



Sign seeks sanctuary

Sandy has a sign looking for a sanctuary.

The sign located at the west end of the city near Fred's Tire Center on Proctor Boulevard urging motorists to "Keep Right" is "a victim of circumstances," according to Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel.

"I couldn't begin to count the number of times it's been knocked down," he said. "On the average, it's been down once a month or more."

The chief said motorists leaving the area of Irene's

Tavern and the nearby trailer court cross the highway, "to get in eastbound lanes and hit the sign."

"Technically people cannot cross there, but in order for them to get in an eastbound lane, they would have to drive west and find a place to turn around."

The chief believes this would cause more of a problem than the one which already exists. The sign was moved about 20 feet west of where it originally rested

and since then has been hit fewer times.

There is still a dilemma, however, he said. "We thought of putting up a curb, but then people would be hitting that and someone might get hurt. And we have to have that sign."

Punzel cited a recent snow storm when the sign was not visible and an accident occurred.

"It's very unfortunate," he sighed. "People just don't know it's there."

Disaster area declared

Clackamas County is one of four counties which has been added to the list of counties declared a disaster area.

As such, residents will be eligible for low-interest loans from the Small Business Administration to repair damage from winds and flooding during last December.

Dixon Chapman, district director of the SBA, said a new survey of storm damage in Multnomah County prompted SBA officials to declare the Portland metropolitan area a disaster area.

Besides Multnomah and Clackamas counties, the disaster list includes Washington, Hood River, Tillamook, Clatsop, Lincoln and Polk counties.

Chapman said loans will be administered by the SBA office in Portland and will be used to return damaged property as nearly as possible to pre-disaster condition. Eligible for loans are residences, businesses, personal property, farms, logging equipment, churches and private roads and bridges.

"We can only replace property," said Chapman of the loans. "The loans can't be used to make any kind of improvement to the property."

He added that loans can also be used where flood insurance did not cover the full cost of restoring the property.

Although Chapman said there is no limit on the number of parties eligible to receive loans within the disaster area, he said a property owner must show that the damage was caused by the flood.

Homeowners may borrow up to \$55,000 for real and personal property damage. The maximum business loan is \$500,000. Residential tenants may borrow up to \$10,000.

The interest rate for homeowner loans will be 1 percent for the first \$10,000 loaned, 3 percent for the next \$30,000 and 6 percent for the rest.

Homeowners must apply for loans by March 13 and business applications are due Oct. 9.

Pageant set

The Miss Mt. Hood Area Scholarship Pageant needs contestants for its second annual competition.

For more information and entry blanks, call Vicki Gunderson, 665-8530.

SHOP SANDY!



TWO STURGEON LAY dead in the sand, victims of chlorination poisoning Wednesday in Beaver Creek.

(Photo by Don Ryan)

Chlorine causes fish kill

Thousands of fish died Wednesday when chlorine escaped into Beaver Creek near Powell Valley Nursery, regional officials say.

The chlorine escaped into the creek and killed fish in a private pond owned by Lathie Belcher, R. 2, Gresham, according to officials with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The chlorine flowed into the creek from a conduit off the Bull Run Water Reserve, where Portland Water Bureau employees had been cleaning the line.

"It wasn't a malfunction," Al Liggett, water supervisor engineer for the Portland bureau, said. "We'd been working on the conduit and had opened a drain valve. When the work was completed, some of the boys forgot to close the valve."

Liggett said the chlorine dissipates rapidly and that other fish downstream from the Belcher property were not endangered.

"The pond was just a couple hundred yards from the valve, so it was strong at that point," he said.

Belcher said he is assessing the loss to his pond, which is located behind the Powell Valley Nursery on Pipeline

Road. About 2,000 crappie and bluegill were in the small lake, but the biggest loss was in strurgeon Belcher had stocked the pond with.

"There's really nothing I would sell them for. I don't think I could get (from Portland) what they're worth to me," Belcher said. "I know I won't even ask for it."

However, the six-foot strurgeon are worth "upwards of \$400" each on the market, Belcher said. There were four of them in the lake.

Liggett said the water bureau will pay for whatever damages were incurred by the Belchers.

and Wildlife Commission, said.

