

City Council will interview four for chief

Banks City Council decided to offer the same contract to attorney Jim Lucas in June to return to his duties as city attorney at their meeting September 14. Lucas closed his practice for personal reasons prior to signing the contract. David Noren, the Gaston city attorney, has been handling legal matters for Banks since June and will finish negotiations for an easement.

Candy Deeth, representing the Banks Historical Society, told council that the society would like to purchase display cases for some historical documents, photographs and artifacts from the founding of the area. The group wants to place the cases in the Scout Cabin which, Deeth reminded council, was extensively renovated with public funds but which sees little activity. A discussion about opening the cabin to display historical items will be on the October agenda.

Mayor Bob Orłowski presented an intergovernmental

agreement between Clean Water Services (CWS) and the city that would allow CWS to decommission most of the unused Banks sewage plant. The city operated the plant before contracting with United Sewerage Agency. CWS wants to bring the property to ground level, with the exception of the operating pump station, and remove potential hazards. Following the decommissioning, the city would assume management of the property. Council approved the agreement.

Orłowski reported that the applications for police chief have been reviewed and four applicants have been selected for interviews. Background checks are underway. October 16 has been scheduled for the applicants to meet with a technical committee, a community committee and the mayor. Lunch at the library and a light supper will provide council members with an informal opportunity to meet the candidates. Orłowski will complete

the final step in the hiring process, a visit to the current employer of the top candidate. The hiring committee will make a recommendation to council at a future meeting.

Pete Edison reported that he is continuing to research construction of a skate park in Banks. Teri Branstire raised the question of location, but there was no discussion. Edison said that he will contact Ross Demmell, who initiated the proposal, and work with the Banks Community Foundation on this project.



In other business council:

- Approved a resolution requesting Transportation Enhancement Funds to be used for the completion of the Banks Vernonia Linear Park to a terminus in Banks.
- Approved a temporary liquor license for the high school parents club annual crab feed at Schlegel Hall.
- Learned that Washington County will provide one full time officer to cover the Banks community, with a second officer part-time.
- Asked the League of Oregon Cities to make a presentation at the October meeting on the process they have developed for hiring a city manager.

Banks Crab Feed October 9

This years All-You-Can-Eat Crab Feed will be held October 9, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Schlegel Hall, at Sunset Park in Banks. There will also be live music from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. and a beer garden from 5:00 to 11:00 p.m.

In addition to All-You-Can-Eat Crab, the meal includes green salad, pasta salad, garlic bread and a beverage. Pre-Feed tickets prices are \$25.00

for adults (13 and up); \$10.00 for ages 6 through 12. Children age 5 and under are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Prices the day of the feed will be \$30.00 and \$15.00.

This event is sponsored by the Banks High School (BHS) Parents' Association as a benefit for the BHS Boosters.

For Pre-Feed tickets call Kathy Edison at 503-324-3614.

Volunteers needed for Killin project

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to help sow seed, pull fences and participate in many other elements needed to restore 30 acres of the Killin Wetland near Park Farm Creek in Banks.

Killin Wetland is 373 acres of wetland, including 140 acres of degraded geyer's willow scrub and over 2.1 miles of potential anadromous fish habitat. The project will help provide natural habitat for wildlife by restoring stream and wetland function.

Work gloves, tools, light snacks, and instruction will be

provided. Participants should wear layered clothing, hiking boots or rain boots, and bring adequate bottled water.

To sign up, call Amie Diffe-nauer, 503-590-5813, or email <amie@tualatinriverkeepers.org>

The Killin Wetland Restoration is an ongoing project of Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces and the Tualatin Riverkeepers. The property was purchased through the Metro Greenspaces acquisitions program and is being managed by Ash Creek Forest Management of Tigard.

Banks FFA will hold Round-Up

Banks FFA Chapter and FFA Alumni Chapter will be having their FFA Round-Up on Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Banks High School Agriculture Shop.

The Alumni will be Bar-B-Queing and chapter officer will make a presentation.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the FFA or FFA

Alumni are encouraged to attend.

Students are currently preparing to participate in a Soil Judging Career Development Event and are working on two fundraisers; a scrap metal drive and tire recycling. The greenhouse is being prepared for the winter growing season.



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