

## Smelt run hits third big week

As the Sandy River smelt run hits its third week, Tuesday, local residents who were ecstatic about the beginning of run Feb. 26, tend to peer into the water and say, "Are you still here?"

The tiny fish surpassed the previous recorded record of 17 days' for duration last week. Tuesday marked the 22nd day.

River watchers, though cautious about out-guessing the mysterious smelt, estimate the run may last several more days.

Dippers continue to beat a path to the river and talk is going around about reviving the smelt eating contests of earlier years.

## BMAC takes championship

The Blue Marlin Aquatic Club, Sandy, won the Senior Championship in the state of Oregon at an AAU meet last weekend. The meet took place at the Tualatin Hills pool in Beaverton Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17. The Blue Marlin team had an edge of two points over the next highest team.

First place winners for the 200 and 400 free style, and 200 and 400 medley relays were the senior boys team (age group 15 to 17 years) including Steve Roth, Chris Roth, Gary Marsh, Ron Hewitt, and Steve Salisbury.

Other first place winners were in individual events. Steve Roth took first in the 200 individual medley. First places in 200 freestyle, and 500 freestyle were won by Gary Marsh. Another first was taken by Ron Hewitt in the 100 breast-stroke.

The senior girls relay team took second place in the 400 freestyle relay. Honors for this were shared by Virginia Hewgley, Annelie Oldenburg, Sara Koepke, and Gretchen Lundeen.

Those who placed in individual events included Steve Roth with a second in 50

freestyle, a third in 100 freestyle, and fourth in 200 breast-stroke, 400 individual medley, and 200 freestyle. Gary Marsh took a second in 100 freestyle and fourth in 50 freestyle.

Carl Neuenfeldt brought home seconds in 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke, a third in 200 individual medley, and fifth in 200 breaststroke. Ron Hewitt had a third in 200 breast-stroke. Chris Roth placed second in 100 butterfly, 200 individual medley, 200 butterfly, third in 100 backstroke and 500 freestyle and 400 individual medley, and fourth in 200 freestyle, and 200 backstroke.

Senior girls who placed in individual events included Virginia Hewgley with a third in 500 freestyle and a sixth in 200 freestyle. Annelie Oldenburg took a third in 200 butterfly, and a sixth in 200 individual medley. A third in 200 butterfly was taken by Katie Neuenfeldt, as well as a fourth in 100 butterfly and a fifth in 100 backstroke.

This was the last AAU meet for the winter season. The summer swimming season will start May 1.



STANDING ROOM only at the water's edge is the general rule for smelt dippers. Later in the run most came out better equipped with waders, rainwear and an occasional boat. Observers said Saturday's crowd was the largest.

(Post Photo)

## Commercial fertilizer may be in short supply

Your gardening efforts may fall short of delivering expected results if you depend upon commercial forms of fertilizer next spring to furnish all your garden's plant food needs.

Commercial fertilizers are expected to be in short supply, affecting all users to the point where production may be seriously affected.

A partial solution to the plant food shortage can be yours for a little extra effort according to Wilbur W. Burkhardt, area extension agent.

He recommends letting the garbage disposal in the kitchen sink go without use.

Instead, take the material it usually sends down the drain outside to the compost site where it will be placed on the garden plots to become organic plant food noted for having a beneficial effect upon the physical condition of the soil.

Compost made in a pile should be controlled by construction of a square or circular enclosure from scrap lumber or chicken wire.

Alternating layers of vegetable tops, peelings, and even bones are placed inside the enclosure with layers of soil and allowed to go through a digestion process carried out by microorganisms.

Decomposition is hastened by stirring the pile two or three times during the winter to insure ample aeration and moisture.

When the spring garden season arrives, the organic form of plant food will be ready for use.

Burkhardt says patience may be necessary to see the results since some soils require use of the practice for a year before they become "primed" and ready to produce maximum crops of fruits, vegetables or flowers.



A daughter, Michelle Lynne, to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron E. Ballou, Rt. 1, Box 1235, Sandy, March 11.

### Supplies stolen

Supplies valued at \$50 were reported stolen from the concession stand at Meadowlark Little League Park at 158th and Powell Boulevard Friday night, according to sheriff's reports.

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## Seniors have until April 1 to file tax deferral

Clackamas County Assessor Juanita Orr reminded local senior citizens today that they have until April 1 to file a claim for property tax deferral with the county assessor and the state treasurer.

The program is available to anyone more than 65 years of age, Mrs. Orr said.

To qualify for property tax deferral, the property must be the taxpayer's homestead and must not be income-producing property.

If granted deferral, the taxes on the property are paid to the county by the state treasurer rather than by the taxpayer. The amount paid by the state becomes a lien against the taxpayer's property. The lien becomes due when the taxpayer sells the property, begins receiving income from the property, no longer lives on the property (unless forced to leave for health reasons), or dies.

"This program should not be confused with the new property tax refund

program", Mrs. Orr emphasized.

The new refund program does not create any debts against the property, is available to all persons living in Oregon having incomes less than \$15,000 regardless of their age, and applies to renters as well as owners of property.

"Senior citizens may be able to receive a property tax refund under the new refund program, while at the same time deferring payment of their property taxes under the senior citizen deferral program," Mrs. Orr said.

While the deferral program has been available to senior citizens within the county since 1963, very few of those eligible for the deferral have taken advantage of the program, Mrs. Orr said. During 1973, only 258 applications for deferral were advanced to the counties by the state treasurer from throughout the entire state.

## Firwood Committee to meet

Three items of business are pending on the agenda of the Firwood Committee meeting scheduled for this evening in Room 48 of the Sandy Union High School.

The first item concerns a progress report of the work being done at Cedar Creek Fish Hatchery and the potential impact of any future changes on creek use on area residents.

The group will also discuss the election of officers to form a neighborhood committee which will meet the guidelines specified in Senate Bill 100 and the

Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan.

The third issue to be discussed at the meeting will concern providing maps which will allow owners of presently unzoned land lying within the boundaries of Firwood (as defined by the Sandy-Boring Study) to indicate their zoning preferences to the proper authorities.

The maps, provided by the county, are being offered to residents as an alternative to having too little voice in the ultimate zoning decision made via the state statute, Senate Bill 100.

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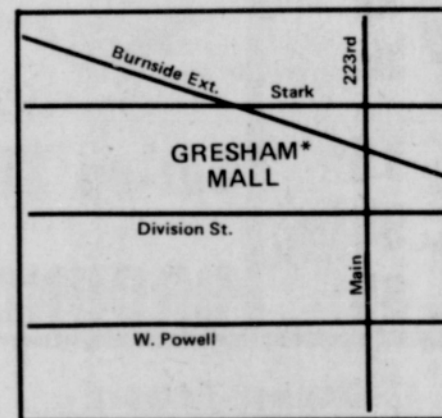
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