

Nuisance citation will be issued

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City Attorney Jim Lucas presented a draft of a chronic nuisance ordinance. The draft ordinance defines a "chronic nuisance property" as one where there have been four incidents in 30 days. Property owners would be given time to abate the nuisance, or protest. If they fail to take action, they may be required to pay a civil penalty of one-thousand dollars per incident for subsequent incidents. Possible incidents include alcohol and drug violations, noise

disturbance, firearm violations, and other violations of Banks City ordinances. There will be a first reading of the ordinance at the next council meeting.

The chronic nuisance ordinance is being developed because of cases where the same properties are repeatedly brought to the council's attention. Owners make last ditch efforts to abate the nuisance, but do not make permanent changes and the properties fall into the nuisance category

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Between the Bookends

By Angie Spiering
Banks Public Library



It is time to turn in reading records for the Washington County Libraries Summer Reading Program, "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds". They will be accepted until August 31.

Every child who meets their goal and turns in their reading records will receive a paperback book.

We would like to express thanks to the Forest Grove Rotary Club, PGE, Verizon, Wells Fargo and State Farm for their monetary donations. The money was used to help pay for our summer reading award books. Also, the Friends of the Banks Library helped to provide some of our summer entertainment programs and the Barnes & Noble gift cards that were used as grand prizes. We were able to award a winner in each of the four age groups with a \$15 shopping spree.

We have been receiving some wonderful donations from our patrons. A sampling of the books include:

Michelangelo's Notebook by Paul Christopher. This breathtaking thriller delivers a lightening-paced page-turner about an innocent woman who becomes entangled in a deadly conspiracy that spans two continents and more than half a century.

What to Keep, by Rachel Cline, looks into the lives of Denny Roman, her mother, father, stepfather and her surrogate mother—all practicing

variations on the theme "parent" but none quite done being children themselves. Bubbling with sly humor and psychological insight, their story holds out a refreshingly flexible and realistic model of what a good family—whether created by nature or chance or both—can consist of.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling. This is the sixth book in a series of seven by Rowling. The war against Voldemort is not going well; even Muggle governments are noticing. Ron scans the obituary pages of the Daily Prophet, looking for familiar names. Dumbledore is absent from Hogwarts for long stretches of time, and the Order of the Phoenix has already suffered losses.

A few other new arrivals are: *Light in August* *The Corrected Text* by William Faulkner, an Oprah Book Club selection, *Marker* by Robin Cook and *Until I Find You* by John Irving.

Banks Library is happy to accept books in good condition that meet donation guidelines. We do NOT accept *Reader's Digest*, textbooks, encyclopedias or yellowed paperbacks. Please call if you have a large quantity or need further clarification.

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