

# Port Orford man is selected for superintendent of Banks schools

Banks School Board announced, at their April 11 meeting, the selection of Marv Ott to replace Marilyn McGlasson as district superintendent. The superintendent search, which started in December, 2004, attracted 23 candidates. Ott, who is currently superintendent and principal at Port Orford-Langlois, will officially begin July 1.

According to Ott, his strengths include creating opportunities for recognition and encouragement of both students and staff. He enjoys working directly with students and never misses a home game. Food featured prominently in several of his ideas, including lunch with students, and

staff meetings that serve barbeque. "I like to take every opportunity for everybody to get to know each other," he said, so when difficult issues arise they know what to expect from each other. Ott said he would welcome the public into the schools and added that, in his current district, senior citizens use school computer facilities.

Ott received his undergraduate degree at Oregon College of Education and a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies from the same institution, with a new name, Western Oregon University. He earned his administrators license at University of Oregon. Ott has five children and nine grandchildren scattered through the Willamette Valley, and Banks is several hours closer to them than the southern Oregon coast.

Banks High School Principal Jim Foster, who was one of the finalists for the superintendency, told *The INDEPENDENT* that he has no plans to change jobs because "I really like what I'm doing." Foster has been at Banks High School since 1979, as a history teacher for the first fourteen years, assistant principal for seven years and principal since 2000.

In his administrator's report, Foster told the board that Zoe Garza was named to All State Dance and Drill Team following the team placing fifth in state competition. At the state FFA Convention, Monica Herinckx and Krystina Petersen earned their State FFA Degrees, and the chapter was recognized as

a Superior Chapter.

Gary Hartman continues to put Banks at the cutting edge of technology implementation. Junior high and high school students (and their parents) can access attendance, assignments and grades via the Internet. This month he introduced a service that will allow students to begin writing at school, save the document to the web, then access it and continue working on the report at home. They will be able to save their work and have it waiting for them when they arrive at school.

Marty Voge reported that the elementary school has created a primary level literacy team to coordinate efforts to have every child reading at grade level by the third grade. All kindergarten, first and second grade,

Title I and Special Education teachers will meet regularly to assess, diagnose and implement strategies for various students' level and learning style.

Voge told the board that the Oregon School Counselor Association selected DD Stillson as Elementary Counselor of the Year.

Mark Everett, Student Services and Junior High Principal, told the board that staff has been meeting to discuss transitioning students from one building to the next. They will review projected staffing, identify student needs and insure that curriculum is in place to meet those needs. The goal is to have a smooth transition for every student, including a visit to their new building before the end of the year if possible.

McGlasson told the board that the firefighter program, which was highlighted for the board at their January meeting, would be featured on Good Morning Oregon on April 28.

She also reported that \$52,985 will be spent over the summer in the second year of a five-year roofing plan, and the grandstand crow's nest and roof access will be improved at a cost of \$22,015. Funds for capitol improvements come from the sale of the Buxton School property.

Updating the board on the progress of the budget, McGlasson told the board that she is developing a budget based on the governor's proposed \$5.0 billion for the state school fund. The legislature is expected to increase the level of funding to at least \$5.2 billion, which, McGlasson said, would allow for the next level of needs assessment.

## North Plains plant sale benefits library

The North Plains Garden Club will hold a plant sale Saturday, May 7, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 11052 NW 309th Avenue, to benefit the North Plains Public Library Project. Cash or checks will be accepted.

The Garden Club's goal is to raise \$3,000 for the Friends of the North Plains Library. Library ground breaking will be April 30, and it is expected to open in November. The Library must operate without public funds for the first two years.

## Banks Library Plant and Book Sale

The Friends of the Banks Library Plant and Book Sale will be held Friday, May 6 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Banks Public Library, 111 Market Street, Banks.

This annual fundraiser supports special programs including story time, summer reading programs and this year has an additional goal of raising staff salaries to county standards.

This primarily indoor sale is exploding with quality shrubs, trees, perennials, ornamental grasses, climbing vines, bamboos, herbs and heirloom vegetable starts from local nurseries.

Of course, what would a Library Benefit Sale be without books! This is a great opportunity for people to stock up on bags full of gently used books without going broke. The price is just amazing; \$0.50 for each paper back book and \$1.00 for each hard back book.

Tax deductible donations and Friends of the Library memberships will be accepted at the sale. Cash and checks will be accepted. The Artfull Garden in Hillsboro and the Brown Derby in Banks will each offer 10 percent discounts to customers May 6 and 7 who show their receipts from either the Banks or the North Plains sales.

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