

Banks Foundation plans brochure

Alice Pihl and Ellen Sadler appeared, May 9, before Banks City Council to present plans for a brochure they are producing as part of a leadership training course conducted by the Ford Family Foundation.

The course was four months-long and the group now has a year to complete a community service project. Pihl said that many good ideas had been considered, but that this was the one selected.

The brochure will cover the area from North Plains west to Buxton and south to Banks and

Forest Grove. Titled "Exit the Sunset to Adventure", it will include articles about the towns, local history, parks, maps and school, business and church listings. The brochure will run about 30 pages and will have a maximum of 40 percent advertising.

The group has already sold the front and back cover advertising space. If they can raise \$5000 through advertising sales and donations, the foundation will match the funds.

The plan is to print 10,000 copies and distribute them over

1-2 years. They will be available at local hotels, restaurants, chambers of commerce and visitor centers. If the brochure is a success, it would be reprinted after that time.

The brochure should be completed by November of this year. Sadler commented that the timing of publication was fortuitous, since the new state park will be opening in December. Information on the new state park as well as the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail will be included.

Banks Auction once again successful

The Banks Community Auction, held April 29 at Banks High School, was exciting for participants while generating money for local causes. Many bargains were purchased through the silent auction, and the oral auction – which included 31 items this year – saw many items sell only after some fierce bidding.

A bidding frenzy for the library and one to purchase defibrillators for the fire department each brought in over \$500. (A bidding frenzy is when bidders make a cash donation instead of bidding on an item.)

According to co-chair Cindy Schorn, the evening was a success and ran smoothly even with a last-minute auctioneer.

The FFA provided a spaghetti dinner this year and served approximately 100 dinners. Schorn said they plan to do it again next year.

Co-chair Kathy Edison said that preliminary estimates are that the auction will net \$27,000 this year. The money is distributed to organizations throughout the community.

Tillamook Forest Center plans summer programs

Join the Tillamook Forest Center staff for a family-friendly, naturalist-guided program at the Tillamook Forest Center. The nature programs will help explore the Tillamook State Forest's past, get in touch with its natural and cultural history, and discover how the forest is actively managed today.

A schedule of spring and summer Tillamook Forest Center programs is available at www.tillamookforestcenter.org.

Do you have a group that enjoys the outdoors and would like to learn more about the Tillamook State Forest? Special arrangements can be made for your group. Call to schedule

a program at least two weeks in advance of your planned program date. For more information contact Gail Barnhart at 503-815-6808.

All events are free and open to all ages. Programs start at 11:00 a.m. and repeat at 2:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

Here are the next few events on the schedule; May 27, Plant and Wildflower Discovery Walk. A tremendous variety of plants on the Tillamook Forest serve as food and shelter for animals, and have many benefits for humans as well. Come along for an easy, guided walk which will identify many plants and discuss their traditional and con-

temporary uses.

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June 10, Trees of the Tillamook. Why is a diverse forest important? Explore the Tillamook Forest's "sea of green" as interpreters identify native trees and their uses, discuss plant adaptations to life in the Coast Range, and explain how trees grow and change through the seasons.

City Council discusses 4th of July

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customers with 60 gallon rolling yard debris carts that would be picked up by semi-automatic trucks. These would replace the 32 gallon containers that are currently provided by the customer. Weitzel would tie this increased service to an increase in rates. The standard can rate would increase from \$18.30 a month to \$19.75 a month. Weitzel pointed out that there has been no increase in garbage rates since March of 2000. Council said they would consider the proposal and bring it back for action at a later date.

City attorney Jim Lucas reported on research regarding a potential lot-line adjustment between the city and landowner George Carney, to provide direct access to Carney's property from Sellers Road. After reading the county ordinance, Lucas said, he didn't see any way the adjustment could be made because Washington County requires an equal transfer of property and Carney's property doesn't share enough border with the city. The two properties touch only at the corner. Lucas will inform Carney of his findings.

Banks Librarian Denise Holmes explained to council the concerns she has about switching to cash basis accounting. from accrual. According to Holmr, no non-profit company is allowed to use cash basis accounting and she worried that it would complicate her reimbursement process. No action was taken.

Ray Deeth, president of the Banks Chamber of Commerce, talked to council about issues surrounding the 4th of July Celebration in Sunset Park. He pointed out that Hillsboro, again, will not be having a show, and that the Banks show is adding 20 minutes to its py-

rotechnic display. These elements will both bring increased attendance and illegal fireworks in the park are an especially big concern. Council recognized that security for the event is vital but felt that it was largely Sunset Park's responsibility to provide it. A parking fee was suggested as one way to pay for increased security.

In other business:

- A Council proclamation designated the week of May 14-20 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Two representatives of MetroWest Ambulance thanked the city for its support and presented a commemorative plaque.

- Council reviewed the job description for the new city manager position. The language will be fine-tuned again and council will take action next month.

- Council voted to participate in the Oregon Saving Growth Plan for the next budget year. This is another savings vehicle for public employees and has no cost for the city.

Banks Fire District #13

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

APRIL 2006

- Apr 1 – EMS Assist – trauma MVA (2) Hwy 26
- Apr 2 – EMS assist – fall
- Apr 3 – MVA Mountindale
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- Apr 6 – EMS assist – allergic reaction
- Apr 7 – Smoke investigation
- Apr 8 – EMS assist (3) – breathing, abdominal & poisoning, misc. fire, MVA (2) Hwy 47 & 26
- Apr 10 – Mutual aid – F. Grove
- Apr 13 – Odor investigation
- Apr 14 – Odor investigation & Lifelight set-up
- Apr 18 – Auto alarm, commercial fire
- Apr 19 – EMS assist – sick
- Apr 20 – EMS assist – fall
- Apr 21 – MVA Green Mt., chimney fire, Mutual aid – F. Grove - residential fire
- Apr 24 – Mutual aid – F. Grove - brush fire
- Apr 26 – MVA Hwy 26/47
- Apr 28 – Smoke investigation
- Apr 29 – MVA Strassel Rd.
- Apr 30 – Mutual aid – Elsie Vine Maple - vehicle fire



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