



Hooper Scoop



What happened 10 years ago - October 2006?

- October 9th North Korea allegedly tests its first nuclear device.
- October 14th MLB American League Championship: Detroit Tigers beat Oakland Athletics
- October 17th The United States population reaches 300 million
- October 27th MLB World Series: St. Louis Cardinals defeat Detroit Tigers to win 4-1
- October 31st "Happy Halloween"



Random Trivia from 2006:

The Hotties: Anne Hathaway, Jessica Alba, Kristen Bell, Kate Bosworth, Cameron Diaz, Fergie, Scarlett Johansson, Angelina Jolie, Rachel McAdams, Brad Pitt, Channing Tatum, Matthew McConaughey, George Clooney, Leonardo DiCaprio, Denzel Washington

Celebrity Death: Steve Irwin, TV's Crockodile Hunter, was killed by a freak stingray accident. He was a hero to millions of children.

More Randomness:

- iTunes billionth song was downloaded in February 2006. It was 'Speed of Sound' by Coldplay.
- Russian cosmonaut hit a golf ball in space for an estimated 2.2 billion yard drive, during a space walk
- **1st appearances & 2006's Most Popular Christmas gifts, toys and presents:** Wii, Elmo TMX, Dora the Explorer Dolls, Apples to Apples
- **2006 Most Popular TV shows:** American Idol Results, Dancing With the Stars, CSI, Grey's Anatomy and House

Bits from the Board



TEAMWORK:

The most important element in any successful business or organization is the staff and workers. These people can make any business or organization work by working together or when they fail to work together very seldom is the organization successful. In four years Banks County Government has tried to instill in our workers the importance of cooperating with each other, showing respect to each other and looking for ways to work together in a positive manner. Over the next few months there will be some projects started that will require the combined efforts from several departments to assure success. A famous poet once wrote "No man is an island unto himself" which means one person cannot do it all. It takes a willingness to admit that you need help and the same effort is needed to accept help. The total mission statement for Banks County Government is to provide the very best services to guarantee the best possible life for the citizens of Banks County. On October 20th, Banks County will recognize loyal and dedicated employees for years of service. The Banks County Commissioners truly appreciate our employees.



Banks Snippet:

We have a long history of churches. Here are a few dates:

Beaverdam Baptist 1822	Bethany Christian 1898
Bethlehem Baptist 1885	Broad River Baptist 1883
Bush River Baptist 1908	Damascus Baptist 1849
Gillsville Baptist 1879	Grove Creek Baptist 1882
Grove Level Baptist 1802	...List continues next month

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“KUDOS KORNER”



October Anniversaries: Yrs

Wayne Andrews	50	
Bobby Blackwell	30	
Alan Meeks	19	
Richie Alford	13	
Josh White	11	
Steve Reece	10	
Deborah Wilbanks	9	
Michael Alexander	8	
Matt Moore	8	
Jason Hart	7	
Andrew Strickland	7	
Kyle Walker	6	
Andrew David	5	
John David	5	
Chris Mayfield	5	
Michael Pace	5	
Josh Pressley	2	
Chris Shelnut	2	
Juanita Wilbanks	2	
Carol Ayers	1	
Daniel Dixon	1	

From Smiley's Desk



There's a lot going on in October!

Department Head/Supervisor In-Service Training on Friday, October 7th @ 10 a.m. – Wilson Shoals Training Room. Topic: Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

The **Flu Vaccine** is here. Kim Bost, Homer Drugs, will be giving our flu shots again this year on **Thursday, October 13th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Wilson Shoals Training Room.**

If you are on our Cigna plan the vaccination will be covered at 100%. As I mentioned in the September newsletter, we had 30 employees participate last here; let's make it 50+ this year.

I have to let Kim know how many will be getting the vaccinations so I will be sending out a sign-up sheet for you to sign.

Employee Recognition Day – Thursday, October 20, 2016 @ 2 p.m. in the Annex Board Room. This is the day we set aside to recognize our employees that have had or will have their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and yes 50 year anniversary for 2016. Next week, I will be sending each department a list of the employees in their department that will be recognized. Refreshments will be served.

With the rise of healthcare premiums each year, I'm always looking for ways to help reduce costs. I am working with Cigna trying to set up onsite training and webinar training on several topics to keep all of us healthy (Age to age, Cancer, Cholesterol, Diabetes, Fitness Hypertension and Tobacco Cessation). Hopefully, within the next month or so I can send out a calendar with dates and times we will have the training. In the meantime, you can go to www.mycigna.com register and check out their newsletters and training on various health topics. (check out the "Back Page").



The Great American Smokeout

Get ready to lose the habit, and become victorious over tobacco. The American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout event is your chance to triumph over addiction. Every November, we set aside the third Thursday to encourage smokers to go the distance, and to finally give up smoking.

