

“Help Our Habitat” class picked for county honors by KUIK radio

After hearing the annual report from Northwest Region Education Service District, the Banks school board heard administrator reports, approved the budget calendar and discussed surplus property at their November 10 meeting.

Administrators' Reports

Marty Voge, Banks Elementary Principal, told the board that the annual Battle of the Books has started, with the addition this year of four adult teams. Voge said that teacher Pam Brown's after school Help Our Habitat class was recognized by KUIK radio as Washington County Class of the Month for October, for their contribution to the community.

A large number of parents attended junior high conferences, according to Mark Everett, junior high principal. He

suggested that having junior high and high school conferences on different evenings might make it easier for parents with students in both schools. Everett told the board that an active parent group is up and running and is discussing ways to provide some financial assistance to teachers. The group is also considering after school art activities of some kind.

Banks High School Principal Jim Foster told the board that about 130 families attended conferences. BHS National Honor society inducted 17 new members October 30 – Jenny Oakes, Matt Vandehey, Kelley Lindstrom, Tyler Blok, Tommy Bonin, Annie Wood, Denny Bartha, Amanda Petti, Beth Lipfert, Greta Bradford, Kristen Schmidlin, Alex Polston, Julianne Kahler, Elizabeth Fishback, Alicia Colson, Vanessa Hancock, and Michelle Carr.

Both the junior high and high school will be conducting surveys of parents and students to get input for the next biennial rewriting of the school improvement plan.

Athletic Director Jim Smith told the board the BHS had a great season. The volleyball team placed second in the league and the football team won the Cowapa League championship for the first time since 1986.

Technology director Gary Hartman earned several requests from board and audience members when he told

the board that he was succeeding in eliminating a portion of e-mail spam from being forwarded to district users.

Surplus Property

Superintendent Marilyn McGlasson told the board that the district still owns a very small portable classroom that was placed at St. Francis school to provide special education services some time ago. The building is no longer used for any purpose and is in very poor condition, according to McGlasson. After reviewing district policy concerning the disposal of surplus property, the board declared the building surplus and directed McGlasson to offer St. Francis first right of offer.

McGlasson told the board that she sent a letter to the City of Banks asking that the school district be notified and included in discussions with the West Hills Development Corporation (WHDC). WHDC is conducting meetings with the community and the homeowner's association in Arbor Village about plans to request a zoning change for an area previously zoned industrial. WHDC would like to site homes in this area. McGlasson said that she asked the city to consider a school impact fee as part of a future agreement with WHDC. McGlasson told the board that the city cannot impose a fee for schools but it could be included by negotiation with WHDC and might improve the chances for

approval of the zoning change. According to McGlasson, phase one of the development included an \$800 per home fee for schools. Though phase two and three did not include a fee, WHDC did purchase play equipment and provide a bus lane

In other business the board:

- Hired OSBA Executive

Search for the superintendent's position starting July 1, 2005.

- Announced four openings on the budget committee. Two members, whose terms have expired will be asked to reapply.

- Heard that junior high enrollment had increased by about 20 students.

McGlasson will stay as head of schools on half-time schedule

The Banks school board approved a contract to retain Marilyn McGlasson as half-time superintendent for the 2004-2005 school year in an effort to maintain the continuity of district leadership and realize significant savings.

McGlasson, a superintendent for 19 years, including six years in Banks, was scheduled to retire at the end of the current school year. McGlasson helped the district overcome a \$1.4 mil-

lion shortfall when she became superintendent in 1998.

Board chair Doug Nordholm said “Marilyn understands our district and has the leadership skills we need to keep programs and finances on track while we conduct a comprehensive search for the right person to fill her position. We'll also be saving about \$70,000, which we'll plug back into school programs.”

Banks Fire District #13

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

OCTOBER 2003

- Oct 1 – MVA Mallers Rd.
- Oct 2 – MVA Banks Rd. Sick Person
- Oct 3 – EMS Assist; Falls (2), Lockout (1)
- Oct 4 – MVA Timber Rd. Illegal burn (2) Car fire (1)
- Oct 5 – MVA Hwy 6/47 EMS Assist; assault (1) Trauma (1)
- Oct 7 – EMS Assist; Cardiac arrest
- Oct 9 – Auto alarm
- Oct 11 – Life flight zone
- Oct 12 – MVA Davidson Rd. EMS Assist; Chest pain
- Oct 13 – Auto Alarm
- Oct 14 – MVA Timber/Sunset Hwy
- Oct 15 – Auto Alarm
- Oct 16 – EMS Assist Unknown spill
- Oct 17 – MVA Sunset Hwy
- Oct 18 – MVA Sunset Hwy/Pihl Rd
- Oct 20 – EMS Assist; Assault Smoke investigation
- Oct 21 – EMS Assist; Unconscious Wire down
- Oct 23 – Mutual aid; F. Grove
- Oct 24 – EMS Assist; Med check Smoke investigation (2)
- Oct 25 – Smoke investigation
- Oct 26 – MVA Nowakowski Rd.
- Oct 27 – Illegal burn
- Oct 30 – EMS Assist; Overdose(1) Seizure (1)
- Oct 31 – EMS Assist; Sick person Auto alarm Grass Fire



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