

# Fire prevention is best way to avoid problems from forest fires

The City of Banks will have a new look soon, both in the office and on the map. The council accepted the retirement of long-time city recorder Bob Prickett, and heard an update on the Quail Valley Golf Course annexation, at their July 10 meeting. Prickett's retirement will be effective August 31.

Council also approved a public works superintendent and accepted the resignation of dedicated volunteer lone Pilate, who serves on the city planning commission and the Washington County Coordinating Committee. Anyone interested in filling these vacancies should contact city hall.

Don Kilgrass, of Quail Valley Golf Corporation (QV), and attorney Larry Derr provided background information and a report on the current status of

Quail Valley's annexation proposal. Every step involved in the request for annexation is subject to land development laws and frequent public hearings are required. The first public step in this complicated process, an amendment to the Banks-Washington County Urban Planning Area Agreement (UPPA), is scheduled for a public hearing before the Washington County Planning Commission on August 1, and before the County Commissioners on August 28. The proposed amendment would include the QV property within the urban planning area in order to allow the annexation application to proceed. QV is seeking annexation as a community facility.

Derr outlined the basic steps needed for the annexation, after approval of the UPPA amendment.

—Expansion of the Urban Planning Boundary.

—An amendment to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning ordinance allowing the golf course to be designated as a Community Facility zone.

—Minor text amendment to language allowing community facilities to be privately owned.

—Completion of the annexation process which involves submission of plans to Salem, hearings before the city planning commission and the city council, and approval by voters.

—Obtaining a conditional use permit from the city. (All

community facilities require conditional use permits.)

The city will have the opportunity to attach conditions to the conditional use permit.

Responding to a question by Councilor Tim Hardie about why QV is pursuing the annexation at this time, Derr said that QV would like to be able to provide for future residential development when there is a need. QV feels that part of the property included in the annexation request could be used for this purpose. Because this would require an additional process to change the zoning from community facility to residential, it is not included in current discussions.

Mayor Bob Orlowski introduced Tim Grossnickle as the top candidate for position of superintendent of public works. Grossnickle currently works for the City of Aurora, where he has been Public Works Superintendent for three years. Council unanimously agreed to offer the position to Grossnickle. Details concerning his transition from Aurora to Banks remain to be completed.

Councilor Gary Coffey presented the Parks Committee report. The committee would like to add several new restrictions to activities in Greenville Park. They are continuing work on development of a permit process and fee schedule for large groups using the park. They are also seeking clarification of whether the ordinance cited on park signs actually exists on city books. City attorney Jim Lucas and the committee will research this and develop ordinances if needed.

In other business council:  
• Received a report from the planning commission regarding their determination that fencing ordinances need modification for height and sidewalk clearance. Hardie also requested clarification on what materials constituted a fence.

• Took action to re-appoint Jacques Hermens as Library

Commissioner and approved the three percent increase for library employees that is included in the 2001-2002 budget.

• Directed Lucas to notify several property owners that complaints had been received

about tall grass and weeds in yards that could pose a threat to public safety.

• Directed Lucas to send a copy of city action regarding placement of a Verizon cellular phone tower to Mr. Layton.

## Board members elect Meeuwsen

The oath of office was administered to new Banks School Board member Doug Nordholm and returning board members Willis Meeuwsen and Gene Kelley at a brief meeting on June 16.

Meeuwsen was elected board chairman for 2001-02 and Joe Evers was elected vice-chairman.

Superintendent Marilyn McGlasson shared photos of the tremendous work done by PGE crews and other volunteers to complete field lighting at Banks High School. Along with local resident Nick Vandehey and others, PGE worked an entire Saturday, donating six trucks and nine employees to get the

light fixtures mounted and ready. Testing should be completed soon.

McGlasson introduced new district business manager Nancy Hall. Hall has been working at the Yamhill ESD and is very familiar with the accounting software used by the district. She lives in Forest Grove and has a Masters degree in Business Education.

In other business the board:

• Ratified negotiated agreements with Banks Education Association and Banks Association of Classified Employees for 2001-2002.

• Announced the next scheduled board meeting for September 10th.

## Annual Ag/Forestry Tour is rapidly filling up, hurry

The annual Washington County Extension Agricultural/Forestry Tour will be Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The tour will include the L-Bar-T Bison Ranch in Hillsboro for a look at all aspects of this unusual ranch. Tom and Lori Epler turned this former hobby into a thriving business. You'll get a chance to get close to some of the amazing animals, and calves will just be starting to develop their humps. LL-Bar-T Bison Ranch sells meat year-round, from sausage to steaks to roasts.

Pool Park in Newberg will be the lunch stop and a chance to stretch your legs.

The next stop will be in Gervais at Cari Farms, a family op-

eration run by Richard and Carolyn Stowell. This farm produces grass seed, mint, vegetables and wheat. Mint harvesting will be underway.

Another family operation is Goschie Farms in Silverton, where Herman and Vernice Goschie work alongside their three grown children. Here we'll see production of hops vegetables, seed crops and some livestock.

The last stop will be at the Oregon Garden for a closeup of this breath-taking project. This will be the site of our barbecue buffet.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Aug. 3. The price is 40 per person and includes lunch and dinner. For information or a reservation, call 503-648-1102.

**Tri-City Rural Fire District**

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

**JUNE 2001**

- June 4 - MVA-Sunset Hwy
- June 5 - MVA-Nowakowski
- June 6 - EMS Assist
- June 7 - EMS Assist (2)
- June 10 - MVA (2)  
Illegal burn
- June 11 - MVA-Hwy 47
- June 12 - Fires (2)
- June 13 - EMS Assist
- June 14 - EMS Assist
- June 16 - MVA-Banks Road  
EMS Assist
- June 17 - Dumpster fire
- June 20 - MVA-Hwy 26  
EMS Assist (2)  
Bark dust fire
- June 21 - EMS Assist (2)  
MVA-Main St. Banks
- June 22 - EMS Assist
- June 23 - EMS Assist  
Illegal burn
- June 24 - EMS Assist (2)
- June 25 - Car fire
- June 27 - Smoke investigation
- June 28 - EMS Assist
- June 30 - MVAs (5)  
EMS Assist  
Truck fire

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