

## Only incumbents file for council positions in upcoming election

Only current members of the Banks City Council filed for the November 6 election.

Mayor John Kinsky, plus

Councilors Craig Stewart, Brian Biehl, and Christy Greagor each filed to serve another term in their current positions.

## Sheriff's Office hosts a free Womens Safety Fair

The Washington County Sheriff's Office invites women over 14 years of age to participate in a Free Women's Safety Fair. This fair will provide women the opportunity to attend the personal safety course titled "Power Curve-Increasing Self Defense Options for Women." The course will be taught on Saturday, October 13, with registration at 8:00 a.m. The course is designed to empower women by giving them some basic self-defense tools that will help them maintain their personal safety, and successfully confront and survive potentially dangerous situations. A focus on situational awareness and training in

physical self-defense techniques will provide options to reduce the risk of abuse and personal attack. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. a light lunch will be provided and participants will be able to attend a vendor fair. The vendor fair will be focused on safety, security, and wellness for women.

Sheriff's Deputies who teach defensive tactics to other law-enforcement officers will instruct the training. The course is provided as a service to the community free of charge. Class size is limited to 80 students. For more information or to register, please contact 503-846-2579 or email [christine\\_rouches@co.washington.or.us](mailto:christine_rouches@co.washington.or.us).

## Mt. Angel Oktoberfest starts on September 13

The 47th annual Oktoberfest runs from Thursday, September 13 through Sunday, September 16. Every year over 350,000 people come to Mount Angel for the weekend of their lives. They are drawn to the tiny rural community, 40 miles south of Portland, by its beautiful countryside, Bavarian charm – and one of the greatest folk festivals in the Northwest.

There is something for everyone at Oktoberfest: Over 50 little food chalets laden with rich, delicious Bavarian treats;

a large arts and crafts show full of treasures to take home; a new Bavarian Biergarten, family Weingarten and interactive family Alpinegarten. There is free entertainment on the village bandstand featuring all of the great sounds of the alpine country and a free Kindergarten on Saturday and Sunday. Enjoy a sports program that includes golf and volleyball tournaments and a high school football classic, a 200-vehicle cruz-n car show and so much more.

For more information, visit Oktoberfest on the Internet at <http://www.oktoberfest.org> or call toll free 1-855-899-6338.

## WOU announces graduates

Western Oregon University has announced the following graduates from Banks:

- Jared Herb, B.S. in Exercise Science
- Nathan Horlacher, B.S. in Business
- Taylor Gobel, B.A. in The Social Sciences



Jim Dandy Farm Store won a 1st place ribbon in the Banks BBQ Parade. The weather was fine for the BBQ and many attended all the events, from car shows to Tractor Pulls to barbecue sandwiches.

## Banks School District schedules Sept. 10 Community Forum

Banks School District will hold a Community Forum to share information with the community on the Bond Project and the Middle School Concept.

The meeting will be held

Monday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Banks Junior High School Cafeteria at 450 South Main Street.

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