

Banks City Council told that city is seeking better highway signs

Mayor John Kinsky called the December 13 Banks City Council Meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy/Contract City Police Officer, Todd Hanlon, briefed Council on the 107 police report incidents for the month of November. By public demand 22 incidents were responded

to, four arrests made, and 11 reports written. 39 traffic stops were initiated with four citations written. An arrest was made at Jim's Thriftway for shoplifting, a warrant service resulted in an arrest, and one adult male was arrested for Menacing with a gun. Deputies were called out to a residence for a disturbance. The male roommate was found to have a federal warrant, was arrested and taken into custody.

Hanlon informed council that he and Darlene Schnoor from Washington County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention attended the November 10 Harvest Fair in the city. They handed out miscellaneous educational and promotional items.

City Manager Jim Hough complemented Hanlon on his "much easier to read" monthly police report.

Planning commission liaison Janet Towne reported on a light

agenda at the Planning Commission meeting. The commission discussed the street name pool, with Ray Deeth providing some history on the naming of streets.

City Manager Jim Hough's Monthly Report:

- Leslie Sipp from the Family Resource Center is working with the Banks Chamber of Commerce to collect reusable bags for donation to the Sunrise Shelter food pantry. Bags can be dropped off at either Banks Fire Station or Banks City Hall. The Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community (PSWCC) will be donating some reusable bags. Sipp also advised Hough that the United Methodist Church and other area churches will be providing assistance to families in need this holiday season. Approximately 50 area families will be receiving assistance.

- The city has worked with ODOT, at the suggestion of a Banks Chamber member, to install a Banks directional sign at the intersection of Highway 47 and the exit from the Stubb Stewart State Park.

- The city is proceeding with pruning of trees for safety reasons. The contract arborist scheduled pruning while school is out. Trees that have been pruned by residents will be inspected in January.

- Two "No Skateboarding" signs have been installed at each entrance of the Greenville City Park gazebo.

- It is anticipated that staff and some elected officials will participate in the two-phase Spring Exercise 2012. The first phase will be a tabletop exercise on April 5; the second phase will be an emergency drill on April 25. The intention is

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Cottam is the son of Cliff L. and Becky S. Cottam of Banks. He is a 2003 graduate of Banks High School and earned a bachelor's degree in 2009 from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

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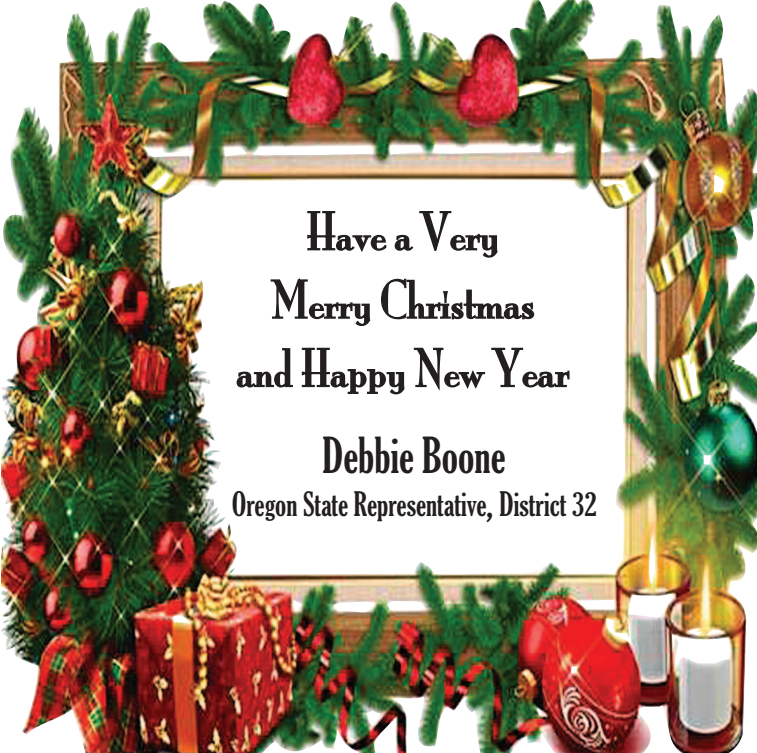
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