

Construction to begin on Firwood School

Construction on the planned Firwood Elementary School addition is scheduled to begin later this month and should be completed in time for February enrollment.

The Elementary School Board accepted a low bid of \$816,000 on the project two weeks ago from Bishop Construction Company of Portland. The low bid, one of five submitted to the board, was roughly \$31,000 below the architect's estimated cost of the project.

"We are extremely pleased and surprised by the low bid," said Elementary superintendent Clark Lund. "We're ready to proceed right along with the project."

Two other contractors came in below the \$847,000 estimated bid cost. Two others were above it.

The addition to the school was made possible by passage of general obligation bonds last winter. The major project, construction of the new Kelso Elementary School, will get under way later this summer after bids are received.

The Firwood addition will contain three regular classrooms, a special education room, gymnasium, music room and multi-use activity area. The expansion will alleviate a critical space shortage problem which the district has experienced for several years.

Lund envisions a long-range goal of making the three grade school locations (Sandy, Firwood and Kelso) community schools for grades 1-6. Such a policy decision would have to come from the board which would receive input from the citizens of the various communities on the proposal.

2 county judges sworn into office

by JOHN DEAN

OREGON CITY — Two judges were sworn into office here June 28, leaving one bench in the Clackamas County courthouse to be filled by Gov. Bob Straub this week.

Moving up to Circuit Court from District Court is Judge Charles A. Sams. Deputy District Attorney Robert Burns was appointed by Straub to the District Court bench last week, after the death of Judge Robert M. Mulvey.

Burns and Mulvey were to square off in the November election, after Burns easily led Mulvey and three other candidates in the May 4 primary election.

Sams' position as the county's fifth Circuit Court judge was created by the 1977 Oregon legislature. He will hold court in Judge Howard Blanding's courtroom and the county commissioner's conference room until a courtroom is built for him on the second floor of the courthouse.

Straub is expected to select a replacement for Sams by the end of next week, according to Jim Brown, a spokesman for the governor.

A poll of the Clackamas County Bar Association placed Milwaukie attorney Robert L. Mills at the top of a list of interested candidates for the post.

Mills garnered 198 points in the poll, compared to 93 for Milwaukie City Attorney Myer Avedovech. Other entrants were Oregon City attorney Ronald Thom with 41 points; Richard Goss, former director of the Oregon City office of Oregon Legal Services Corp., with 50 points; and Lake Oswego City Attorney Lawrence Jordan with 30 points.

Brown said the governor "values the bar's opinion, but he does not feel bound by it."

All three of the new judges must appear on the November ballot for voter approval. Persons who wish to challenge them can be nominated by holding a convention of 250 registered voters or obtaining 5,000 signatures of support by petition, Brown said.

