

Property owner given 10 days clean up garbage and fire hazards

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be disturbed. Additionally, he told council, he is required by state law to board any animal suspected of having rabies. He said that he had provided kenneling for 20 to 30 dogs over the last year.

Jack Leidl and Carol Ford spoke in favor of the kennel. Both said that Vrendenburg's service had provided a place to board animals when they were unable to find an alternative, and they felt it was an important community service.

Herbert Bryant, a resident one house away from BVS, said he has been forced to wear earplugs at night and is still unable to sleep because of noise echoing out of the tin building into the street. Accord-

ing to Bryant, the dogs barked "all night long." In a letter to the council, he wrote "In the past we've always had the option of talking to our neighbors about their barking dogs or, if necessary, reporting it to the proper authorities." Bryant emphasized his unwillingness to listen to noise for somebody's profit or so somebody can do a favor.

Following the hearing, Mayor Bob Orlovski reminded councilors that the purpose of the hearing was to determine whether a violation of the zoning ordinance had occurred. In response to council questions, Won explained that some areas, such as the boarding of strays on a temporary basis, were gray areas in the code but that long term use as a kennel

was clearly prohibited. Council voted unanimously to deny the appeal and Mayor Orlovski told Vrendenburg that he must discontinue the operation of the kennel.

Nuisance abatement

Police Chief Daryl Crandall gave the staff report for the second hearing, concerning failure to abate a public nuisance at 140 Depot Street. Crandall provided photos of the property, taken about a year ago and again the day before the hearing, to illustrate some of the abandoned trailers and piles of garbage that attract rodents, raccoons and cats. According to SWATCO, Crandall said, the property has not had garbage service for three years. He told council that he

has been called to the residence several times because of suspected prowlers that turned out to be animals. Tall grass and weeds on the property also create a fire hazard.

Neither the property owner nor the renter was present at the hearing. According to Crandall, the owner would like to clean up the property and has issued an eviction notice to the

renter.

Jack Leidl, present at the meeting to speak to council about BVS, also testified as the next-door neighbor, telling council that he is fearful of the fire hazard to his house, only a few feet away from the high grass, and that he often sees rats, cats and raccoons. He said that high water carries some of the garbage on to his property and that the smell from piling up or burning diapers and other garbage is often overwhelming.

Council unanimously declared the property a nuisance and gave the property owner ten days to remove the high weeds and garbage. If the property is not cleaned up the city can abate the nuisance at the owner's expense.

In other business:

- Public Works Superintendent Tim Grossnickle reported that the contractor is nearing completion of work on the slow sand filter. Grossnickle has been able to greatly reduce the costs of installing monitoring devices, which paid for computer controlled equipment to monitor water levels. This will allow more precise pump operations and reduce operating costs.

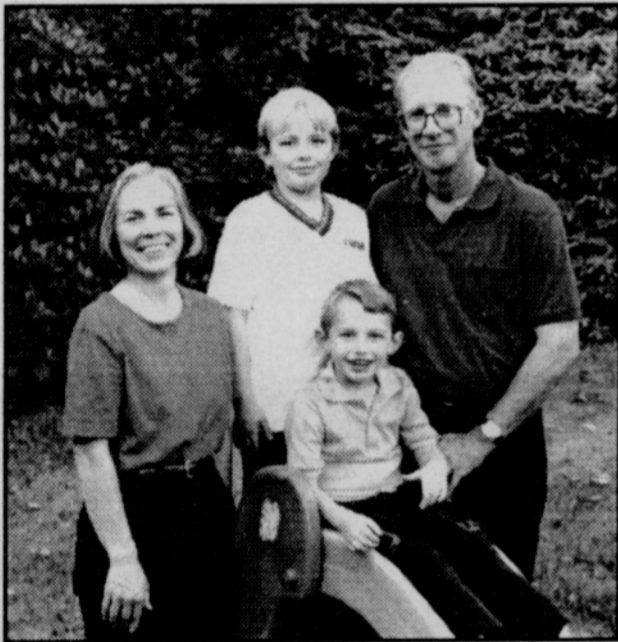
- Ray Deeth, president of the Banks Historical Society, informed the council that copies of documents that complement the city's original charter are available, and that the Banks Chamber of Commerce has received funding for an historical researcher who will be in the area for the next year.

Banks Fire District #13

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

SEPTEMBER 2002

- Sept 1 - MVA
- Sept 2 - Brush fire
EMS Assist
- Sept 3 - EMS Assist
- Sept 5 - MVA
- Sept 6 - Barn Fire
MVA
EMS Assist
- Sept 7 - MVA
EMS Assist
- Sept 8 - Illegal Burn
- Sept 9 - EMS Assist
- Sept 11 - Residential fire
EMS Assist
- Sept 14 - MVA (2)
- Sept 15 - Life Flight, Land
- Sept 17 - EMS Assist
- Sept 18 - EMS Assist (2)
- Sept 19 - EMS Assist
- Sept 21 - Illegal burn
- Sept 22 - EMS Assist (2)
- Sept 25 - Car Fire & allergies
- Sept 26 - Illegal burn
- Sept 27 - EMS Assist
- Sept 28 - MVA
- Sept 29 - Illegal burn (2)
Smoke Investigation
- Sept 30 - Illegal burn (4)
Utility Pole fire



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