

# Banks ordinance sets curfew for children through age seventeen

The highlight of the Banks City Council meeting January 8 was the "Kick-Off" presentation by Brad Sinn, of Oregon Downtown Development Association, of a two-day project in the city. The work was presented to the public, January 9, and is described in a separate article starting on page 1.

Council also heard the first reading of a new public safety ordinance developed by Chief of Police Daryl Crandall and city attorney Jim Lucas. The or-

dinance defines property offenses (damage to official signs and public or private property, etc.), and offenses to public peace (defines disorderly conduct) and public safety (possession and use of weapons, interference with police, loitering and curfew). Violation of the ordinance can result in a fine of up to \$600.

The ordinance also establishes a curfew for children under the age of eighteen, prohibiting their presence in any

public place between the hours specified unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The prohibited hours for children under the age of fourteen are between 9:15 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. For those 14-18, curfew would be established between 10:15 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from midnight to 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights, or prior to legal holidays. There are adjustments for summer months.

Employers will have to issue those under 18 a card stating that their employment requires them to be out during curfew hours. The ordinance also prohibits adults from allowing children in their care to be in public places during curfew hours.

Other business before the council included:

- Approved the final audit for fiscal year 2000-2001, noting a beginning deficit of \$139,357 and an ending deficit of \$9,083.

- Passed a resolution authorizing the city to borrow up to \$415,000 for the purpose of purchasing property for the pro-

tection and enhancement of the watershed.

- Approved a resolution appropriating the profit from timber sales of up to \$70,000 for the specific purpose of providing funds for land acquisition.

- Approved a change in the format of water bills for an estimated savings of \$3,645.

- Determined that extermination of pests in the Scout Cabin by tenting would not be more effective than a repeat borate treatment. A borate treatment will be conducted in 2003.

- Approved animal ordinances.

## Young man preying on elderly with hard luck story

Washington County Sheriff's Deputies are investigating two incidents of a young man preying on elderly residents in mobile home parks. The incidents occurred January 12 and January 13.

In both cases the suspect went to the home of an elderly resident claiming to be a long-lost relative. Once inside the residence he gave the victim a hard luck story and asked for money. One of the victims be-

lieved him and gave him cash. When that wasn't enough, the victim went to a nearby store, cashed a check and gave him more money. The other victim did not give him any money.

The perpetrator in both incidents is described as a white male in his mid 20s to early 30s, about 6-feet tall with a

medium to husky build. He had shoulder-length brown, curly hair.

If you have any information in this case or believe you may have been a victim of this scam, contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office Records Division at 503 846-2700.

## Family Bingo Night set at BJHS

Family Bingo Night will be hosted by the Banks Junior High School Parents Club on Friday, February 1, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Banks Junior High School Cafeteria, 450 S. Main Street, in Banks. Pizza will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Bingo will start at 7:00 p.m.

Bingo cards will be \$1.00

each with free exchange throughout the evening. Four "Goodie Walks" will be held at 50¢ a walk. A snack bar will be open and pizza will be available by the slice.

Proceeds will be used for extracurricular activities at BJHS. For more information, call 503-324-3111.

## Centennial Celebration of Banks name starts Monday, January 21

It was nearly one hundred years ago that the name "Banks" was given approval and assigned to the local post office. The name referred to the entire community, not to the City of Banks, which was not yet incorporated. In recognition of the name's century mark, the Banks Chamber of Commerce will kick off a year-long centennial celebration on Monday, January 21, at the Banks Depot.

Activities starting at 2:00 p.m. will include the reading of a proclamation, a short walk to the location of the original Post Office, which is now a residence, and refreshments.

The Port of Tillamook may also be able to provide a train for the requisite celebratory three toots of a train whistle.

The community is invited to join in the fun of celebrating an early milestone for the community of Banks.

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