



Enjoying summer fun at the Boys & Girls Club program in Jubilee Park (from left) are Alex LaFlamme, 8; Racheal Moore, 10; Taya Stewart, 9; and Alicia Warner, 8.



Having fun at one of the games are Mason LaFlamme, 10; and Draven Farmer, 9, while Danielle LaVassaur, 11, and staff member Lisa Moore look on.



Playing catch are Shey Mather, 9; and Justin Hewitt, nearly 9, with Jeremiah Lyons, 9, watching the action and waiting his turn.

'The Club' offers cornucopia of activities

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and leadership development clubs. Also planned are health-and-life skills programs, career development skills, and sports, fitness and recreation.

With the Cave Junction Swimming Pool open this summer Mondays through Fridays, members are also able to go to cool off on those days. There is also the return of the USDA food program that provides free breakfast and lunch for the members Mondays through Fridays.

One goal of "The Club" is to provide a positive place and activities for children of all ages, but has begun to have a stronger focus toward its middle school age members. During the school year The Club was open at Lorna Byrne Mondays through Thursdays, and averaged more than 50 teenagers per day.

During the school year The Club also put on dances with more than 180 teenagers showing up for all of the dances.

"This summer we are planning to do a lot more teen activities than in the past," said Thornhill. "For

instance, we just took 32 teens down the Rogue River, a yearly activity sponsored by Galice Resort. The teens get to go down the river and have a barbecue at the end of the trip for only \$1.

"On Thursday, July 7 our Keystone Club (teens) held a car wash at Taylor's Country Store on a donation basis, and Taylor's was good enough to donate 10 percent of lunch sales between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to The Club.

"Friday, July 8, The Club was closed to all, except for the teens. We took them to Lake Selmac to defend co-ed softball championships against the Grants Pass Club teens. There also will be a Frisbee golf tournament and barbecue at no cost to the teens.

"And there will be Friday evening events at the CJ Pool, trips to GP All-Sports Park for more co-ed softball games, service projects and much more," he added.

Sign-ups are under way for flag football for second and third, and fourth, and fifth grades. Fees are \$70 (includes one-year membership), or \$50 for nonactive membership), and tackle

football for grades 5 and 6. Fees are; \$110 (includes one-year membership or \$50 for nonactive membership).

There will be a Nike Blazer Basketball Camp Monday and Tuesday, July 18 and 19 at the Grants Pass Club for \$20. For more information on times phone 479-5258.

New this year, for safety reasons, The Club is offering mandatory parent orientations for member participation. These orientations last between 35-45 minutes and will be offered on two Wednesday, July 13 and 27, at Jubilee Park at 6:15 p.m.

Members may attend The Club on the condition that a parent attend the very next orientation. If a parent misses that orientation their child may not come to The Club until a parent attends orientation.

The summer fees are \$50 for members, \$80 for nonmembers, and \$75 per family plus membership of \$30 per child. As always, The Club offers scholarships for qualifying members, and payment plans.

For more information regarding events or related issues phone 592-4771.

Nutrition for school kids aim of plan

By OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

All school districts must have a wellness policy by the start of the 2006-07 school year that deals with nutrition education, physical activity and other activities that "promote student health and reduce childhood obesity," according to a bill overwhelmingly supported by the Senate Education and Workforce Committee.

Prior to being amended, SB 860 would have banned so-called "foods of minimal nutritional value" from all schools in the state. The bill is expected to be considered by the full Senate soon.

Sen. Vicki Walker (D-Eugene), chairman of the Senate Education and Workforce Committee, worked with nutrition advocates and the education community to develop amendments that encourage districts to address childhood obesity, while understanding that the most effective solutions are local, rather than by state mandate.

The amended bill reflects the new federal requirements included in the Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 2004. Besides requiring districts to develop a policy that addresses all foods available for sale during the school day, Oregon's bill would require districts to form a wellness policy council of parents, students, district food service professionals, school board members, administrators and others to develop the policy.

There was concern from some nutrition advocates, notably the Community Health Partnership and Stand for Children, that the bill did not go far enough in establishing some sort of statewide mandate.

"I spent hours in a room with them practically pulling my hair out because we were arguing the merits of gummy bears v. chocolate bars with nuts," said Walker, emphasizing that these should be locally controlled decisions. "That's not for me to do -- I'm a legislator," she said.

OSBA opposed the original bill. "The amended bill will help districts work with their communities, including nutrition advocates, on what they should offer in their local schools," said David Williams, OSBA Community and Agency Liaison.

"Sen. Walker worked hard," he said, "to ensure that school boards, accountable to their communities, continue to be the elected officials that will decide the operational policies of Oregon school districts."

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