

Banks School Board focuses on variety of student achievements

The successes of Banks students continue to be a focus of school board meetings. Students at both the elementary and high schools showed exceptional achievement last semester in both academics (reported elsewhere) and in other areas. Reports on the Youth Transition Program and from the Northwest Regional Educational Service District (NWRES) were presented.

Superintendent Marilyn McGlasson presented a letter from state Rep. Bruce Starr congratulating the staff on their efforts to eliminate the deficit in the Banks School District. It should be noted that the district has a loan from the state of \$350,000 that must be repaid over the next two school years.

Character Counts students were honored February 2 at a breakfast at Banks Elementary School. Each semester, students who consistently reflect the traits of trustworthiness,

respect, responsibility, justice and fairness, caring and citizenship are selected for the honor. At the end of second semester the following students were recognized: Miranda Bailer, Jeffrey Hoyer, Kyle Selfaison Taylor Becker, Tyffani Reichow, Kendra Stoddard, Linus Norgren, Natasha Butcher, Kayla Gustafson, Michael Nowak, Madison Farley, Matt Stone, Sam Edison, Maribel Lazaro, Gracie Bradford, Can Krutsinger, Lisa Carr, Katrina Wilkins and David Perry.

The board was told that Rachel Slaughter will represent BES in statewide competition for the National Geographic Geography Bee.

Banks High School students will be collecting and organizing their portfolios for the Certificate of Initial Mastery

(CIM), Principal Jeff Smith told the board. Students must achieve high standards in a variety of content areas in order to earn a CIM. According to Smith, state colleges, scholarship committees and employers are beginning to ask about a student's CIM achievement when processing applications.

Smith recognized the work of Sue Henderson to provide opportunities for art students to display their work. Lori Orlowski has a self-portrait on display in the State Capitol. Vincent Duyck, Stephanie Fogel, Leah Orlowski and Jessica Bergstrom have works on display at the Portland State University "Best of Oregon High School Art Show" this month. Murals in both the music room and the old band room have been designed and

created by students Vincent Duyck, Matt Statton, Josh Donovan and Kate Reed. The new district offices feature framed art work by students, including Krista Donovan. Finally, over 100 works of art will be displayed in the Forest Grove Library in March.

Cheryl Field reported to the board that 25 students have received services the Youth Transitions Program (YTP), which is designed to help youth with disabilities make the transition from high school to work. The program is a partnership of the schools and the Vocational Rehabilitation Division. Field has also been able to provide services to students not formally included in YTP, including development of a Career Exploration Class.

In other business the board:

- Approved teacher contracts
- Adopted 2001-2002 School calendar;
- Accepted the retirement of Colleen O'Neil, BHS Language Arts;
- Appointed Stuart Douglas to the Budget Committee;

- Approved out-of-district travel for the softball team, Senior Honors English Class, FFA and Dance & Drill Team;

- Asked that catastrophic student accident insurance be included in next year's budget;
- Reviewed mid-year reports on superintendent's and board goals.

- Heard that students whose immunizations are not up to date will be excluded from school after February 21.

Banks engineer warns of water system problems

Banks City Engineer Dale Merrell warned the city council at their February 13 meeting that the city will experience serious water supply problems. Reading from the executive summary of the Water Master Plan, Merrell said that problems with the current system are a lack of redundancy and that the output of the large spring is decreasing.

Redundancy is essential to avoid system failure in the event of a problem. If a problem occurs, such as a break in a water main, the upper part of the city will be without water until repairs can be made. Some of these problems will be mitigated by water system work for which the city has received a \$700,000 loan.

The city depends for most of its water supply on the large spring that, for reasons unknown, has declining production. A smaller spring has increasing production but the output is unused due to high turbidity.

Banks average daily water use is lower than in many cities and, due to the high percent-

age of new homes with water conserving fixtures, the supply is sufficient to meet present needs. The problem occurs during summer months when total water usage increases to the point that the city falls short by about 150 gal/minute on peak use days, drawing down the reservoir.

Merrell had four recommendations for the city:

1. Immediately remove as much treated water as possible from irrigation systems. According to Merrell, about half of the school football fields and half of city parkland is in the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District (TVID). Though the school district, the city and the Arbor Village Homeowners Association would share a cost of \$50,000 to \$60,000 to connect to TVID, a substantial savings on water bills would allow the costs to be recovered quickly.

2. Do not extend water service outside of the city limits.

3. Encourage water conservation, particularly by commercial users.

4. Explore the possibility of a

new production well, preferably on the south side of town, to provide needed redundancy for the water system. It would take at least two years to locate and secure a new source prior to construction.

