

Fowler will be new councilor in January

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of the Banks School District for approximately a year-and-a-half. The error has been corrected.

Statistics for the new bus stop at the Log Cabin Park note that Banks had seven passengers for two weeks in September and 49 passengers for October. Ridership is cyclic, but the numbers are good for this new service. The hope is that ridership will grow by word of mouth.

Shaun Pigott from Shaun Pigott Associates, LLC, gave a power point presentation on the Water Rate Study proposal. Pigott first contracted with the city in 2007 to conduct a water rate study. Then, in early 2009 when the Master Water Plan was updated and adopted, he was re-engaged to provide a Water Rate Study update. Council complimented Pigott for the great job he did in presenting the information in an understandable manner.

The city received two applications for the vacant city council position, and both applicants were interviewed at the meeting. A motion by Councilor Craig Stewart to appoint Rob Fowler to the vacancy carried by a 3-2 vote. Fowler will be sworn in at the January council meeting.

In October, a citizen requested that council permit hunting in the Banks watershed. After consultation with their insurance agent and the city attorney, Council declined to revise the policy restricting hunting on city-owned land.

After receiving the Banks Urban Growth Boundary Expansion Refinement Plan and Transportation Analysis Project Timeline Task, Council contracted with CH2M Hill to conduct a re-analysis of Banks UGB Expansion Study. The map(s) will be displayed at the Community Meeting on Thursday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Banks Elementary School cafeteria.

A resolution was adopted by council to extend the Portland General Electric Franchise

Agreement. The current franchise agreement expires on December 31. The city has been in negotiation since July and are making progress. In order to ensure continued electric service to citizens and continue receipt of franchise fees, PGE recommended that the franchise be extended three months.

Council received the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Audit Report prepared by Dennis R. Conner, CPA. Kinsky suggested that council "check out page four", which noted that "The City is financially sound. The budget is balanced. There are sufficient funds to cover all of the accounts. ...".

The next city council meeting will be held on January 12 at City Hall.

In The Service

Timothy S. Heesacker

Army Pvt. Timothy S. Heesacker has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemi-

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.

He is the son of Shawn Heesacker of Banks, and a 2009 graduate of Banks High School.

Sheriff warns of stolen deliveries

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is fielding numerous calls about stolen deliveries.

According to county Property Crimes Detectives, thieves in are shopping for parcels left on your porch by delivery services. If possible, do not authorize package delivery without a signature, or ask a trusted neighbor to watch for expected deliveries and hold them until you return home.

The problem is not isolated to one area, and in some cas-

es, it appears that thieves may be following the delivery trucks.

Also watch out for your neighbors and report any suspicious activity by calling 9-1-1.



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