

Banks School Board hears that donated computers are in use

by Dalan Lee

The Banks School Board meeting on January 12 and covered many items regarding the new semester, and included three annual presentations – district finances, insurance coverage and education services. Administrators also report-

ed that state testing was underway.

The recent school district audit results were presented to the board. The auditors, who worked with Banks School Districts Business Manager Simon Levear, found no major discrepancies within the district but did find over-expenditures. The board recommended a second opinion regarding the results.

Another presentation explained the insurance policy used by the district, detailing the dollar amounts of insurance for items from single students to catastrophe coverage on the entire district.

The last presentation, by the Northwest Regional Education Service District (ESD), explained education programs

available for Banks School District use, and how allocated state funds are used within the ESD.

Banks School District Technology Director Mike O'Reilly told the board that 50 percent of the many computers recently donated by Nike, are up and running, and being used largely in the elementary school. Elementary School Principal Bob Huston reported, "These computers give students a lot of pride." Huston added that state testing is being met but there are some problems due to an antiquated math curriculum and that he was proud of his staff for working together on this matter to bring about the best testing outcome.

Junior High Principal Mark Everett and High School Principal Jim Smith discussed motivating students and doing classroom check-ins to remind everyone of what is expected now that winter vacation is over. Both principals expressed appreciation to maintenance man "Skip" for his undoubted hard work on the old heating system in the schools. Board members then spoke, with gratitude, of the administrators and

overall staff bringing vital, real world business experience to Banks School District, and the many sacrifices being made to make Banks School District successful both now and in the

future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. To be personally informed, the next regular meeting is scheduled for February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Banks Curves hosts Open House

Banks Curves will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, January 25, from 5–7:00 p.m. Members and non-members are welcome to check out our Zumba on the Circuit classes (if you want to join in you will need to complete some paperwork ahead of time) as well as enjoying some refreshments and entering for our door prize drawing. Bring a friend and see what Banks Curves has to offer you in the New Year!!

During the 30-minute Curves Circuit with Zumba Fitness class, participants work out on each Curves strength machine for one minute, alter-

nating upper, lower and core muscles. After one minute, the music cues the participant to change stations on the circuit, and she moves to an area between machines to do Zumba moves, which tone and sculpt the body while burning fat. A licensed Zumba instructor from the Zumba Instructor Network (ZIN) teaches simple, modified Zumba moves from the center of the circuit.

Banks Curves is located in Oak Village Shopping Center next to Jim's Thriftway. The phone number is 503-324-9262.

Homeless project on January 28


Washington County Project Homeless Connect will be held at Sunrise Church in Hillsboro on January 28. The only Project Homeless Connect held in the tri-county region, Washington County Project Homeless Connect is in its fifth year and is an important strategy in the County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

The mission of Project Homeless Connect is to bring communities together to create

and promote tangible solutions that remedy the homelessness of their neighbors. The event is a one-day, one-stop project that is designed to connect individuals in need to services and supports, as well as mobilize the community around this growing issue. The number of individuals and families experiencing financial distress has grown tremendously over the past two years, and continues

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