

Celebration



TAVERN IS center of celebration during Sandy Union High school presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof." The musical will be

performed tonight through Saturday at 8 p.m. Some tickets are still available for each performance.

(Post photo)

Forest district sets information meeting

ZigZag Ranger district will host a community information meeting Thursday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center (Women's Club) on Salmon River Road.

A 40 minute briefing will be presented followed by an open question and answer session.

The meeting will adjourn no later than 9:30 p.m., says District Ranger Jim Olsen. Forest Service rangers from the ZigZag Ranger station will be available after the meeting to respond to individual concerns.

"We intend to inform local citizens of some current activities in the ranger district, listen to their concerns and answer questions," says Olsen.

He listed some topics to be covered during the briefing including:

- 1) Effects of the Bull Run Reserve court action on local national forest lands.
- 2) The situation at local recreation facilities for the coming season.
- 3) Timberline Lodge developments.
- 4) Naturalist programs available to the public for this summer.
- 5) Mt. Hood Wilderness and wilderness study status. Wilderness guard program and permit system.
- 6) Fire protection arrangements.
- 7) Winter sports program - ski areas, snow play, cross country skiing, etc.
- 8) Timber sales and firewood permits.

Gas company may tap Mt. Hood water

Northwest Natural Gas Co., has announced plans to explore the possibility of tapping natural hot water wells on Mt. Hood for the use of its customers.

If feasible the project could see 48-inch pipes carrying natural hot water from Old Maid Flat on the southwest slope of Mt. Hood some 45 miles to Portland users.

John W. Hook, a Salem consulting geologist who had resigned from Reynolds Metals Co. to study the geothermal potentials of Oregon, proposed the plan.

Last week an application was sent to the Energy Research and Development administration for \$148,797 in federal funds for the venture. Northwest Natural would invest \$50,000 and the state Department of Geology and Mineral Industries would put up \$10,000 in technical aid.

Northwest Natural has listed three requirements that must be met before it would construct a pipeline:

The exploration must show an unlimited amount of hot water at the site;

The temperature of the water must be at least 150 degrees Fahrenheit;

The water must have few impurities. If the conditions are met, Northwest Natural would form a company to lay an insulated, partly buried pipe to deliver the water to Portland with little temperature loss.

Cost of the line is estimated at about \$1 million a mile with development of the geothermal field set at another \$10 million. If the funding applications are approved

the company could start drilling exploratory wells about June 1.

The gas company estimates that the hot water could be delivered to industrial customers for about 10 to 12 cents per therm, a unit of heat measurement.

The hot water would be used mainly by industrial steam plants.

If the water proved hot enough, Northwest Natural spokesmen say, a system to deliver it to domestic customers could be feasible.

River claims Portland man

A canoeing accident in the Sandy river Saturday took the life of a Portland man Saturday.

Michael Robert O'Neal, 20, died after a canoe he and Walter Comer, Portland, were riding flipped over just downstream of the Bull Run pipe line crossing.

The Sandy Fire department began a rescue operation when notified of the accident about noon.

Later in the day the Clackamas County

sheriff's department and an Oregon Air National Guard helicopter joined in the search for O'Neal.

His body was spotted from the air at about 2:35 p.m.

Sheriff's deputy Dean Hartley said O'Neal was found face down in the river with his arm draped over a log. The body was later recovered and taken to Gresham Community hospital.

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CRAG delays planning review

The Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG) suspended review Thursday, May 6, of a proposed regional land use plan until June 17.

The association acted at a public meeting in Portland where representatives of the real estate and building industries requested time to draft alternatives proposals.

The groups' spokesman said they were concerned about a provision in the plan that would establish an urban growth boundary. They said they feared inflated land and housing costs if urban were limited.

The boundary would identify areas where development could take place.

Prayer breakfast tomorrow

The Sandy Kiwanis club will observe Nation Day of Prayer tomorrow with a Mayors' Prayer breakfast at TJ's restaurant at 6:30 a.m.

