

Benjamin Cottam follows family footsteps, becomes Eagle Scout

Benjamin Cottam, 17, Banks, received the Eagle Scout award September 20.

Eagle Scout candidates must show leadership in the community by successfully planning and completing a service project. They must also earn 21 merit badges, be active in their troop, live by the Scout Oath and Law and show leadership in the troop. Only about two-percent of those who join the Boy Scouts of America earn this award.

Cottam's project provided a musical assembly to Banks Elementary School students. Because recent budget cuts have left the elementary school without a formal music program, Cottam decided to introduce the students to woodwind instruments. He worked with Pacific University band students Rob Fuller, Joel Tanner, Jeannette Roming and Laura Lacroix; former band director Dr. Chris Bruya, Banks High School band director Rick Adams and Ass't Elementary School Principal Steve Callaway.

In scouting, Cottam served as Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader and a member of the Camp Cooper Staff. He has received his "On My Honor" religious award from the

LDS Church and is a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow, a service group of honor campers within the Boy Scouts. He also received his WEBELOS Award from the Cub Scouts.

Cottam's achievements at Banks High School include membership in the National Honor Society, the John Philip Souza award as out-

standing band member in '94-'95, and letters in Track as a sophomore and junior. He is a member of the band, concert choir, select choir and track team. He has been active in the drama club and works with junior high students as a band assistant.

At church Cottam has served as President of the Deacon and Teacher Quorums and is currently an as-

sistant to the Priest Quorum President in the LDS Priesthood. He is also the disk jockey for church dances.

Cottam has participated in the Pacific University Community Band for the last three years. He plays bass clarinet, baritone saxophone, bass guitar and B-flat clarinet.

He will graduate in June, 1996, and intends to pursue a degree in Music and Math

and teach high school. He also plans to serve a mission for the LDS Church.

Cottam is a member of Troop 195, sponsored by the Banks Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). His parents are Becky and Cliff Cottam of Banks. He joins his father and older brother Jacob Cottam as Eagle Scouts.

Friends of the Banks Library schedule meeting on history of Banks

"Banks, a town with History", is the subject of a special program Sept. 28, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Banks Community Library.

The program will feature Ann Fulton, Portland State University History Professor,

who has received a grant from the Oregon Council for the Humanities to research and write the history of the Banks community. She will discuss some of her findings along with a slide presentation.

Also planned is an update on the Banks City Records Archive Project being coordinated by Sheila Day. Old city documents will be shown and discussed. There will be opportunity for area residents to share experiences. Attendees

may bring pictures or other mementos for viewing.

For additional information contact the Banks Library at 324-1382. The program is sponsored by the Friends of Banks Community Library,

Junior Achievement program again doing well at Jewell High School

Thirteen Jewell High School students are currently selling stock to raise capital for their company, which they have named "Roadside, Inc." The company, a project of Marsha Tisdale's economics class, is a learning experience sponsored by Junior Achievement (JA).

JA is a nationwide program that helps students learn the principles of business by ac-

tually operating their own company. Last year's class was so successful selling their product, a car window washer/scrapper, that their stockholders doubled their money. This year's group originally sold stock under the

name of "Crumbs, Inc."; all such stock is valid for the Roadside company. Roadside, Inc. will sell emergency kits to carry in vehicles; the price is \$6.00.

The program requires a business consultant willing to

work with the group about twice a month, and the Jewell group is anxious to hear from someone in our area who would be willing to help. Any interested person may call Tisdale at (503) 755-2451.

To purchase either company stock or its product, contact Tisdale or one of the class members: Garth Brushe, Leslie Campbell, Melissa Fisher, Shannon Griesen, Randy Harcourt, Troy Johnson, Mark Lucia, Shanna Malnerich, Jessica Nelson, Dan Olstedt, Adrienne Schockelt, Zaneta Stinnett and Scott Tisdale.

Open House set at Jewell School

The community is invited to attend Open House at Jewell School, Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

There will be opportunity to meet staff members and visit classrooms. Refreshments will be served.

Bargain prices found in State Park campgrounds October 1st

Nearly 50 campgrounds operated by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will lower their nightly fees on Sunday by \$2-3 or more. Another enticement for people to camp in the off season is a free fourth night with purchase of three consecutive nights at the same park.

Beside tent or RV sites, some state parks have yurts,

domed tent-like structures that were introduced late last year. The yurts are booked weekends in October, but reservations may be made for other times.

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