

Between the Bookends

By Charlene Bechen
Banks Library Volunteer

The City of Banks was recently awarded a \$236,899 Community Development Block Grant for construction of a new community facility. The building will be located on Market Street at the site of the old City Hall, and will be the permanent home of the Banks Community Library and a new community room. The community room will be available to individuals and groups for meetings, classes, special events, etc. In the past, Banks has lacked suitable space for such activities.

The full cost of the Community Facility requires local matching funds, in addition to the grant. The City of Banks will contribute the lot on Market Street for most of the match. The community will also provide certain in-kind services and raise \$5,000 in cash. The Friends of the Banks Community Library, a private non-profit organization dedicated to the support of the library, will coordinate fund-raising activities.

This grant concludes years of planning for the library to relocate to more "affordable housing" and transfer to local governance. The library has enjoyed its location in the Oak Village Shopping Center for almost seven years. Moving to the new community facility, however, will allow money currently being spent on the lease to go to new books, programs and possibly more Open hours. Patrons and staff agree that "more new books" is key to the library's future success.

The City of Forest Grove presently runs the library under contract with Washington County. Although the City of Banks will accept responsibility, no significant change in operations is planned. The library will remain a member of Washington County Cooperative Library Ser-

vices so patrons can continue to access the county-wide collection through the WILI computer and daily delivery service to Banks.

Construction of the community facility is scheduled to begin this summer, with occupancy one year later.

March 11 is the next Recycle Saturday at the SWATCO service yard, 15945 NW Sellers Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday recycling is staffed by volunteers with all the proceeds going to the Friends of the Library. Anyone wishing to donate an hour or two a month for this worthy project is encouraged to call Donna McCall at 324-3404 for more information.

This year's Wool Day was a big success. As many as 70 patrons dropped by to see the demonstrations of carding, latch hook, weaving and spinning. Many children and even some venturesome adults tried their hands at various crafts. The highlight of the day was Sandy Sitzman spinning fleece directly off the angora rabbit snuggled on her lap. Many thanks to all who attended.

Like it or not, April 15 will be here soon. The library has reproducible copies of the various tax forms, as well as IRS instruction booklets.

Thanks to a State of Oregon Children's Services Improvement Grant, the Banks Library now has a 1995 edition of *Compton's Encyclopedia*. These will be available for reference only, however, the library has other encyclopedias that may be checked out. They include the *World Book*, *The New Book of Knowledge* and *Encyclopedia Americana*.

Library Hours: Wed. and Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri., 1-5 p.m.
Address: Oak Village Shopping Center, 669 S. Main Street. Phone: 324-1382

More Letters

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Our National chicken house in Washington D.C. has been tended by a den of these foxes for years. As a result you cannot find one chicken, not even a feather inside. Not only is this true, but as results of years under fox control we are now in debt over four trillion chickens those foxes have already ate. For our own good, so they say.

Do not allow this to happen here in Columbia County. Let us recall, "Our Fox", foxes breed more foxes you know. This would serve well as a sign to hang over our courthouse doors. "Sorry, no Foxes need apply here." First let us recall Bruce Hugo, and then perhaps we will gain enough experience to go after those crafty foxes entrenched in Washington, D.C.

However home work must come first.

Thank you
**Juneious F. Harty, for
Columbia County
Taxpayers United
Scappoose**

Huge amount of information missing

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention after reading the February

22,1995 issue of *The INDEPENDENT* that there was a huge gap of information left out concerning at least one of the candidates running for school board. With such limited information how can the paper or the people make a true educated vote concerning the people who will help shape our students lives through decisions they make about their education. Perhaps if I didn't know some of the candidates and be the sister to one of them I would have let this slide. However, the judgment that was passed on Kris D. Crowston, was so blatantly unfair and incorrect, that I had to write. Since I was not there and did not hear what he said word for word I assume you judged him on your interpretation of what he said. Whatever, should be the case, what I do know is that having been raised in Vernonia as Kris was that he knows first hand what 47J schools had to offer in the past and what it is now offering and sees the difference. Having also been raised by an educator who gave over twenty devoted years to district 47J, has loyalty for this district that perhaps others lack. Also, deleted was the fact that Kris graduated from O.S.U. with a

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The Says

By David Michael Jones, member, Isaak Walton League, Nehalem Valley Chapter

Recently, I was fortunate enough to receive an old hardbound copy of *The Steelhead Trout* by Trey Combs from my Uncle Dick, who, like me, is concerned about the decline and extinction of a number of the Salmon runs on the West Coast. (Please see The Josi Report in *The INDEPENDENT*, February 8, 1995). On page 164 of *The Steelhead Trout*, Trey writes that "The removal of streamside timber

can raise summer water temperatures beyond the tolerances of spawning fish or developing young." He goes on to quote a letter by Max Katz, Dept. of Fisheries, University of Washington, in the *Salmon Trout Steelheader*, August-September, 1971:

"I do agree with you that more emphasis should be placed on the conservation of steelhead habitat. But this is a losing struggle—I have noticed with great regret that only a few fishermen have the faintest idea that soil conservation and land management, including forest management, are needed to pre-

serve our streams. They don't know and too often don't care that hot dry summer seasons coupled with abused watersheds simply means no native steelhead."

That was 1971. "In 1991, the American Fisheries Society found that of 400 distinct salmon stocks on the West Coast, 214 were at risk of extinction and 106 were already extinct (from The Josi Report cited above)."

Ex-tinct, adj. no longer in existence or use; specif., having no living descendant; **syn.**, see **Dead**. **WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY.**

Admittedly, the sky isn't falling, but when the rain falls out of the sky, our streams are filled with muddy water and that is not good for the fish. Following are some of the adverse effects of stream siltation:

- Silt fills in cracks and crevices between the gravel, which suffocates insect larvae and fish eggs.
- Silt attaches to the gills of fish (gills are to fish what lungs are to humans) and creates "clubbing" which is like scar tissue on the gills.
- Silt interferes with the mucus layer on the fish,



Boy Scouts spent a recent Saturday helping "Ike" members plant 2500 trees in riparian areas on the Nehalem River.

which is meant to protect them from infection.

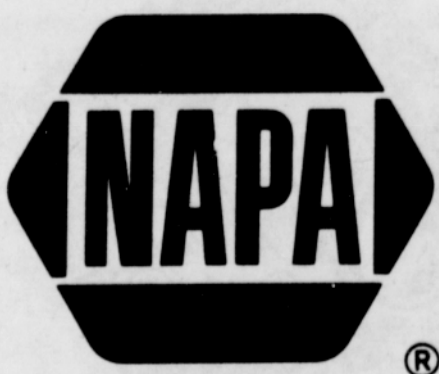
- Silt and mud fill in eddies and side channels which small fish need for rest and hiding.
- Silt hides prey and food from small fish which must eat as soon as they come out of the gravel in order to survive (This may also be an advantage because the small fish are hidden from the large

er fish.).

One of the interesting aspects of research about fish is exposure to new and enlightening information. One tidbit of knowledge I would like to share is that the Salmonids are considered by many biologists to be nature's way of recycling or returning to the land the nutrients that are drained off the land into streams. The Pacific receives the runoff of the streams and salmon feed in those ocean pastures, if you will, returning to spawn and die in the stream of their birth. They are eaten by humans, bears, eagles and various other life forms. Life is a full circle.

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