for families).

Elder Safe seeks new volunteers

The Elder Safe Program is currently seeking new volunteers who are interested in helping seniors and volunteering with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Volunteers help provide emotional support and victim assistance to people 65 and older who have been victims of crime. Another volunteer opportunity includes monthly maintenance and battery change-outs for locator bracelets worn by seniors or

other dependent persons prone to wander.

Before starting, volunteers must have completed an extensive criminal background check and minimum 20 training hours.

Volunteer hours are flexible and tailored to fit the individual's interests and abilities. For more information, contact Marcia Langer at: 503.846.6048 or email: marcia_langer@co.washington.or.us.

Evers arrested on sex abuse charges



Dale Joseph Evers, Banks, was arrested March 19 for numerous sex abuse charges allegedly committed against several teen-aged female victims.

Sheriff's detectives were notified in December of 2009, by the Banks Fire Department, of several allegations of unwanted touching by Evers. At the time, he was a volunteer fireman with the Banks Fire Department. An allegation was brought to the fire department by a female high school student. Fire personnel are mandatory reporters under Oregon law, so they brought the matter to the Sheriff's Office, which provides law enforcement services for the City of Banks. Evers was suspended

from the fire department pending an internal investigation.

Sheriff's detectives started the investigation into Evers and learned that he is also involved with the Future Farmers of America (FFA) through Banks High School,

When detectives started to interview witnesses and potential victims, they were told by numerous teen-aged females that Evers had touched them in an inappropriate sexual manner. Detectives felt that the victims they spoke to were credible and that Evers has been doing this for some time. Evers denied the allegations.

Evers was arrested and charged with two counts of Sex

Abuse I, six counts of Sex Abuse III, Attempted Sex Abuse III and four counts of Providing Liquor to Person under 21. He was booked into the Washington County Jail, then was released, March 22, after posting bail.

Sheriff's Detectives are concerned that there may be more victims who have not come forward. Call Detective John Shipley at 503-846-2596 with any pertinent information.

Action Ads

INEXPENSIVE - EFFECTIVE

503-429-9410

Banks Christian Academy

Now Enrolling for 2009 - 2010

Affordable Tuition for an Excellent Education

Established since 1983



Challenging academics, Christian values and small class sizes.

- Preschool thru 12th Grade
- Languages, Music, Art & Computers
- Many Educational Field Trips
- Before & After School Care
- 3 or 5 Full Day Kindergarten
- Transportation Vernonia/Banks

22785 NW Fisher Rd. Buxton 97109

503-324-4500

www.bankschristianacademy.org

7th Anniversary Sales Event

Join us for Banks Hardware's 7th Anniversary, Saturday April 24th. From 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Coffee & Doughnuts in the morning. Lunch starts at 11 a.m. Huge Discounts throughout the store.

5 Card Stud Drawing,
Best Hand Wins a
STIHL® FS 45 Trimmer



MS 250 Chain Saw
Reg. \$369.⁹⁵ Now only \$319.⁹⁵

SAVE \$50



FS 55

Versatile, straight-shaft trimmer and brushcutter for consumer or light-duty professional use.

Trimmers starting at \$149.95

- Mon - Fri 8am to 6pm
- Saturday 8am to 5pm
- Sunday 10am to 4pm

STIHL®

PRECISION OUTDOOR
POWER EQUIPMENT

Banks Hardware

503-324-5221 • 150 N. Main Street, Banks

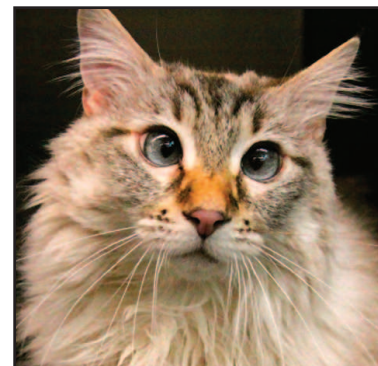
Your New Best Friend

IS WAITING FOR YOU AT THE BONNIE L. HAYS SMALL ANIMAL SHELTER

1901 SE 24th Ave., Hillsboro. For information call 503-846-7041

Or visit us online at: www.co.washington.or.us/pets

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. & Wed 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Freckles is gorgeous, with slightly crossed dark blue eyes and long creme and grey hair. About 5 yrs old, and she may be part Siamese? Come visit, You'll Love her! Freckles is up-to-date with routine shots and spayed.

All pets have been spayed or neutered, come with shots; a microchip, and a one-year license if it's a dog. Featured animals are subject to prior adoption.

This Adopt a Pet is Sponsored by:

Debbie Boone
Oregon State Representative, District 32