

# Banks School Board puts \$10.5 million bond on May 15 ballot

The Banks School Board voted, on February 13, to put a \$10.5 million bond on the ballot of the upcoming May 15 election.

This is the same bond amount that was narrowly voted down last May. The school board stated they believed they would be negligent if they did not try to pass this bond again.

Funds from the bond would

be used to tear out all old sections of the current junior high and the old library, and remove the portable classrooms. A two-story wing would be built to include classrooms, plus a new library, technology, special education and science rooms where the administration area is now located.

The elementary school would see paving of the park-

ing lot and a new gravel emergency road from Oak Way to the back of the school.

Maintenance and safety issues would be addressed at the high school, including replacing the heating system, repairing the roof, and adding an alarm and sprinkler system. Site lighting would be added in the parking lots, the bleachers in the high school gymnasium

would be replaced, and some classrooms would be remodeled to address the lack of science facilities. The final project would be to add an outdoor restroom facility located centrally to the fields.

Due to decreased interest rates, the board estimates that this bond would cost about half of the bond sought in May, 2011. The increase in property

taxes will exceed \$.28 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Until the current Elementary Bond ends in 2027, the full bond rate on property taxes with this new bond would not exceed \$2.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

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Oregon First Community Credit Union announced that it is now simply, First Community Credit Union. For the past eight years, the credit union has been doing business as Oregon First Community Credit Union, an assumed business name. First Community Credit Union, its legal name will now be used. Changes to signs and other materials have commenced and will continue dur-

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