

Banks Council discusses the job description for a city manager

Banks City Council, at their April 11 meeting, again discussed the job description for a new city manager. City attorney Jim Lucas had reviewed the description and pointed out that there is a discrepancy between the description and the city charter regarding who has the power to hire and fire city officers. The charter says that the mayor appoints city officers with council approval. The job description gave that power to the city manager. The description will be modified to show that the mayor and council retain hiring and firing privileges. By next meeting, the description should be complete and a salary range determined so the job can be posted and filled.

Boy Scout Dallan Hamilton told council that he has purchased everything needed to complete his project at the scout cabin. He also said that firemen had cleared off the roof and he had applied moss killer. The next step will be spraying the roof again and rinsing it off. He will wait for warm, dry weather to repair the chinking in the cabin.

Mayor Mike Lyda announced that the Market Street paving project was complete and accepted. Favorable weather and ground conditions allowed for quick work and should bring the project in under budget.

George Carney appeared before council, again, to report on what he learned from Washington County about how he could purchase a small piece of land from the city that is currently the only access to his property. The lot owned by the

city is less than 80 acres, so initially the county said that the land could not be further divided. However, since the city owns additional adjacent property, the lots could be combined into a parcel over 80 acres and then the property transfer could be made.

Lyda questioned what the city would be giving up by consolidating the parcels. After some discussion, council decided to have Lucas look into the issue to determine the city's best interest. He will identify the city's properties, when they were acquired, and if there are any encumbrances that would prevent sale or consolidation. Carney agreed to reimburse the city, up to \$1250, for costs incurred by this search.

Council discussed, but took no action, on having the city pay for the water for Greenville Park. Lyda stated that the park is owned by city and it is time to start transitioning the costs of the park to the city from the homeowners' association. Funding the water would cost \$8500 and would be a big first step in taking over maintenance of the park.

Mel Clark, president of Sunset Park Association, asked council to waive the \$60 permit application fee for a new sign being built at the park. The sign will be used by all of the Banks youth sports programs to announce registration and other

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Banks students in "Holka Polka" play



Students on stage in drama production of "Holka Polka" on April 13. Next class on "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

A group of about 40 Banks elementary students entertained family and friends with a production of "Holka Polka," April 13, as part of the first class offered by the new Banks Arts and Recreation Department. More than 150 spectators attended the fairytale mystery, directed by Kris Teague Gifford as part of a class on acting and play production.

Another drama class will be offered through May and June and may include a performance of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." The Arts and Recreation Department will also be offering an arts and crafts class. Both classes are held after school at the elementary school and are open to first through sixth graders.

A night out for special needs parents and kids

Special needs children will have a night of fun and entertainment while their parents will have a chance to catch a few hours for themselves on Friday, April 28, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at The ARC of Washington County, 4450 SW 184th Ave. in Aloha. Pre-registration is requested.

Diane Lindsey, of Washington County Lifespan Respite program, says to parents, "Let us entertain your child, while you take time for YOU!"

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Banks School Board considers funding for roof and classrooms

At the public work session preceding the April 10 Banks School Board meeting, the board spent nearly an hour discussing how best to fund two projects for the next year: re-roofing the community gym and remodeling the old high school shop into two classrooms. Together, the projects total about \$70,000.

Two years ago, the board decided to borrow funds each year from the sale of the Buxton School to bring district maintenance up to date. Now,

concerns have been raised about returning that money to the fund in a timely manner. Next school year would be the last of a three-year cycle of deferred maintenance projects.

Superintendent Marv Ott explained the various options for funding, if the board chose not to use the Buxton funds. Options include borrowing money from an outside source, thus incurring interest charges and other fees; reducing the ending

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