City Council looks at paving, vandalism, and Eagle Scout project

Public Works Superintendent Tim Grossnickle reported to the Banks City Council, at their September 13 meeting, that bids are being sought for paving the library parking lot, Market Street and the public works building parking area. Bids will be opened September 20 and a contract may be presented at the next council

meeting. Grossnickle is also seeking design/build proposals for improvements needed for Well Two. He also noted that the cutting and sale of timber in the watershed is complete and that the city made \$250,000, which is \$50,000 more than estimated.

Deputy Jim Berning reported that vandalism has been on the rise in the area and he is taking steps to stop it. He said that he is investigating all vandalism, whether it is called in or he notices it himself. He also stated that he is no longer giving warnings but moving straight to arrests.

Dallon Hamilton, a 14 year old Boy Scout from Troop 581, appeared before council to pro-



Boy Scout Troop 581, from Banks, raised \$600 for Hurricane Katrina victims at a fundraiser held at Jim's Thriftway, September 16 and 17. The money was donated to Northwest Medical Teams. Photo courtesy of Bud and Kathi Smith.

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pose working on the log cabin as his Eagle Scout project. His proposal included repairing or replacing the caulking, and removing the moss from the roof. Hamilton said he had a roofer look at the building and was told that the roof just needs to be cleaned, not repaired. He also asked council what type of caulking was used previously to see if it was still under warranty.

Council replied that they will look for that information. They also asked Hamilton to return with a proposal specifying what work would be done and how it would be done to preserve the building and Hamilton's safety. Mayor Mike Lyda noted that the restoration work done five years ago was done by a log cabin expert and that care was needed to be sure to protect this historic building.

Council authorized Lyda to sign a zoning application to Washington County being filed

on behalf of T-Mobile to install cell antennas on the water tower. Signing the application is not the same as granting approval of the project, as a lease would still need to be reached and T-Mobile may have to pursue their own right-of-way easement agreements.

A letter from several residents of Groveshire Avenue requested that the intersection of Groveshire and Oak Way and Groveshire and Buckshire be changed from two-way stops to four-way stops. After discussion, council will look at possible alternatives, have Deputy Berning keep an eve on the area, and ask the citizens to appear before council and explain why they think more stop signs would be beneficial.

Council again reviewed language for the proposed Chronic Nuisance Ordinance. A first reading should take place next council meeting.

Boosters Crab Feed October 15

The third annual "All You Can Eat" Crab Feed will be held October 15, from 5:00 to 10 p.m. at Schlegel Hall, in Sunset Park, Banks.

The meal includes "all you can eat" Dungeness crab, green salad, pasta salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, and one non-alcoholic beverage. Prepurchased ticket prices are \$25 for adults (ages 13 and up), \$10 for students (ages 6-12),

while those five and under are free with the purchase of an adult ticket. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event at \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. To purchase tickets, call Kathy Edison at 503-324-3614.

Sponsored by the Banks High School Parents Association, the feed benefits the BHS Boosters.