About 42 million Americans still smoke cigarettes, and tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States. As of 2013, there were also 12.4 million cigar smokers in the US, and over 2.3 million who smoke tobacco in pipes — other dangerous and addictive forms of tobacco.

By quitting — even for one day — you will be taking an important step toward a healthier life — one that can lead to reducing your cancer risk. It's a race for your health, and it starts today. Today's the day that quitters win.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



October Activities:

- Autumn Leaf Festival
- Flu Shots
- Jerry Chitwood Singing
- Balance Exercise
- Judy's Wellness
- Healthy Bingo
- Birthday Social
- Tai Chi Exercise
- Dance
- Walking Club



GRANTS, GRANTS & MORE GRANTS!

We did it! The Governor awarded Banks County a \$500,000 grant for expansion and improvements to the Senior Life Center. A lot of hard work and diligence went into achieving the grant and it paid off. We will be traveling to Savannah in October to receive the check. Standby for photos. Congratulations to our Senior Citizens! You deserve it!



DID YOU KNOW?

Jenni Gailey just found out she will be welcoming twin grandsons in March to join her 1 year old granddaughter Ezra.
Wow, wow, wow!



KEEP BANKS BEAUTIFUL



3rd Annual

Scarecrow Spooktacular!

Come to Veteran's Park in Downtown Homer and set up a scarecrow that represents your Department. There will be separate judging for County Departments. Make it a department wide effort. There will be a prize for First, Second and Third place winners. For more info see (page 6). The Commissioners are hoping that every Department will be represented. Come and help make this a fun event. See you there!!!

Date of Setup

October 22nd



She's Here!

Keith and Serena Freeman would like to announce the birth of Gracelin born September 12th weighing 7 lbs and 10 oz. measuring 20 1/4" long. Mom and Gracelin are doing great!



"Let my soul smile through my heart and my heart smile through my eyes, that I may scatter rich smiles in sad hearts."
~Yogananda

October Birthdays:

Day

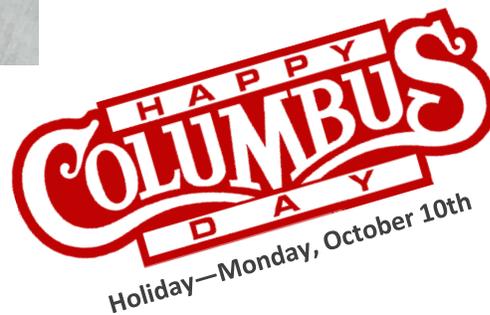
Michael Brown	10/05
Michael Hollifield	10/05
Ethan Jackson	10/06
Juanita Wilbanks	10/08
James Free	10/09
Teresa Clack	10/14
Jane Lewallen	10/14
Erin Dudley	10/15
Sheila Ledford	10/15
Bryan Prescott	10/17
Treanna Watson	10/18
Cassie Denton	10/20
Becky Carlan	10/21
James Vineyard	10/21
Bucky Garrison	10/22
Shirley Brownlee	10/23
James Brooks	10/25
Casey Brouwer	10/25
Travis Bellinger	10/28
Gerald Bellinger	10/30
Ronald Munday	10/30



WHEN: Tuesday, October 13th

WHERE: Wilson Shoals Training Room
Courthouse Annex

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



DEPARTMENT NEWS ~continued~



PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

It is almost time to do annual performance evaluations. This is the time each year where supervisors and staff come together to discuss last year's performance. The sole purpose of performance evaluations is to look for areas and ways to make improvements. The evaluation should be a time where both supervisor and staff members exchange ideas. The vast majority of evaluations will be positive due to the fact that every supervisor and staff member wants to do the very best job they can every day. If you have any questions or concerns about the evaluation process, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any Commissioner.



P.A.W.S

PAWS (*Positive Adults Winning Students*) is a

Banks County Mentor Program that was established to provide an extra supportive person to a youth. This person will be an additional adult in the life of a child who can work with the child to guide him/her on the road to academic and personal success. The goal of the program is to instill pride and the belief that any person can succeed in any endeavor in life. If you feel you would be willing to donate your time to this program for at least 2 hours per month for a one year commitment, please notify **Jenni Gailey** now. **Jenni** will put you in touch with Tressa Dodd at the middle school to provide in-

formation on training and more details about the program or you may call Tressa at (706)677-2277.

RUN BABY RUN!

Hi! **Brooke Whitmire** here! Saturday, October 22nd is the first annual **Spooktacular Sprint & Fun Run**. We will be offering group discounts through October 10th! You may register a group of 4 runners for \$70 (includes 4 t-shirts). Here's how:

-Fill out 4 mail-in registration forms. Be sure to write your group name in the top right hand corner of each one. **See page 5**

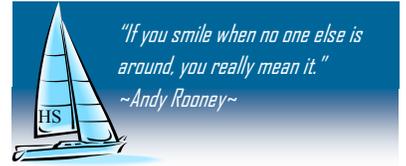
- Mail in the forms along with your \$70 payment to Classic Race Services, 1860 Barnett Shoals Rd, Suite 103-498, Athens GA, 30605, or bring them by the Rec Center at 607 Thompson Street.

