

Banks Council honors winner of Water Awareness Coloring Contest

Banks Mayor John Kinsky started the May 11 city council meeting with an expression of appreciation to Lisa McAllister for her many years of service on the Banks Planning Commission. An emotional McAllister responded by asking if she could "steal 30 seconds". She then thanked council for letting

her serve the city of Banks, plus all the mayors she has worked under, city councilors, the planning commission, City Recorder Jolynn Becker and City Manager Jim Hough. McAllister, who has resigned from the Planning Commission, recommends that, if anyone wants to get involved with their

community, the planning commission is a great way to start.

The top three Water Awareness Coloring Contest winners were honored. Hough commented that the city received some great Water Awareness coloring pictures and that it was hard to narrow it down to the top three. Molly Miller was the first place winner, Isabelle Keller took second place, and third place went to Taylor Vanaken.

Kinsky proclaimed May as National Community Action Month. Community action agencies were created with passage of the Economic Opportunity Act, during the administration of Lyndon B. Johnson. The agencies now have more than 40 years of promoting self-sufficiency for citizens with limited income, by providing innovative and cost-effective programs for individuals and families. Chris Holmstedt, Community Engagement Manager, accepted the proclamation from the city.

Debbie Beck, a Banks citizen representing Metro West Ambulance, accepted the mayor's proclamation for Emergency Services Week, May 17 - 23. Emergency Services are vi-

tal to the community. Emergency medical teams provide lifesaving care to those in need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This year's national theme, "Anytime. Anywhere. We'll be there," underscores the commitment and dedication of the EMS providers who serve Oregon.

Planning Commissioner Janet Towne presented the panel's monthly report. Telling council that the Planning Commission takes their role very seriously, Towne said the commission was made to look like "clowns and idiots" by Councilors Craig Stewart, Mark Gregg and Pete Edison, at the May 10 meeting. The Planning Commission made recommendations to council that fit within the goals for the city and Towne recommended that these councilors draw their attention to the goals listed on the city's website. Towne thanked Councilors Brian Biehl, Christy Greagor and Rob Fowler, for their participation. She concluded, "The Planning Commission is working on being a good partner to you [city council]."

At the conclusion of the Council's business agenda, Gregg asked Planning Com-

missioner Raymond Deeth to communicate to the Planning Commission his sincere apology for comments that he may have made that offended the Planning Commission. Edison echoed Gregg's apology, and added that the city has a job ahead of us. In response, Deeth accepted the apologies and said; "Let's bury the hatchet and move ahead."

Jennifer Giles of Ride Connection told council that Ride Connect has attempted to develop a bus schedule for the cities of Banks and North Plains, but a public meeting held in the city was not well attended. Ride Connection hopes to hold the ribbon cutting ceremony in Banks on June 10.

Darlene Schnoor, Senior Program Educator for the

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Molly Miller won the Water Awareness Coloring Contest. Photo courtesy of Banks City Administrator Jim Hough.

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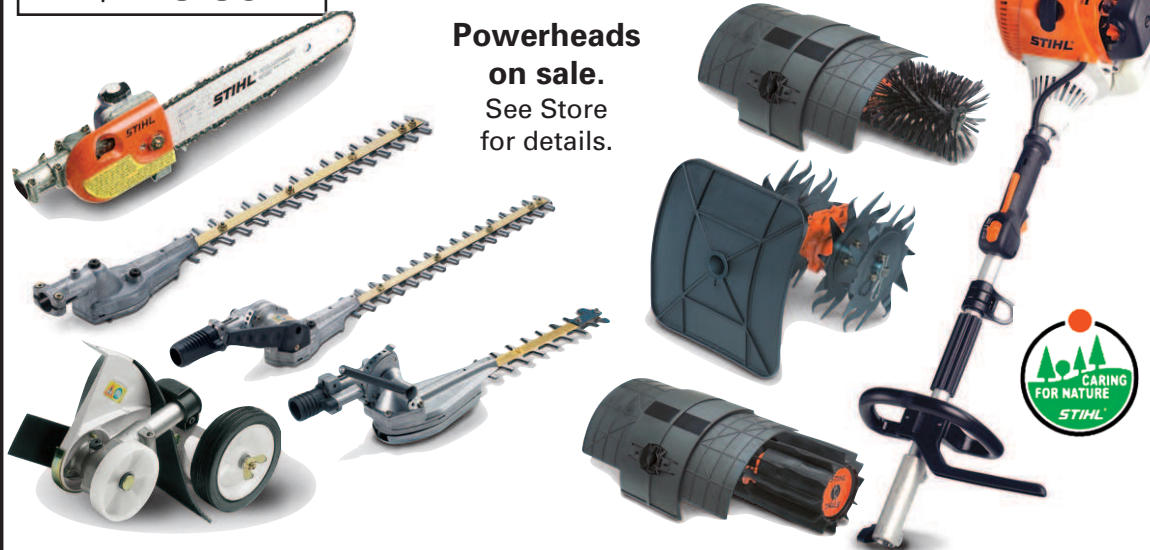
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