

for festival future

together," he said. Armstrong has special praise for co-chairman Lynn Ellis, one of the owners of the Blushing Zebra craft shop in Sandy.

"Lynn amazes me," Armstrong said. "She, from the beginning, has taken hold of the day to day operations of the festival."

Armstrong and Mrs. Ellis first became involved with the festival as members of a special committee from the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce which was assigned to think of an annual event.

One of Armstrong's suggestions was an arts festival. The problem was where to hold it.

The committee learned that there was a neglected park behind Sandy City Hall and decided to take a look.

"All you could see were berries and blackberries — but it was beautiful," Mrs. Ellis recalled.

That first festival was organized in a two month span. Now work literally starts as soon as the park is empty from the last festival.

In conjunction with the festival, a variety of other activities have started — making the first part of July the Sandy Mountain Days. The two chairmen are glad to see the other activities.

"I think we've only begun to see the kinds of things that can happen," Armstrong said.

"I feel the festival has made the people of the community aware of the community and themselves," Mrs. Ellis said. "At

any rate, it sure creates a lot of smiles."

"That park is a source of inspiration for the community," Armstrong observed. "The city crews not only spend the time allotted for maintenance, but even their own personal time."

The committee organizers take pride that the festival offers something for everyone — whether it be music, drama, art of food.

"It's a combined experience. People can sample a little bit of this and a little bit of that," Armstrong noted.

"It's not one person that causes things to happen," he added. "They're all part of a well organized event — an event which is looking to the future."

Foot stompin' music on tap

There's more than just eating and looking at the Sandy Mountain Festival.

There'll be music as well — everything from blues to bluegrass to set your toes tapping.

The music will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 8, when Cascade Freedom will appear on stage. This will be the fourth consecutive year the country rock group has performed at the Sandy Mountain Festival.

At 3:30 Saturday, the Cock and Bull Contraband will offer their original music and

sound. That group will also perform at a 9 p.m. street dance at Heritage Square on Saturday night.

At 6 p.m. Saturday, Virgin Territory will strike up bluegrass music.

Sunday's entertainment will begin at 11:15 a.m. with the Virgin Territory Band. They will play what has been billed as gypsy rock and bluegrass music. The group includes Matt Cripps, Scott Reids, Will Cripps, Jill Khovy, Jack Stone and Richard Tyler.

Sunday afternoon will bring on a 3½ hour musical

variety show featuring 24 top professional musicians from the Pacific Northwest. The show will feature Dixieland and Big Band music.

Cock and Bull Contraband will come on stage at 5:15 p.m. to bring down the curtain on the fifth annual Sandy Mountain Festival.

The appearance of Portland Local 99 musicians is provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Federation of Musicians Music Performance Trust Funds and the Sandy Mountain Festival Association.

Lions host Beer garden

The Sandy Lions Club will again host a beer garden during the Sandy Mountain Days.

The Beer Garden will be located just behind Williams Thriftway in downtown Sandy.

Those wishing to quench their thirst may do so with a glass of cool suds. And if it's hunger you want to relieve, there will be the Lions Chuck Wagon run by the women of the Lions Club Auxiliary. Hamburgers, soda pop and pronto pups will be on the menu.

Sandy City Manager Paul

Helton will dish up his authentic German beer sausages for the second year at the garden.

For amusement, adjacent to the beer gardens, a dunk tank will allow festival goers to plunk their favorite politician or town character in the water.

"We had a great turnout last year," said Lions Club President Tad Yeager. "Everyone wanted to dunk somebody."

Last year's volunteers for a dip included Mayor Melvin Haneberg and Paul Helton, along with Bette Herzog from TJ's Restaurant.

All the funds will go to charity, as the Lions have earmarked profits from the beer garden to go to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation.

The Lions recently turned over \$2000 to the foundation at a May 18 Lions International State Convention in Eugene.

Yeager said the beer garden will open Thursday evening about 5 and will run until about midnight or 1 a.m. He said the garden would hold similar hours throughout Mountain Days, and would probably open from noon to 9 on Sunday.

Royal court on parade

This year's Sandy Mountain Days will include royalty.

The court, picked by a committee from Sandy Civic Services, will span five age groups ranging from the queen, who is in her 70s, to an 11-year-old princess.

The royalty will be honored during the Sandy Mountain Days Parade on July 6 and possibly at the Sandy Fourth of July celebration at the high school stadium.

Queen for the event will be Sandy resident Agnes Barker.

Princesses will include Sara Berger, Kathy Erickson, Wendy Rader and Lisa Happold.

Mrs. Barker is the wife of Ivan Barker and has been active in Eastern Star and the Sandy Women's Club.

Mrs. Berger is the wife of Howard Berger. She is active in the Sandy Business and Professional Women's Club

and is a former teacher.

Mrs. Erickson is the wife of Sandy policeman John Erickson and works at the Sandy Police Department.

Wendy Rader will represent the high school age girls on the court. She is a student at Sandy Union High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rader.

Lisa Happold, the youngest member of the court, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Happold.

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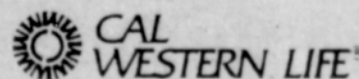
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