

2007 Year in Review

Jan. 9 – Teri Branstitre sworn in as mayor.
 Jan. 18 – Report of Applebee Airport expansion denial by county at Dec. 20 meeting.
 Feb. 3 – International Soup Festival
 Feb. 13 – Deputy Phong Tran sworn in as a city police officer.
 Feb. 18 – Banks Volunteer Firefighters' Annual Breakfast.
 Feb. 21 – Stuck's Diner opens. Oregon Court of Appeals hears four cases at Banks High School.
 Mar. 5 – New City Manager Donald Whitman scheduled to start.
 Mar 13 – Council goes back to the drawing board on hiring a city manager after Whitman decides not to take job.
 May 4-5 – Annual Plant & Book Sale at Banks Public Library.
 May 26 – Culpepper & Merriwether Circus comes to town.
 June 11 – School Board member (since 1994) Gene Kelly's last meeting.
 July 9 – Kathy Edison sworn in as new school board member.
 July 30 – Banks Council votes to offer Jim Hough the city manager position, he accepts.
 Aug. 17-18 – Banks Truck & Tractor Pull, Combine Demolition Derby and B-B-Q.
 Oct. 6 – "All You Can Eat" Crab Feed
 Oct. 9 – Council approves \$29,619.30 to be spent on playground equipment.
 Nov. 10 – 1st Annual Fall Planting by new Banks Tree Board.
 Nov. 13 – Council approves Ord. 2007-1103 providing for an annual cost of living water rate increase every January.
 Dec. – Stuck's Diner closes. The Banks Buzz opens.

Between the Bookends

By Susan Cackler, Library Assistant
 Banks Public Library



Join us for Preschool Story Time Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. This event is geared toward 3-6 year olds, but younger siblings are welcome. This month Miss Kathy will read on the following themes:

January 9th: Barnyard Bash
 January 16th: Mice are Nice
 January 23rd: Good Night, Sleep Tight
 January 30th: On the Road

Bring your craft projects to the community room at the Banks Public Library to enjoy this free work space sponsored by the Friends of the Banks Library. Gather ideas from other creative people and enjoy meeting people in your community. Coffee, tea and light snacks are provided. Held from 5-9:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of most months, the next craft night will be February 6, 2008.

The Friends of the Banks Public Library can always use your support. You can make a tax deductible donation, become a member, volunteer, or bring your recycling to Swatco on the second Saturday of each month. Money that the Friends raise helps the library purchase Cultural Passes, upgrade equipment and purchase books and movies.

New Books:

Schulz and Peanuts, by David Michaelis, looks at the man behind the beloved comic strip "Peanuts." It is the most American of stories: How a barber's son grew up from modest beginnings to realize his dream of creating a newspaper comic strip. This first full-length biography of the unseen man behind Peanuts is a creation story, a portrait of a native genius, and a chronicle contrasting the private man with the central role he played in shaping the national imagination. How he daringly chose themes never before attempted in mainstream cartoons—loneliness, isolation, melancholy, the unending search for love—always lightening the darker side with laughter.

Rhett Butler's People, by Donald McCaig. (the authorized novel based on Margaret Mitchell's *Gone with the Wind*.) The life and times of the

enigmatic Rhett Butler are portrayed in this long-awaited novel. Rhett as a boy in the Low Country, his ruthless father and the other people who shaped Rhett in childhood are brought to life. And then, of course, there is Scarlett, the headstrong, passionate woman whose life is entwined with Rhett's. This book will fulfill the dreams of those whose imaginations have been indelibly marked by *Gone with the Wind*.

20th Century Ghosts, by Joe Hill. By the award-winning author of the bestseller *Heart-Shaped Box*, this collection of short stories will delight horror and fantasy buffs. There are ghosts who haunt movie theaters, a lonely kid with big ideas who is also inflatable, a man transformed into an eight-foot-tall locust and others.

Kabul Beauty School, by Deborah Rodriguez. After the fall of the Taliban in 2001, Rodriguez went to Afghanistan as part of a group offering aid to the war torn nation. Surrounded by men and women whose skills—as doctors, nurses and therapists—seemed eminently more practical than her own, Rodriguez, a hairdresser and mother of two, despaired of being of any real use. However, she found her skills were in demand and in 2003, despite barriers of language, culture and politics, she opened the beauty school. *Kabul Beauty School* is a remarkable tale of a community of women who come together and learn the arts of perms, friendship, and freedom.

The Impatient Reader Presents Sparkletastic, by Margot Potter, features a dizzying array of 50 fun, quick and easy designs that pay tribute to fabulous ladies from all walks of life. You can be a Rhinestone Cowgirl in a crystal-studded jean jacket, or a sophisticated Screen Queen in a tiara and matching choker by following the designs in this book. You'll find easy techniques for adding a dash of glitz and pinch of glitter jewelry and accessories. Includes a rating system of difficulty for each project and a clear techniques section to give you all the skills you need.

Banks Public Library: 111 Market Street.
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