In response to Merrell's concern that the city is likely to experience a water shortage this summer, the council approved a conservation and curtailment plan that can be put into effect if necessary. Merrell

predicted that the city would have to go to an alternate-day watering schedule and possibly to zero irrigation if current drought conditions continue.

The city will also include water conservation reminders in every water bill beginning immediately. Approval of the Water Resource Master Plan was tabled until the March meeting so that councilors may review it thoroughly.

Banks Jr High School Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Banks Junior High School academic Honor Roll for the third six-week grading period.

Seventh Grade, 4.0 - Stephanie Anderson, Amy Anderson, Cortney Bartha, Emilee Booher, Reena Bowman, Eryn Cangi, Cody Herb, Heather Hoyer, Nichole Kiefer, Tracie Lundsten and Annie Schlegel.

3.50-3.99 - Lucan Artaz, Manuel Cabrera, Adriana Cantu, Aimee Clinton, Jake Edison, Justin Engeseth, Robena Gibson, Dana Gieszler, Adam

Herb; Josh Klein, Jenna Lindstrom, Mandy Linke, Kyle Moll, Rachel Moore, Ben Price, Joseph Rigert, Kaitlyn Sandstrom, McKinsey Stone and Trevin Swick.

Eighth Grade, 4.0 - Greta Bradford, Alicia Colson, Elizabeth Fishback, Juliane Kalhar, Kelley Lindstrom, Rachel Oakes, Amanda Petti and Hannah Williams.

3.50-3.99 - Taryn Ackelson, Cassy Barnett, Denny Bartha, Sarah Bennett, Tyler Blok,

Please see page 10

Tri-City Rural Fire District

Abbreviations: EMS, Emergency Medical Service; MVA, Motor Vehicle Accident

JANUARY 2001

Jan 1 - EMS Assist (3)
MVA

Jan 3 - MVA, Hwy 47 & 26

Jan 4 - EMS Assist

Jan 6 - MVA (4)

Jan 8 - EMS Assist

Jan 10 - Auto Alarm

Jan 15 - MVA (6)
Auto Alarm (2)

Jan 16 - EMS Assist

Jan 18 - EMS Assist

Jan 19 - MVA, Hwy 47 @ Tophill

Jan 22 - Oven Fire

Jan 23 - EMS Assist

Jan 25 - EMS Assist
MVA, NW Sunset Hwy

Jan 26 - MVA, Hwy 26 & 47

Jan 27 - Illegal Burn (2)
MVA, Hwy 6 & Cedar Canyon
EMS Assist

Jan 29 - MVA, Hwy 6 & 47

Jan 30 - Auto Alarm

STIHL QUALITY STARTS AT \$159⁹⁵

FC 75 Edger
\$315⁰⁰

- 25.4 cc engine
- 12.8 lbs.
- Dependability from turf to treetop
- Depth adjustment wheel makes for easy cutting
- Designed with the professional landscaper in mind

\$299⁹⁵

BR400 Backpack Blower
\$399⁰⁰

SPECIAL!

- 56.5 cc
- 19.6 lbs.
- 180 mph
- 476 cfm* with tubes

BG55 Handheld Blower
\$159⁹⁵

- 27.2 cc
- 8.8 lbs.
- 130 mph
- 430 cfm

029 SUPER
\$329⁹⁵

- 3.4 cu. in.
- 56 cc
- 13.2 lbs.

036 PRO
\$525⁰⁰

- 3.75 cu. in.; 12.5 lb. powerhead
- Easy-access air filter
- INTELICARB™ allows engine to operate longer before air filter cleaning is required
- Automatic oil pump with adjustable oil flow
- View-through gas tank

BANKS AUTO PARTS
101 N. MAIN STREET - 503-324-1060

Saw Shop Open
M-F 8 am - 6 pm
Sat. 8 am - 12 pm

Your Banks-Manning Merchants - Specialists in Quality Service!

SUNSET LAUNDRY
Wash...\$1.00 Dry...25¢
180 S. Main Street, Banks Oregon

STRASSEL'S AUTO REPAIR & HYDRAULIC HOSES
2-4-6 Spiral Wire • Flange Head • Suction Hoses
Adaptors • 3/16" to 2" • Bulk Oil Products
276 SUNSET, BANKS • 503-324-9808

BANKS-MANNING MERCHANTS
CALL 503-429-9410
TO PLACE YOUR AD HERE!