

Crossroads Lecture on Sheriff's Office

The role of the Washington County Sheriff's Office in keeping the peace has a long and fascinating history. On Wednesday, November 28, Dennis Griffiths will tell much of that story at the monthly Crossroads Lecture, sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society & Museum (WCHS).

Griffiths will present "Keeping Law and Order: The History of the Washington County Sheriff's Office" at the museum on the Portland Community College Rock Creek Campus. Admission to the 3:30 p.m. lecture is \$3 per person and free to WCHS members, employees or corporate members and PCC faculty, students and staff. Parking in Lot A in front of the museum is free with a museum permit.

Griffiths is currently program coordinator for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He has written a booklet on the history of that office and another on the sheriff's office today.

Griffiths will begin his talk by noting the first sheriffs in Saxon times and end with the makeup of today's Washington County Sheriff's Office. He will sprinkle

in tidbits about Joe Meek, who was the first elected sheriff in the Oregon Territory, as well as information about the county's five jails, starting with the Old Log Jail that was built in 1853 and is now housed at the Washington County Museum. He will also use maps and tell tales of interesting local people and legal cases.

Griffiths, a retired attorney who has lectured at various colleges and the FBI Academy, serves on several Washington County boards and has chaired many community organizations and events such as the Hillsboro Air Show and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. An Oregonian since the age of 5, Griffiths lives in Forest Grove.

The Washington County Museum is located on the Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College, just east of NW 185th Avenue on NW Springville Road. The Museum connects with West Side Max by bus lines 52 and 67. It is open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday except major holidays. Admission: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and youth ages 6-17. Admission is free for children under 6, mem-

bers, employees of corporate members, and PCC faculty, students and staff. Admission is free on Mondays. The Reference Library is open by appointment Wednesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Sell trees to help Boys and Girls club

Volunteers are being sought to work the annual Christmas tree lot benefiting the Boys and Girls club, sponsored by Murphy's Furniture. All shift times are available. Shifts are three hours Monday through Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday shifts are from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the Inukai

More on Banks school meeting

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a second reading and vote to adopt. Director Doug Nordholm recommended that the board take another look at the policy regarding Community Use of District Facilities before agreeing to it. It was supposed to es-

tablish clearer parameters for use, but Nordholm feels that the old policy is clearer. All of the other policy updates were passed and the board will address this one at their next board meeting.

Family Boys and Girls Club, which serves hundreds of western Washington County youth, ages 6 through 18.

The lot will be open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot of Murphy's Furniture in Cornelius on TV Hwy. The tree lot will run from November 29 through December 16. Douglas, Grand and Noble Firs start at \$20. Youth groups, civic clubs, Key

Clubs, families and individuals – all are needed!

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Banks Council discusses Greenville Park

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During the regular council meeting, Council unanimously approved two ordinance revisions. Ordinance 2007-1103 now provides an annual cost of living water rate increase each January.

Ordinance 2007-1104, revising Banks Cross Connection Control, was revised to comply with recent state legislative action on municipal water utility management of cross connection control.

Mayor Branstire read two City of Banks Proclamations. The first one declared November 8-15 as Recycling Awareness Week. The second proclaimed the City's Urban Forestry program. In honor of the program, the Tree Board planted a Japanese maple tree on Sunset Avenue.

A Greenville Park work session was held November 5. Discussion contemplated phasing out the financial contribution from the Arbor View Housing Association, with the city taking full responsibility for maintenance of Greenville Park. City Manager Jim Hough and City Attorney Jim Lucas will work with the AVHA board to draft a new agreement with the changes. Councilor Jason Short reported that the park is "doing well with water; \$2,000 was saved in water expenses." Short was not sure why the difference, whether last summer was not as dry or that the park

committee was doing a better job monitoring the water." Mayor Branstire reported that the park committee decided on dark green and brown colors for the play set in the park. Flyers announcing the play set will go out in the water bill. The goal is to construct the play set in April.

Deputy Tran reported that October was another high call volume month for Banks; with 37 calls and six arrests. Tran also said he made an arrest at Banks Lumber for a \$20,000 theft. A disturbing trend in Banks, according to Tran, is graffiti.

Verizon Representative David Mielke flew out from Texas to attend the council meeting and finalize a new franchise agreement; the previous agreement had expired. Lucas commended Mielke and the attorney from Verizon for the gentlemanly manner in which negotiations were handled. "We agreed to disagree with some of the dots of the 'is' and crosses of the 'ts'," said Lucas, adding that "...most small towns enter into these types of agreements with a hand shake over a cup of coffee," but with recent litigation that is no longer a possibility.

In addition to an ordinance allowing an emergency franchise agreement with Verizon, council approved another allowing an emergency franchise agreement with SWATCO. Rich

Weitzel, President of SWATCO attended the meeting to answer any questions that council may have had. Weitzel commented that when bills are placed in recycling, the bills pass through more than one set of hands as all recycling is sorted. When bills are placed in a container they are put directly in the truck's container which is dozed over within minutes of being dumped. Weitzel said that, "we get calls for keys all the time – once it goes in; it's not coming back."

Attorney Jim Lucas reported that he is still working on a franchise agreement with NW Natural Gas.

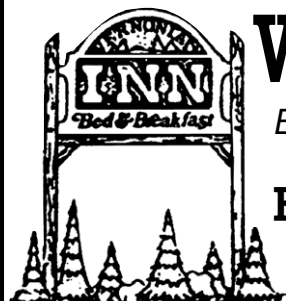
ClearWater Services Deputy General Manager Bob Cruz and Conveyance Systems Department Director Nora Curtis were special guests at the council meeting. They gave some historical background about ClearWater Services, and distributed information packets.

Raymond Deeth spoke at the appearance of interested citizens, thanking the mayor and Councilor Pete Edison for judging the chili cook off on November 10. Deeth said that the new building has been installed in Boy Scout Log Cabin Park and reminded council about the Holiday Program that will be held on December 15.

The next City Council Meeting will be on December 11.

"For the Truth the Turkey is in Comparison a much more respectable Bird, and withal a true original Native of America . . . He is besides, though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage, and would not hesitate to attack a Grenadier of the British Guards who should presume to invade his Farm Yard with a red Coat on."

Benjamin Franklin



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