MacLoed said there may be assessments made by the commission if more dead fish are found in public waters. "If we proceed, we would go through the DEQ and file as a pollution problem."

However, there may be other private property owners who also suffered damages from the water bureau mistake.

Don Strebin, Rt. 3, Troutdale, also reported three dead Rainbow Trout,

dead mudcats, lamprey eels and marine earth worms on a gravel bar along Beaver Creek. The location was downstream from Belcher's pond and both the DEQ and the Fish and Wildlife Commission believe the fish kill is the result of the chlorine in the water.

"There's no question that the city is responsible for the kill, but we can only assess for damages to fish in public waters," Jerry MacLoed, a staff biologist in the environmental management department of the Fish

"There's no question that we'd like to be in a better situation to assess fines in a fish kill like this but we can't do that," he said. "The DEQ would be the most likely one to assess a fine."

"We can only assess to fish in public waters and it would be difficult to justify a claim for the three trout."

Larry Patterson of the DEQ said there is a "slight possibility" of a fine being assessed. "The situation was explained to me as an accidental error," he said.

"If that's true, there probably will not be fines assessed."

Meduna completes training

Marine Pvt. Donald P. Meduna, son of Mr. and Mrs. Antone P. Meduna, 11923 SE Wiese Road, Boring, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit

Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily Marine routine

and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Meduna joined the Marine Corps in August 1977.

Rape awareness slated

The Sandy Community School will sponsor a session on rape awareness on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the Sandy Upper Grade Library.

The 7 p.m. session will be led by Roi Hokinson of the Clackamas County Rape Victim Advocate Program.

obituaries

Dale Parsons

Dale Parsons, 66, of Sandy, died Thursday at his home.

He was born in Frankfurt, Kan., and came to Oregon as an infant with his family. Troutdale was his home until 1970 when he moved to Sandy.

A partner in the McGinnis-Parsons Garage in Troutdale, he also had worked for 16 years for a Gresham auto dealer until his retirement in 1976.

Parsons married Margaret Anderson in Fairview in 1950.

Survivors in addition to his wife include: three sons, Martin and Diedre, both of Gresham, and Jeffrey of Portland; two daughters, Linda Keating and Jennifer Parsons, both of Sandy; a sister, Raye Harlow of Tigard; and five grandchildren.

Funeral will be 10 a.m. Monday at Bateman Funeral Chapel with interment at Douglass Cemetery.

E. Hoffmeister

Ernest Hoffmeister, 82, of Sandy, died Thursday in a local hospital.

Born in Eagle Creek, he lived all his life in the Sandy area. He was a logger until his retirement in 1958.

On July 2, 1920, he married Lela Richey in Oregon City. Survivors include: his wife; two sons, William of Boring and James of Sandy; three daughters, Opal Maulding of Sandy, Anne

May of Estacada and Pearl Lewis of Portland; 15 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be Monday at 1:30 p.m. at Bateman Funeral Chapel with private vault interment at Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thomas Paul

Thomas L. Paul, former owner of retail grocery stores at Bull Run and Dodge Park, died at his home on Jan. 21. He was 78.

Paul was born in Davis, Okla. on July 27, 1899. After the death of his father, the family moved to Arkansas when Paul was 3.

He completed his education in Arkansas and enlisted in the Army in 1919. Upon his discharge in 1921, he spend much time traveling around the U.S.

On Dec. 12, 1925, he married Loretta Barnard. They lived in Oklahoma where they began their family. Paul was employed as a foreman for a garage.

The Paul family lived in California from 1934-39 before moving to Oregon to make their home. They farmed near Aims until 1946 when they went in the grocery business at Bull Run.

In 1956, they moved the business to Dodge Park. Mr. and Mrs. Paul worked it

together until retirement in 1973.

Paul also worked in the lumber industry and with commercial fishing.

Survivors include: his wife; two sons, Tom of Sandy and Charles in Arizona; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Ruby Jones and Edith

Pierce; and two brothers, E.W. Roberts and Chester Roberts.

Services were held Tuesday at the Sandy Latter Day Saints Chapel. Vault interment was at Cliffside Cemetery in Sandy.

Sandy Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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