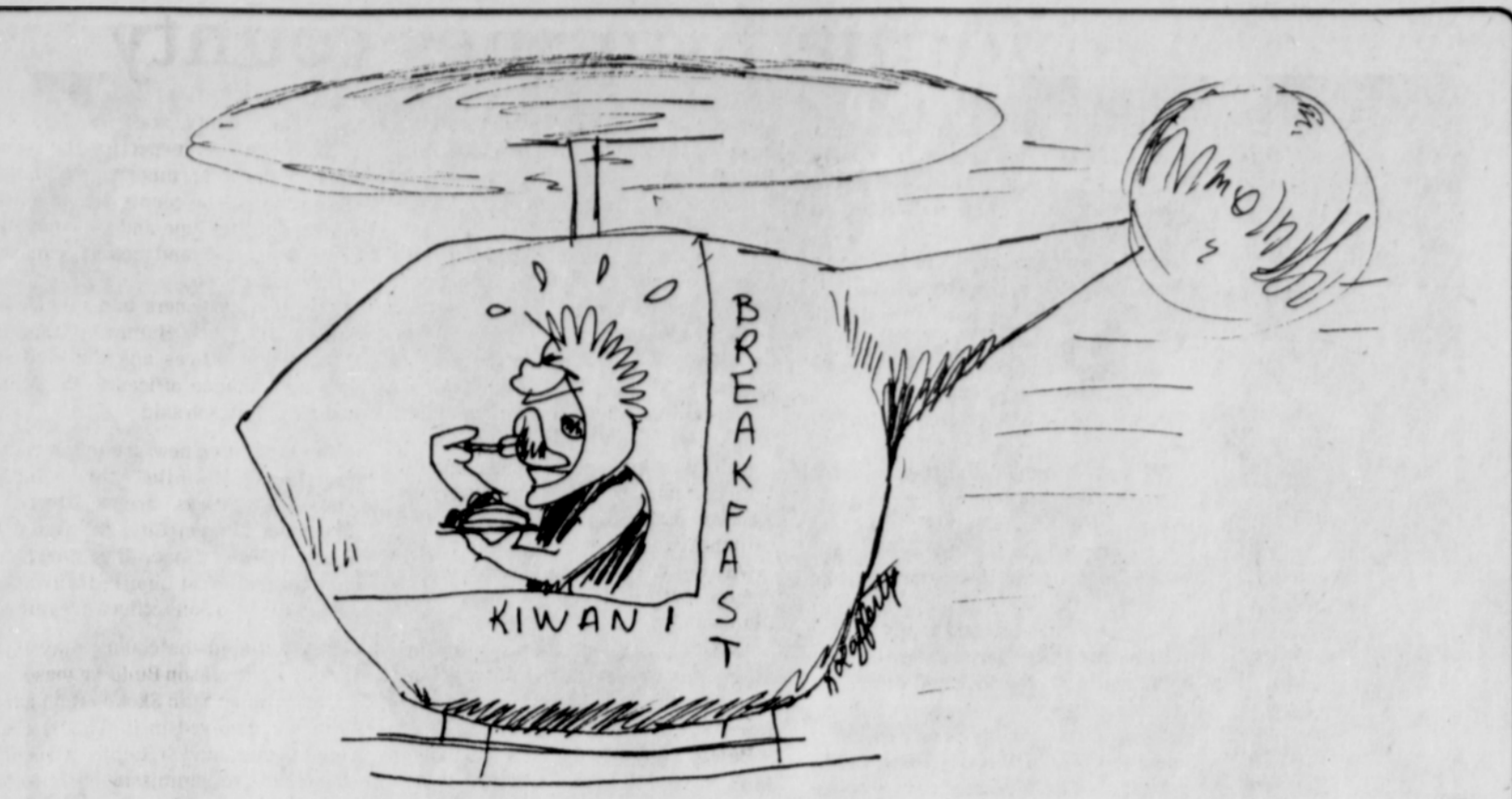
Meetings scheduled

The Citizen's Advisory Committee for reorganization of the Sandy area five-year Comprehensive Plan will hold another in a series of meetings Wednesday (July 19) in council chambers at 7:30.

The meetings have been held monthly since September for revision of the plan. The committee will submit a final draft of its recommendations to city council in August.

Council will hold a public hearing to receive citizen input on the proposed plan and will adopt a final draft laste next month. The plan will then be submitted to the Land Conservation and Development Commission for approval.

The final meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be held the following Wednesday, July 26, at 7:30 in council chambers.



Breakfast served

It's time for the Kiwanis Fly-in

If it's an unusual assortment of entertainment and exhibitions you want, plus some good food to boot, the Sandy Kiwanis Club is the place to look for it all.

Aerobic demonstrations, an antique vehicle display and a secret pancake recipe will be a part of the 21st Annual Kiwanis Fly-in Breakfast set for this Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Club is again sponsoring the annual event at Rich's Airport on Oral Hull Road to raise money for a number of causes it traditionally supports, among them the Mt. Hood Crippled Children's Fund.

In addition to a hearty meal of hotcakes, eggs, ham, juice, milk and coffee, a variety of entertainment will be on tap.

Piano and accordion players will entertain the crowd and George Howeler's band of musicians will play old-time music from the '30s and '40s. A display of vintage cars

and airplanes is also on the agenda. Another highlight will be the aerobatic stunts arranged by John Johnson, owner and operator of Rich's Airport.

