

Come to Brave Run to raise money for BES

The Linear Trail Brave Run, on Saturday, June 4, includes a 5k walk/run, a 10k walk/run, a kids dash (free to children under 12 years of age). This is a fundraising event to benefit the Banks Elementary School.

The race starts at the Banks

High School track at 8:00 a.m. with check-in and same day registration. The kids dash is at 8:30 a.m. and the 5k and 10k races begin at 9:00 a.m. Fun prizes will be raffled for the 5 and 10k registrants and ribbons awarded to the children in the

kids dash.

Participants are asked to pre-register by May 25 at www.signmeup.com. After May 25, registration will be taken at the elementary school office (503-324-27742).

Food preservation classes coming

Washington County 2011 Food Preservation classes will be held at the OSU Extension Service, 18640 NW Walker Rd, #1400 Entrance D-1, Beaverton, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class size is limited. Preregistration required. Cost is \$20.00 per class. \$70.00 if all four classes are taken:

- Introduction to Food Preservation, Jams and Jellies. Wednesday, June 15, Basic techniques used for all methods of preservation. Make jams/jellies in class. Low sugar and freezer jam options included.
- Fruits and Pie Fillings. Wednesday, July 6. Preservation of fruit products; canning, freezing and drying reviewed. Learn to control the amount of

sugar, to can fruit in juice and make pie fillings.

• Vegetables and Meats. Wednesday, July 20. Canning vegetables and meats requires use of a pressure canner. Review the use and care of a pressure canner as well as pickling and freezing tips.

• Tomatoes, tomato products. Wednesday, August 3. Preserve your crop of tomatoes for year-round enjoyment. Review current, safe methods for tomato preservation including "The Laws of Salsa," and green tomato options.

For more information, contact OSU Extension Service at 503-821-1150 or go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/>. Look at the Upcoming Events section.

Raising grandchildren? Party set up for you

Grandparents raising grandchildren: Meet others parenting a second time around; enjoy a day of fun and learning with interesting speakers, new resources, prizes and free lunch! Presentations are offered in separate English and Spanish sessions.

Friday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the former Hillsboro PCC Center, 102 SW Washington St., Hillsboro.

This is a free event. Pre-registration required. Call 503-846-3089 to save your space!

Sponsored by: Washington County Disability, Aging & Veteran Services—Family Caregiver Support Program and Washington County Commission on Children & Families.

For more information, please contact Deborah Letourneau, Program Coordinator, WCDAMS, 503-846-3083, Deborah_letourneau@co.washington.or.us.

Red-eared sliders illegal in Oregon

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) biologists warn Oregonians not to buy red-eared sliders, nonnative invasive turtles which are illegal in the state. Red-eared sliders, named for the red "ear" (markings) on the side of their heads, are offered for sale on Internet sites, by street vendors and in some pet stores.

"This time of year, we seem to see more illegal turtles for sale, although it's a year-round problem," said Rick Boatner, ODFW Invasive Species Coordinator. "We are especially concerned about small turtles that are sold as pets for children and commonly carry the bacteria salmonella on their skin and shells."

Turtles less than four inches in shell length are banned from sale and distribution by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to protect infants, young children, pregnant women and others. Under Oregon Department of Agriculture rules, it is illegal to import turtles less than four inches into Oregon.

If you are in possession of a

red-eared slider, contact your local ODFW office for advice. Never release a nonnative turtle into the wild; it hurts both native habitat and species.

Red-eared sliders are native to the East Coast of the United States. In Oregon, they compete with native turtles for food and habitat, especially nesting and basking sites, and can spread diseases to which the state's native turtles have no immunity.

Oregon has only two native turtles: the western painted and the western pond, both are listed on the state sensitive species list and highlighted in the Oregon Conservation Strat-

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Vote by May 17 on measure 34-187

The ballots have been mailed to voters. On the ballot in Banks is a \$10.5 million bond measure, #34-187.

This measure, if it passes, will be used for projects at the junior high school, high school, elementary school, and district campus as outlined on the ballot:

At the junior high school the funds would:

- Replace existing classrooms, adding classrooms especially designed for science, computer technology and special education,
- Replace library and make other core area improvements,
- New restrooms, administration and staff areas.

At the high school, the plan includes:

- Fire alarm/sprinkler system,
- Remodel a classroom into a science classroom,
- Replace bleachers in gymnasium,

- Replace heating system.

The elementary school funds would be used for:

- Pave/seal parking lot,
- Emergency access road.

Funds would also be used on campus for:

- Site lighting,
- Roof repairs,
- Building maintenance,
- Outside restrooms and storage area.

It is anticipated that before 2017, the measure would add \$2.57 per \$1000 of assessed property value (\$257.00 for a \$100,000 home). After 2017, the tax is expected to drop to \$1.72 per \$1000 of assessed value. The bonds should mature, and the taxes end, in 26 years.

Ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on May 17. The Banks Library is an official drop box site.

More information on measure #34-187 is available at banksbond.com.

Banks Plant, Book and Art Sale

The Friends of the Banks Public Library annual Plant, Book, and Art Sale, starts tomorrow, May 6, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park. The sale will continue Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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