Sandy Mayor Melvin Haneberg will

introduce guest speaker Gresham Mayor Al Myers.

For information and reservations call, 668-6338, 668-6446, or 668-6558.



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City may be near water limit

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The City of Sandy water system may be near its maximum capacity even while a new one million gallon storage tank is under construction.

The city council will be told Monday at its 7:30 p.m. meeting in city hall that with the new tank the system could supply water to 1,322 water service connections.

Consulting engineer Martin Boatright will report to the council that Sandy now has 1,055 water service connections in its system, leaving 267 service hook-ups for future growth.

"With the connections we're committed for in subdivision during the next year and

the individual requests we have to allow for we've reached the capacity of the current system," says City Manager Paul Helton.

"Before the city can expand we will have to go to Alder Creek for water."

As part of its long-range growth plans the city council has included tapping Sandy water rights on the Mt. Hood stream for city use.

Last week the Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission delayed a requested annexation of 43 acres into Sandy until information of the city's water capacity could be obtained.

The proposed 125-home subdivision

would be on the southwest side of the city.

In order to utilize its water right on Alder Creek the city would have to pass a bond issue to pay for a collection and pipeline system from Sandy's present water source at Brownwell Springs to Alder Creek, Helton says.

The council will also hear a report by consultant Eldon Edwards on the proposed Downtown Improvement plan for Sandy.

Concern had been expressed by city businessmen in past months because the report, paid for by the city, had not been completed.

A remonstrance hearing on creation of a local improvement district to construct parking facilities in downtown Sandy will be held at Monday's meeting.

The district would finance construction of a public parking lot in the block bounded by Pioneer and Proctor boulevards and Meinig and Shelley Avenues.

Formal action on establishing the district is also slated on the council's agenda.

Councilmen will also discuss allowing the city engineer to do outside work as a means of additional income for Sandy.

"He could do street and sewer designs for applicants seeking approval of subdivisions," says Helton. "And the city would then be paid for the engineering."

A date for bid opening on the city's limited improvement district number 2 will be set by the council.

Fire districts seek tax bases

Three area fire districts will go to the polls May 25 asking voter approval of new tax bases.

The Sandy Rural Fire Protection district 72 will be seeking to up its base from \$49,680.47 to \$210,000 as part of its five-year comprehensive plan.

Boring Rural Fire Protection district 59 is asking for a \$339,000 tax base. This would be an increase from its current \$166,540 limit.

Voters in the Hoodland area will be considering a \$63,000 tax base compared with the present base of \$29,107.

All three districts currently must seek annual approval of special levies to fund department operations.

The Sandy tax base would be used to fund programs planned for the next five years, says chief Bob Rathke.

Such projects would include hiring one additional paid fireman for the five years to supplement volunteers during day time hours.

"With many volunteers working out of the area during the day, we can insure better fire protection with the added firefighter," Rathke says.

Other programs in the five-year plan will enable the district to continue depending mainly on volunteers.

The tax base will help the district to maintain its current fire insurance rates, the chief says.

The tax rate under the proposed tax base would average \$1.83 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation a year, Rathke says. With the first year's rate at \$2.22 and decreasing to \$1.46 by the fifth year.

"Under the plan we would be investing in several long-range projects that would not require large amounts of money in the later years of the plan."

Currently the Sandy district has a tax rate of \$1.73 per thousand.

The \$49,680.47 tax base was established in 1961. This year the district budget is \$149,000.

Boring's tax base was approved in 1970 and its board of directors have said the proposed base would eliminate the cost of annual elections for operating levies.

The Hoodland board has also said its new base would save the cost of annual elections.

House fire causes damage



FIREFIGHTERS Bob and Gulvin and Don Miller, with chain saw, ventilate Market Road house during fire Tuesday. Damage

to the building and contents was estimated at \$1,500. Cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

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