

Don't wait until it's too late to make a business continuity plan

During the first half of 2011, the U.S. experienced some of the worst tornadoes, wildfires and flooding in its history demonstrating the importance of a business continuity plan, according to the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS).

Before April's disasters struck, between 6,000 and 8,000 small businesses in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia were expected to close in 2011, according to a report by Dun & Bradstreet. After the tornadoes, the research company increased its forecast to at least 10,000 small businesses.

"Small business owners may find it difficult to find the time to devote to planning ahead for a disaster that may never strike," said Diana McClure, business resiliency program manager at IBHS. "But the alternative is losing the business should a disaster strike for which the business is unprepared."

One in four small businesses that is forced to close because of a disaster never re-

opens. Businesses that have a business continuity plan in place – and use it during and after disaster strikes – typically experience less damage, loss and downtime than businesses without a plan.

A business continuity plan should at a minimum include the following measures:

- A pre-identified site where the business can temporarily

relocate

- Means to retrieve data, including employee, customer and vendor records

- A process for operating effectively with a smaller staff of key individuals

IBHS offers Open for Business®, a free, easy-to-use program that provides small to mid-sized business owners with a tool to create a compre-

hensive business continuity plan. The toolkit includes planning worksheets, business continuity and disaster recovery tips and risk-specific property protection information. Go to www.disastersafety.org for more information.

IBHS is an independent, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization supported

by the property insurance industry. The organization works to reduce the social and economic effects of natural disasters and other risks to residential and commercial property by conducting research and advocating improved construction, maintenance and preparation practices.

Council approves IGA for PSWCC

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compliance plan, welding - Fire & Exposure Control, Electrical and Ladder Safety.

In August 2008, Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) creating the Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community (PSWCC), partnering with other municipalities and special districts to interact on matters of environmental sensitivity and sustainability. The IGA has been revised and updated. Councilor Brian Biehl serves on the board, and will cast a vote

on the revised IGA. The motion carried unanimously by all present to approve an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement establishing the Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community, and authorized Councilor Biehl to cast the Banks vote in favor of approving the IGA, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the city.

The next Banks City Council meeting will be held in Banks City Hall on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Hagg Lake gets dump station grant

The Oregon State Marine Board approved a grant to replace the dump stations on Scoggins Valley Ramps A and C on Henry Hagg Lake, on June 27, at their quarterly meeting held in Sisters.

Washington County applied for, and received a grant for the dump stations since they manage much of the land around the lake. The boat ramps provide access to the lake for boaters, and also include vehicle and trailer parking, restrooms and other amenities.

The Board approved \$6,125 in state boater funds, and

\$18,375 in federal Clean Vessel Act funds for a project total of \$24,500.

The Oregon State Marine Board is funded entirely by user fees, and revenue generated from the fees goes back to boaters in the form of boating facility improvements, law enforcement services, and education and outreach.

A complete list of "Round One" grant projects for the 2011-2013 biennium can be found at http://www.boatoregon.com/OSMB/BoatFac/docs/11_13_grant_info.pdf.



66th Annual Banks BBQ 2011 Schedule

Banks Sunset Park

Free General admission No pets allowed



<p>Friday, Aug 19</p> <p>6:00 PM Hamburger Stand, Beer Garden & Grandstands open</p> <p>6:00 PM Gene Remero Flat Track Series (Motorcycles)</p> <p>6:30 PM Texas Hold'em Poker tournament registration, Schlegal Hall</p> <p>7:00 PM Texas Hold'em Poker tournament begins, Schlegal Hall</p> <p>Saturday, Aug 20</p> <p>8:00-11:00 AM All you can eat Breakfast, Provided by Banks Lions Club</p> <p>8:00-11:00 AM Car show Registration</p> <p>10:00 AM 40th Annual Tractor pull registration begins</p> <p>12:00 PM Car show judging/ Beer Garden opens</p> <p>1:00 PM Grandstands open</p> <p>1:00-5:00 PM Truck registration begins</p> <p>2:00 PM Tractor Pull Begins</p> <p>5:00-6:30 PM Lawn Mower Races</p> <p>7:00 PM Truck Pull Begins, pit sales are closed</p> <p>7:00-11:00 PM Music in the Beer Gardens</p>	<p>Sunday, Aug 21</p> <p>7:00-11:00 AM All you can eat breakfast, Provided by Banks Lions Club</p> <p>8:00-12:00 PM Tractor & Truck Registration</p> <p>8:30 AM Parade sign up - at Main St. & Sunset</p> <p>11:00 AM BANKS GRAND PARADE</p> <p>12:00 PM Flag Raising at Schlegel Hall, Famous BBQ Sandwiches</p> <p>Grandstands open / Beer Garden opens</p> <p>Kids Games & Rides in the picnic area</p> <p>1:00 PM 40th ANNUAL TRACTOR & TRUCK PULL BEGINS</p> <p>1:30 PM Kid's Pedal Pull in the grandstands area,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by Fisher Farm & Lawn in Hillsboro</p> <p>5:00 PM Greased Pole/ Frog Jumping contest in the picnic area</p> <p>5:30 PM 12th ANNUAL COMBINE DESTRUCTION DERBY</p> <p>Truck Tug-of-War, pit sales closed</p> <p>Car Blow Up</p>
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Grandstands Admission Prices:

Friday: Sunset speedway pricing **Saturday:** Adults \$10 • Children ages 6-16 \$5 • 5 & under free

Saturday Family Pass: \$25, good for 2 adults & 2 children **Sunday:** Adults \$12 • Children ages 6-16 \$6 • 5 & under free

Sunday Family Pass: \$30, good for 2 adults & 2 kids

www.bankssunsetpark.com