-To receive the group discount your registration **MUST** be turned in or post marked by October 10th!

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!



Peace Place, Inc. would like to invite you to join us as we remember and honor the **140** people who lost their lives to domestic violence last year and as we celebrate survivors. Join us on **Tuesday, October 4th at the Maysville City Park at 5:30 p.m.**



The Most Important Person In Banks County Is You!

MOST MOIST PUMPKIN BREAD



Ingredients

- 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups packed dark brown sugar
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 2 cups pumpkin puree
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 2/3 cup coconut milk
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2/3 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup toasted walnuts, chopped

Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour two 8x4 inch loaf pans. In a large bowl combine the flour, brown sugar, white sugar, pumpkin puree, oil, coconut milk, baking soda, salt, ground nutmeg and ground cinnamon. Mix until all of the flour is gone. Fold in the nuts and flaked coconut. Pour batter into the prepared pans. Bake at 350 degrees F for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from oven and cover loaves with foil tightly. Allow to steam for 10 minutes. Remove foil and turn out onto a cooling rack. Tent lightly with the foil and allow to cool completely.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY

WHEN: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016

2:00 P.M.

WHERE: ANNEX BOARD ROOM





Spooktacular Sprint 5K
 October 22, 2016 
 Windmill Sports Complex
 Fun Run 7:30pm 5K 8:00pm

LOCATION: Windmill Sports Complex, 607 Thompson Street, Homer, GA 30547

DATE/TIME: Saturday, October, 22, 2016, 7 - 10pm.
 Fun Run @ 7:30, 5K @ 8:00pm. Stay after the race for great entertainment!



RACE REGISTRATION FEES: \$20 if registered by Sept. 30, \$25 if registered by Oct. 22, including race day registration.

THEME: This is a glow-in-the-dark, Halloween themed race! Runners will receive glow in the dark bracelets and/or necklaces and are encouraged to wear headlamps or run with flashlights if needed, as well as wear their best Halloween costumes!

T-SHIRTS: T-shirts guaranteed only to those registered by Sept. 30.
 T-shirts available after Sept 30 through race day as supply lasts.

COURSE: 5K run completely on paved roads and fitness path within the Windmill Sports Complex



AWARDS: Overall Male / Female, Masters Male / Female, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Male / Female age group awards to standard 5-year age groups from 10 and under to 75 and over. Ribbons given to all Fun Run participants.

REGISTER: Complete this registration form (1 form per participant, copies may be made). Make checks payable to Banks County Recreation and mail completed form to: Spooktacular Sprint 5K, c/o Classic Race Services, 1860 Barnett Shoals Road, Suite 103-498, Athens, GA 30605.

On-line registration is available at www.active.com



First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Birthdate: __/__/__ Age: _____ Gender: **M** **F**

Email: _____

Tshirt Size (circle one): **YS YM YL Adult: S M L XL XXL**

Waiver: In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against officials, sponsors, hosts, or any person or persons in conjunction with the Spooktacular Sprint 5k. I understand that running in a race is strenuous and I am in proper physical condition to participate in this event. I also give permission for use of my name and photograph to be used in any media or other account of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Parent or Guardian if participant is under 18)



DEPARTMENT NEWS ~continued~

KEEP BANKS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL'S ANNUAL SCARECROW SPOOKTACULAR IN HOMER



**Set Up Date:
October 22nd
Take Down Date:
October 30th**

**Location: Downtown
Homer and along Historic
Hwy 441 within the town limits**

Come to Veteran's Memorial Park in Downtown Homer and set up a scarecrow that represents your business, club, hobby or family.

If you have business along Historic 441, feel free to put you scarecrow in front of your business. All scarecrows must include recycled or reused items. Get creative and have fun. You can use props such as bales of hay, chairs, farm equipment or other items that tie into your scarecrow's theme.

Feel free to put up a sign letting everyone know that this is your scarecrow.

Look for information on how to make a scarecrow online.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 706-318-5448



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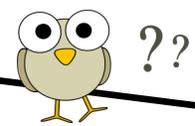


Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

More people are killed annually by donkeys than airplane crashes.

The pop you hear when you crack your knuckles is actually a bubble of gas burning.



Who Am I?
Sometimes the trail is rocky but I can keep the horse on the trail by using this item.
September winner: Paul Ruark

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1. Go to myCigna.com and select "Register."
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3. Confirm your identity with secure information like your Cigna ID, social security number or complete a security questionnaire. This will make sure only you can access your information.
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5. Review and submit.

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