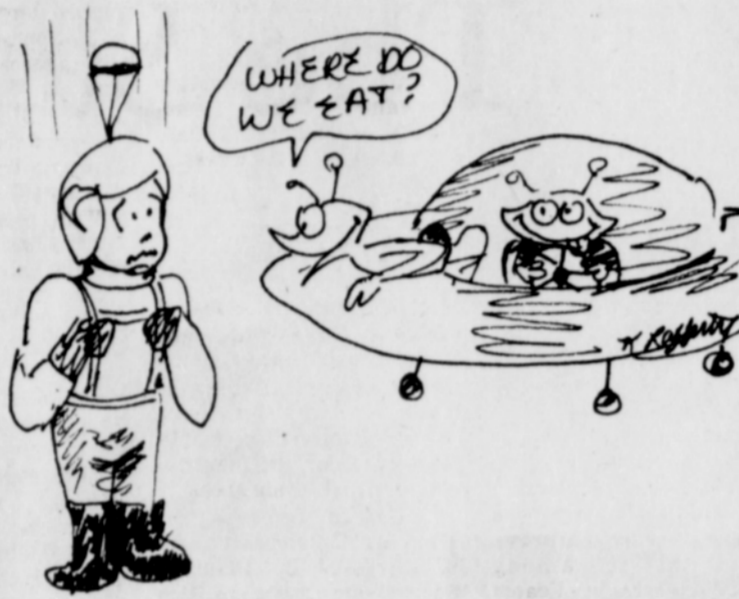
The secret pancake recipe of Sandy's Ivan Barker has ingredients known only to the chef, but has proven very popular over the years.

People have flown in from all over the state to attend the breakfast in the past, according to Fly-in publicity chairman Dennis Crow.

"We actually send letters out to people that we know have airplanes, plus we advertise in plane journals to get people to fly in to the breakfast," Crow said. "Last year 30-40 people flew in."

People have flown in from as far as California, Washington and Idaho in recent years.

"A number of people don't see each other all year except at the Fly-in Breakfast," Crow said. "It's a gathering place."



Drawings by Kelly Lafferty

Board resubmits budget proposal

When it came to resubmitting a tax levy proposal to high school district voters, the Sandy Union High School Board adopted a well-used slogan at its Monday night meeting.

After three tax levy failures in the past three months, the school board has decided that, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try, try again."

The board voted 3-2 to resubmit the same budget proposal in a Sept. 19 levy election that was defeated in three previous votes.

The split decision by the board will give Sandy voters an opportunity to approve a one-year levy of \$1,419,252.36 in excess of the 6 percent limitation.

Board members agreed unanimously that the budget they are submitting is a sound one "with no fat on it." "The apathetic public defeated the levy last time," board member Paul Tucker

said. "It was not the majority of the citizens who defeated it, it was the majority of those who voted."

The dissenting votes of the board came from Earl Meier and Pete Griffin who felt that the budget was sound, but voters would reject the figure because it represented no significant change from the previous levy.

Should the levy be defeated, the possibility that Sandy High will face a premature closure becomes more distinct.

"If we don't have the levy prior to about Veteran's Day, we'll have to close down," District Superintendent Jack Peters said. "Without the \$1.4 million, we're out of business."

Members of the budget committee attending the meeting were informally polled by board members before the vote about their feelings on the budget. The

general consensus among the committee seemed to be that the budget was sound, but since three levies had failed, something should be done to reduce the budget. None of the members had any suggestions as to what should be cut, however.

Meier said the board should consider postponing the Sept. 5 opening day for the high school.

"In running a business you don't start something without the money," he said. "If we don't have the money, maybe we shouldn't start the school until we get it."

Several citizens from the Redland School District were on hand to plead their case for a lower tuition cost to be assessed Redland students. They argued that the Sandy District made a profit of \$100,000 on Redland students last year and were overcharging them this year.

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In other board action, Wayne Johnson was re-elected chairman of the board, and Ginny Brewster re-elected vice-chairman. Jack Peters was named chief administration officer and school district clerk, and Jim Smith was voted deputy clerk.

The board voted to continue holding its meetings on

the second Monday of the month from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the reference library of the high school.

The board also voted to continue using the Clackamas County Bank as the depository for school funds.

Matt Shields of the Boring district was re-elected to a three-year term on the budget committee.

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Planners convene

The Cottrell Land Use Planning Group will hold its July meeting in the West Cottrell grade school gym on Wednesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Three items are scheduled

to be brought up for discussion: the newly adopted zoning for the Cottrell area; immediate and future problems facing the group; and election of officers for the year.

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