

Holidays get help from community

The holidays in Banks are brought to you by the whole community. It begins with a wonderful Thanksgiving Day meal that was started four years ago by a couple new to the Banks area. Prior to moving to Banks, Trisch Wentz and Dave Burke had the opportunity to participate in a Thanksgiving dinner that offered a free

meal to anyone who came. It was a blessing to them and so, when they moved to Banks, they wanted to participate in the same type of ministry but were unable to find any in western Washington County.

With the support of Pastor Brian Shimer and the Banks Community United Methodist

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Volunteers work on Christmas boxes last year. It's not too late to help out this year. See information this page.

Happy Thanksgiving



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Banks Council told of October arrests

Mayor John Kinsky recognized Isabel Giron and Hannah McCourt for performing weekly clean-ups in Greenville city park, presenting them with framed certificates of appreciation on behalf of the city and its citizens. The mayor and council applauded the girls for the example they set in keeping our environment clean. City Manager Jim Hough said that a citizen brought the young ladies' service to the attention of the city.

Deputy Pat Chertude reported 46 calls for service in October, with four arrests. He also made 36 traffic stops and wrote 12 citations. He commented that he would like to come back to his thoughts on traffic at the conclusion of his crimes report. He reported two separate incidents of police officer holds on suicidal subjects, a warrant arrest, a verbal-only domestic disturbance, plus reports of two thefts, one theft from a vehicle, and one criminal mischief.

Chertude also reported that an assault incident that happened previously at the Banks

High School was initially written off as mutual combat and both students were suspended. Later, two students came forward with cell phone videos of the incident, which determined that it was not mutual combat; the aggressor was arrested. The deputy, who has been spending a lot of time at the high school, highly commends Principal Smith for the way he runs the high school with limited resources.

Deputy Chertude said he is still working on getting to know the community and educating citizens on less serious crimes. "Controlling traffic has an effect on crime," he said, adding that studies show there is a direct correlation between being visible and getting to know your community, to lowering crime rates.

Planning Commission Liaison Sam Van Dyke was unable to attend the meeting, but asked Hough to inform council that the Planning Commission chose to send Janet Towne to a Planning Commission Training Workshop in Salem on January

23, 2010. The training is sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and offered through the Oregon Local Leadership Institute. Towne will collect materials and take notes and give instruction to the planning committee at 7:00 p.m. on January 26, prior to the Planning Commission meeting.

Hough also provided Council with the following reports:

- The city has asked the Oregon Department of Transportation to do a study on Oak Way to see if flashing yellow arrows should be installed in the northbound and southbound lanes of Main Street in anticipation of Oak Way becoming a collector street in the new Transportation

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