

# Restoration of Banks historic log cabin is nearing completion



Restoration work on the old log cabin is nearing completion.

Renovation of the historical Scout Cabin is nearing completion in Banks. Fathers of boys in Troop 240, and other local men, built the original Scout Cabin in 1930. Boards used in the log cabin were milled at the Lundeen Sawmill and Duke Brickyard provided bricks.

The building is on the Washington County Historical Buildings Registry and has been used as city offices in the past. Until approximately three years ago the Boy Scouts were still

meeting there, as was a local quilting group.

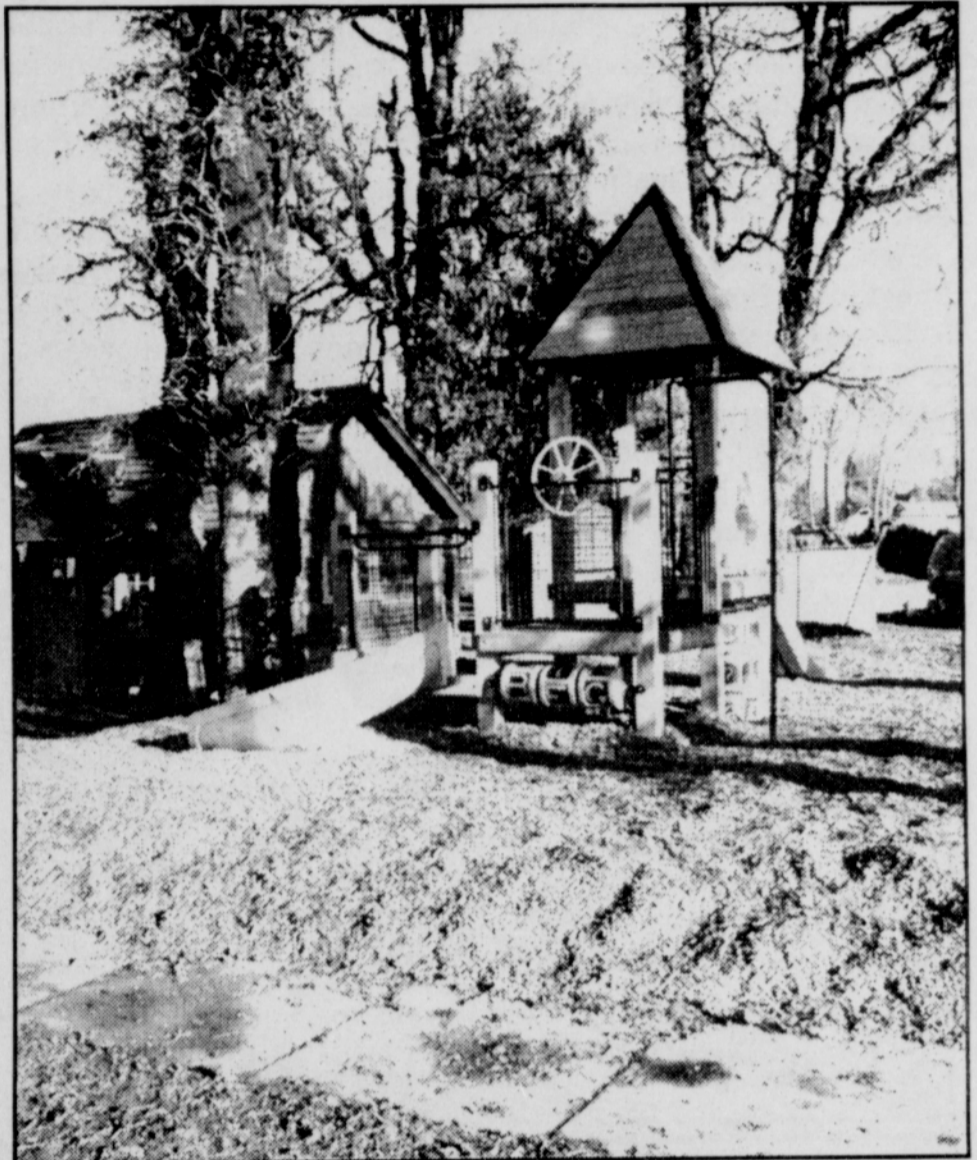
Over the years the building had deteriorated, however, and was in very poor condition. Then, in 1997, the City of Banks received a Community Development Block Grant of \$111,000 to restore the cabin.

Extensive restoration work has included replacing the bottom three, and sometimes four, tiers of logs, replacing windows, adding a gas fireplace, redoing the electric service to the building, treating the roof and pouring a concrete pad for the building. Drainage around the building was also improved and new picnic tables, a play structure and a water fountain were added to the park. Only

the fireplace and the water fountain remain to be completed.

Matt Pihl Excavating, of Banks, was the general contractor; the log restoration was done by A Place in the Sun, of Timber. The city's consulting engineer, Dale Merrell of Navigant Consulting, supervised the restoration and performed the necessary engineering.

When finished, the building will be available for use by community groups. Fees have not yet been set by the city council. Though the building is quite small and, at this time, has no furnishings, it remains a valuable asset to the community that will now survive for many years.



This modern children's play structure shares space with the old log cabin in Banks' Log Cabin Park.



Moby Pendergrass, left, and Gary Pendergrass have been doing restoration work on the deteriorated logs in the Banks Log Cabin. Gary Pendergrass owns A Place in the Sun Log Homes in Timber.

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