

Board pushes for tax base

The Sandy High School Board is gearing up for a final push to convince voters that the new tax base they are requesting for the district is reasonable and necessary to continue the operations of the school.

"We will go anywhere in the district and talk to whoever will listen about the tax base," chairman Wayne Johnson stated at the board's May meeting Monday night.

Voters will decide on the new \$1,967,853 tax base in the May 23 primary.

The new tax base would replace the former base of \$248,000 established around 1916. Under the previous formula, the school board was allowed to increase the tax base amount by six percent a year and ask for additional funds through a tax levy vote.

An April 4 vote on a \$1.4 million levy failed by 64 votes in a low turnout at the polls. Only 998 persons of a possible 7,700 voters cast ballots in the election.

The new tax base, which can be brought for a change every three years under recently enacted state legislation, will eliminate the need for an additional tax levy this year.

Superintendent Dr. Jack Peters and business manager James Smith presented board members with a 10-page information packet at the meeting entitled "What is a Tax Base" which will be distributed to voters at various places around the county.

According to Peters, the booklet is an "informative and objective" presentation of why the new tax base is needed.

The pamphlet is in question and an-

form and addresses the basic areas of the complicated funding formula for school divisions.

The board also received a promise of support from the new student body president Ken Roberts, and teacher Paul Montgomery who will work to have the "Tax Base" pamphlet spread throughout the district.

If the tax base vote fails, a second serial levy vote will be held June 27. That vote will not list a dollar amount to be raised but will ask voters to approve a tax rate of \$5.76 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the next three years.

The action was approved by a 3-2 decision of the board. Ginny Brewster, Ralph Griffin and Paul Tucker voted in favor of the proposal.

Johnson and Earl Meier voted against it.



DEMOCRATIC hopeful for the gubernatorial nomination, Marv Hollingsworth, spoke to eighth grade social studies students. Hollingsworth, who lives in the Parkrose area, told the students that he favors reinstatement of the death penalty and legalized gambling to help support the state school system. (Post photo)



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Decision appealed

A Boring-area businessman has appealed a decision by a hearings officer of the Clackamas County Planning Commission denying him the right to expand his operation located off Highway 26.

The hearings officer ruled that Earl Brand, who operates a book store and pillow manufacturing operation in his 5,000 square

foot building, acted in violation of existing county zoning laws when he built a second-story addition onto the building.

The hearings officer also ruled that two advertising signs on the property were in violation of the zoning laws.

Brand will appeal the decision in a review request at the May 15 meeting of the county commissioners.

Drive tops goal

The Red Cross blood drive exceeded its goal of 75 pints in a blood drive at Sandy Union High School Tuesday afternoon.

Eighty-one persons, including 37 students and 19 faculty members, donated in the drive. The other 25 units were donated by local citizens.

Sandy area Red Cross blood program coordinator Stan Bowman expressed his appreciation to the donors.

Candidate speaks

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Fire protection lacking

"It's hard to imagine a populated area so close to Portland that has no fire protection."

Thursday's fire was the first time in over a year that Government Camp called Hoodland Fire Department to put out a fire call. The last call was a small fire as a business.

Neighbors attempted to fight last week's fire after Mrs. O'Bryne discovered the blaze, using some 5,000 feet of fire hose donated to the town by Tektronix.

"I think last Thursday's fire proved there is the manpower," said Englund.

There was plenty of water, but the lack of fire fighting equipment prevented a squelching of the blaze before it was fully involved.

Because Government Camp is in the heart of a recreation area, there is a sometimes transient population. And more than 90 percent of the property owners are estimated not to live in the area.

Besides some local residents and the Hoodland Fire Department, others answering the fire call included Clackamas County Sheriff Deputy Steve Mackey, the Clackamas-Marion

State Forestry Department and a tanker from the U.S. Forest Service in Zigzag Ranger District.

Armintrout said he will work with Government Camp residents to provide some sort of emergency medical service to the area. Right now Alpine Ambulance in Sandy offers the closest emergency medical help. Alpine stations an ambulance near Government Camp during busy times during the winter skiing months.

The Hoodland Fire Department is prevented by law from sending its emergency medical equipment out of the fire district.

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Amendments

Optional policies drawn up by planners give landowners more flexibility in developing their property.

The homestead policy allows an owner of land designated farm or forest to sell most of his property reducing his lot size below the 20-acre minimum set, if the parcel he retains (1) contains a

dwelling unit, (2) is big enough to meet all setback requirements and (3) meets subsurface disposal requirements.

Stevenson said the policy was drawn up to allow owners incapable of taking care of large pieces of property, such as elderly persons, to at least maintain a rural residence without the burden of having more land than they can handle.

The sticky point, as one woman at the Estacada meeting pointed out, is that the policy requires that the land be sold to and adjacent property owner. In addition, no housing may be built on the transferred property. Thus, owners who wish to reduce their land holding below the minimum lot size will have a very small market of buyers.

Another set of policies would cluster housing development on farm and forest-designated land. Besides being on land unsuited to farming or timber, cluster developments should front a public road and should have a width-to-depth ratio of no more than 1:3. However, they need not have a public or community water system.

The point of allowing cluster and homesteads in farm-and-forest land, Mancini said, is to encourage larger ownerships of those lands which are actually used for agriculture or timber, which should be more economical.

Other proposed policies would:
—Allow various non-farm uses in an exclusive farm use district;

Favor those areas along major highways or near residential areas for designating additional rural-residential use; and

Encourage distribution of information on agricultural technology, tax assessment programs and new land use techniques.

Stevenson emphasizes that these policies and land-use designations are all still proposals. After the last public meeting Thursday at Canby, the planners will tabulate citizen responses to a questionnaire regarding the plan and policies, in preparation for presentation to the county planning commission at the end of May.

Bull Run on agenda

The Bull Run Advisory the Water Service Building Committee will meet at 7 auditorium, 510 SW Montgomery Street, Portland.

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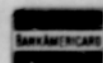
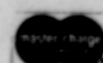
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