

**Business Notes**

**Service to the community is goal of new Banks Pharmacy owners**

Banks Pharmacy opened in December, 2005, but without a computer system and without being able to accept most insurance. By February, 2006, those deficiencies had been addressed and Banks Pharmacy is now ready and able to work with most major insurance companies.

Pharmacists Mark Sargeant and Philip Darrah bought the pharmacy in Jim's Thriftway and like owning a business where they can set the hours and determine for themselves how to treat customers, instead of relying on instructions from the bosses in bigger pharmacies.

Sargeant grew up in Banks and his grandmother still lives there. His family used to own the Sunset Fur Farms. He, as did Darrah, got his pharmacy degree from OSU. He now has three kids and likes being able to go to their games and be with family more than he was able to when he worked for someone else until 10:00 p.m. Sargeant likes, "Being able to create, it's fun building the



**Mark Sargeant, RPH**

pharmacy up."

Darrah grew up in Everett, Washington, got a masters in plant breeding and genetics and after a bad drought year, went back to school to become a pharmacist. Darrah's background gives him an edge in knowledge of herbals, extracts and other natural remedies. Darrah lives in Aloha and has four kids.

They plan to grow the pharmacy business to the point they need larger space in the same complex, Oak Village Center,

and want to open a Vernonia branch in the future.

Sargeant said of the pharmacy, "We are here for the convenience of the community with a fully functional pharmacy for all the community's needs." It's easy to transfer a prescription,

all you have to do is give them a call and tell them where the prescription is currently and they will get it transferred and ready to pick up at Banks Pharmacy.

Go see Mark and Phil for all your pharmacy needs at 660

Main St. (inside Jim's Thriftway). Banks Pharmacy is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can reach them by phone at 503-324-5780 to transfer prescriptions.



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**Small Woodlands group offers help with family forest operations**

Would you be interested in joining with thousands of other Oregon small woodland owners to better enhance, manage, and protect your woodland investment? Are you interested in learning more about the requirements of the Forest Practices Act (FPA) and best forestland management practices? Would you like to learn more about taxation, reforestation, and current research conducted by professionals? Would journals with interesting and informative articles be of value to you?

At the local level, Columbia County Small Woodlands Association (CCSWA) is known as a friendly, thriving, active, and growing association which sponsors tours, schedules general sessions with dinner speakers, maintains a seedling program for members, conducts ornamental sales for the public, represents members' interests at the state and county level, distributes a quarterly

newsletter, supports ODF stewardship foresters and the OSU Extension forestry program, etc. Beginning this fall, CCSWA will sponsor Columbia County fifth grade students' admission to the World Forestry Center in Portland. Teachers will receive their application packets in September.

At the state level, Oregon Small Woodlands Association (OSWA) maintains a professionally staffed office and employs a legislative professional to look after the interests of all family forestland owners in Oregon. For example, the Small Forestland Optional Tax program is a direct result of the association's participation in the legislative process several years ago.

If interested in learning more, a newsletter and other materials will be mailed to those who contact CCSWA at 68800 Meissner Road, Rainier, OR 97048, or call 503-556-8800.

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- Bringing people together to find common ground requires patience, understanding and leadership – qualities that Betsy Johnson has displayed time and again as our State Senator.
- After years of frustration, Betsy was able to secure the much needed third Circuit Court Judge for our area. Now, criminal and civil cases will be heard in a more timely manner.
- When dealing with controversial issues, Betsy listens to and considers all points of view before making a decision.
- Betsy understands that serving as our State Senator means working with our locally elected officials as part of a team. Betsy is more interested in making sure the job gets done than in who gets the credit.
- Above all else, Betsy knows that her first responsibility is to be our voice and our advocate!

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