

Evers cleared on six of 13 charges

Dale Evers, 42, Banks, has been cleared on some of the charges that were brought against him. Charges of sex abuse were brought against Evers in November 2009 after a 15-year-old girl said he touched her inappropriately when she was at his family farm. Other girls and women came forward later and, all told, 13 counts of sex abuse and three counts of supplying alcohol to minors went to a Washington County jury recently.

The jury found Evers not guilty on six counts of sex abuse, guilty on the three counts of supplying alcohol to minors and deadlocked on the other seven counts of sex abuse. A mistrial was declared by Judge Kirsten Thompson on the seven counts. A hearing this week will decide on Evers' sentences on the charges of supplying alcohol to minors, and set possible new trial dates for the remaining seven sex abuse charges.

New website for traffic safety

What do traffic engineers, road maintenance workers, bike and pedestrian advocates, deputy sheriffs and firefighters in Washington County have in common? A concern for public safety! And traffic safety is a huge component of public safety.

Recently, concerned staff from three county agencies decided to pool their efforts, beginning with a new county-wide web site where traffic safety information can be easily accessed. Launched in July, the web address is <http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Traf>

[ficSafety/index.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Traf).

The site includes videos and links for drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, neighborhoods, and even a Kids Korner. Public feedback and requests for topics are welcome; email comments to lutdir@co.washington.or.us.

Washington County is committed to building and maintaining the best transportation system, ensuring the safety of all roadway users, and operating the county roadway system in a cost-effective and environmentally responsible manner.

New brochure for Banks and N. Plains

The "Exit the Sunset to Adventure" visitor's guide, which features the cities of Banks and North Plains, has been updated and reprinted and is now available. The first guide was a product of the second Ford Family Foundation Leadership class for Banks and North Plains residents. The graduates of the class created this project to benefit current and future businesses and residents, promote tourism and

provide information about entertainment, historical and recreation options in the area.

The publication was first printed in 2006. In 2010 the Banks Community Foundation took on the task of updating and reprinting the guide to include information about new businesses and outdoor activities. The project was funded in part by a grant from the Washington County Visitors Association. This beautiful area is ever

changing and the popularity of the "Exit the Sunset to Adventure" guide is proof that visitors and residents want to know what to see and do in the area.

The guide will be available at many locations including Banks Trail Cafe, L. L. "Stub" Stewart State Park, Jim's Thriftway, Banks Visitors Center at Log Cabin Park, Banks Public Library, North Plains Public Library and North Plains Senior Center.

Wash. Co. CCF seeks new members

The Washington County Commission on Children and Families (CCF) is currently seeking applications for new members.

The Commission's charge is to help every child reach their full potential and to support families and the community in achieving that goal. Working with many partners, the Commission looks at conditions in the community that affect children and families and recommends planned strategies and funding to improve those conditions.

There are fifteen members who represent the geographic

and cultural diversity of the county, and bring expertise and knowledge about the developmental stages of childhood and adolescence, and issues facing children and families. At least eight of the members must be lay citizens who do not derive income from children and family services.

The commission meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The length of each term is four years.

The application deadline is October 5 or when all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website, or by calling 503-846-

8685. Descriptions of all boards can also be found on the Boards and Commissions web site at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/BOC>.

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