

# NAAVE updates members, sets up a fundraiser for November 4-5

Neighbors Against Apple Valley Expansion (NAAVE) met September 20 at the Banks Public Library to update members on the status of a proposal to expand uses at the Apple Valley Airstrip in Buxton.

Co-chair Miki Barnes summarized owner Mike Applebee's proposal to Washington County, which includes establishing commercial services including flight training, sale of aeronautic equipment and supplies, aircraft service and maintenance, and scenic tours.

One of the county's requirements for Applebee was to address concerns brought by citizens at the public hearing held last summer. The concerns included land use conflicts, noise, choice of flight paths and safety. Barnes reported these issues were addressed as fol-

lows:

- Land use – Asserts that proposed uses will not significantly interfere with existing land use in the area. No formal impact studies were included.

- Noise – Pointed out that DEQ had cancelled its noise control program in 1991 due to lack of funding and cited several instances of animals not being bothered by airport noise.

- Flight paths – Proposed that usual route would be over highway 26 and landings would be east-west. Also pointed out that FAA encourages pilots to fly over rural property.

- Safety – Applebee said he would take all necessary precautions against terrorism, but that it was safe to assume that larger areas were more likely targets.

Washington County ruled that the proposal was incomplete and allowed Applebee 180 days to complete it. If the deadline is missed, the application process would have to start anew.

Regarding the county's decision to deem the proposal incomplete, NAAVE member Claire Turner said there were several relatively small things Applebee needed to do for completion. These included a more detailed site plan, a detailed description of additional structures needed to provide proposed services, and establishing what level of activity was at the airport in 1996.

Larger requirements include complete impact studies that address how each of his proposed uses would affect surrounding land use, especially farming and forestry.

Perhaps the most difficult areas Applebee's proposal must

address are the location of the property in a 100 year flood plain, and its designation as a significant natural resource for water and wildlife (Washington County law sections 421 and 422). These considerations are why former owner Rod Andersen's first proposal for a private airport was denied and why he was limited to a grass airstrip and banned from refueling or changing any engine fluids.

Limitations in a 100 year flood plain include no storage of fuels or toxic chemicals and buildings must meet special specifications. Any paving or removal of wetland has to be matched by the creation of an equal amount of wetland. A biological assessment may also

be required, identifying every species on the property and determining the impact of the airport on each.

Currently, the county is holding Applebee to the terms agreed upon with Andersen, which allowed private use for fixed wing aircraft, with up to 360 arrivals and departures per year. This means that, at this time, all commercial activity is illegal, as is any helicopter activity. NAAVE is encouraging its members to file a complaint with the county if they notice illegal activity.

NAAVE's voice is being heard by the county, Barnes said, in no small part because the group is represented by land use lawyer Ed Sullivan. In

order to keep Sullivan, which Barnes says is vital, the group is proposing more fund raising. Continuing fund raisers include selling yard signs for \$15 each, or three for \$40. The hat is also passed at every meeting.

The next large fundraiser will be a community sale, November 4-5, at Schlegel Hall in Sunset Park in Banks. On "First Dibs Friday," Nov. 4 from 5-8:00 p.m., a \$5 entrance fee will allow an advance look at the items available and the chance to purchase them for twice the marked price. The main part of the sale will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

To donate items, contact Michele or Claire at info@naave.org.

## Washington County Clean and Green Project date set

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The INTEL-SOLV Washington County Clean and Green Project, a one-day volunteer effort, is the result of a broad coalition of community organizations and government agencies supported by business sponsors. Individual citizens, families and teams representing the private and public sector will be coming together to make a positive difference in their communities. Hundreds of Intel employees, their families, and friends are expected to

make up a significant portion of all volunteers.

"Volunteers are still needed at our Beaverton Creek projects to remove invasive plants and clean up areas near waterways, at Dairy Dell Creek in Tigard to plant native trees, and at several Hillsboro Schools where volunteers will make landscape improvements. Many of our projects are great for kids," said Nancy Spieler, SOLV Program Coordinator.

SOLV Executive Director

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### Banks Fire District #13

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

#### AUGUST 2005

- Aug 2 – EMS assist (3) – sick (2), trauma
- Aug 3 – EMS assist – seizures & MVA Hwy 47 @ Creps & mutual aid dist 2/MVA
- Aug 5 – EMS assist (3) – trauma, bee sting, bleeding
- Aug 6 – EMS assist – mental
- Aug 7 – EMS assist (2) – fall, assault & MVA Hwy 26 & illegal burn
- Aug 8 – MVA Pongratz/Pihl
- Aug 9 – MVA Timber Rd. & smoke investigation
- Aug 10 – EMS assist (3) – sick, trauma, overdose
- Aug 13 – EMS Assist – trauma & MVA Hwy 26 & illegal burn & mutual aid F. Grove/MVA
- Aug 14 – Move-up coverage
- Aug 18 – EMS assist (2) – allergic reaction, medical alarm
- Aug 19 – MVA Hwy 26/Pihl
- Aug 21 – MVA Hwy 26/Jim Dandy & mutual aid F. Grove/MVA
- Aug 22 – Unknown spill
- Aug 23 – EMS assist – breathing & MVA(3) Hwy 6, 26, 47
- Aug 24 – EMS assist – trauma & odor investigation
- Aug 25 – MVA Hwy 26 @ MP 36
- Aug 26 – EMS assist – fall
- Aug 28 – EMS assist – unconscious & smoke investigation
- Aug 29 – EMS assist – overdose & residential fire/Ridge Rd

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