

Banks School Board hears music before discussing facilities

The Banks School District Board of Directors were entertained during their May 12 meeting by a group of third and fourth grade elementary students playing recorders. Music teacher Mark Anderson introduced the students and explained that they had learned to play the recorders through a recorder "karate" system where progressing in song difficulty results in a higher belt ranking. The students played three songs; one at the blue belt level, one at the brown belt level and one at the black belt level.

During a work session prior to the meeting, the board discussed the progress of the fa-

cilities planning committee. The group has made its recommendations to the board and supplied four possible bond scenarios. Currently, the district is having a survey done to help decide what level of bond is most appropriate. The dollar amount of the bond and general scope will be decided before the end of this school year.

The board, which is considering whether to hire someone to help with grant writing and other fund-raising elements, heard from Christine Fore, who explained how she could help the school district obtain monies for various purposes. She emphasized that there are

many sources of money available for different things, and that knowing how to piece different sources together to meet needs is very important. Fore said that, in the past, she has worked with many donors in fund-raising for child care and mental health facilities.

Superintendent Marv Ott outlined changes that had been made to two policies that had a first reading at the last meeting. He said that any mention of knife length had been eliminated from the weapon policy. He said also that state rules mandate that expulsion is the punishment for weapon violations, but that there is the possibility

of discretion by the superintendent. Additionally, there is always an avenue for appealing to the board as a whole. Ott said that the bus policy language had been clarified and that the policy now matched the current practice.

Both policies, along with others that had no discussion, had a second reading and were approved during the regular board meeting.

The board also approved the 2008-09 Sodexho-Marriott Food Service Contract and the adoption of new health textbooks.

The consent agenda includ-

ing the following personnel changes:

Resignations: Julie Ann Tommelein, 4th grade teacher

Hiring for 2008-09:

Christa Rogers, elementary resource room teacher

Linda Beauchaine, first grade teacher

Change of status for 2008-09:

Sue Harsin, 3rd grade teacher to 4th grade

Jenelle Rankin, 6th grade teacher to third grade job share

Marjorie Salter 3rd grade teacher to third grade job share.

Lorenz named County Fair Ambassador

The 2008 Spirit Mountain Casino Washington County Fair is pleased to announce the selection of three students as the Fair's first-ever "Ambassadors."

Christina Lorenz is a senior at Banks High School and is active in FFA, equestrian and cheerleading programs. She is also a member of Washington County 4-H, and plans to attend Portland State University.

Katherine Galvan is a senior at Forest Grove High School, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Girls

State, Sparrow Club and FBLA. Katherine also participates in speech and debate, drama, journalism, and tennis. She will be attending Pacific University in the fall.

Kelsey Irish is a junior at Sherwood High School where she is involved in FFA, Interact Club and Sparrow Club. Kelsey also participates in football, basketball, track, softball and lacrosse.

The Fair Ambassador program provides a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the three students selected. They were

evaluated based on their applications, which included letters of recommendation and outlined their activities in school, grade point averages, and interest in becoming an Ambassador for the Fair. They also gave a prepared speech to a panel of judges and were interviewed.

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Brendon among those awaiting adoption

Brendon is one of approximately 300 Oregon children available for adoption through the state, generally because of abuse and neglect.

Happy, curious and energetic help describe Brendon. He is unusually sweet and gentle for such an active boy. He loves to chat, play outside and find worms.

With a diagnosis of Asperger's Disorder, Brendon benefits greatly from repetition, a leisurely pace and adult support. He struggles to keep up with his peers, both academically and socially.

An adoptive family will need education and familiarity with

Asperger's and the traits that accompany this disorder. His adoptive parents must be equipped with infinite patience and creativity in order to help Brendon achieve all that he can.

For more information on the availability of this child, or on how to become a foster or adoptive parent, contact the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 503-542-2392 or DHS at 1-800-331-0503.

cal warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Manivanh is the son of Laurie Manivanh of Banks, and a 2005 graduate of Liberty High School in Hillsboro.



Playground ready to be installed

The Friends of Greenville Park, part of the Banks Community Foundation, are happy to announce the upcoming installation of 4700 square foot playground structure. The City of Banks purchased a play structure in the fall of 2007.

The Friends committee has worked on finding donations to complete the project. Jim's Thriftway displayed the playground plans and put out coin jars. Banks Elementary School held a "Penny by the inch" drive

at the beginning of the year, and the Banks Cub Scouts had a bottle/can drive. Pihl Excavating will be providing excavating services, and SC Jackson Construction is installing the structure. The Ford Family Foundation provided a grant in the amount of \$18,936.73.

This money will be used to add a swing set to the play area, engineered wood fiber, and other miscellaneous installation supplies. The structure will be installed this summer.

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