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City council

The total increase in the budgets was from \$49,000 to \$94,000.

However, City Manager Paul Helton pointed out that \$26,000 of the increase comes from outside grant sources. The net increase on the local share of the budget is approximately \$22,000.

Helton also noted that much of the local share of the increase is due to one-time, front end costs on the newly purchased Community Center. (See related story, page 8).

Council has set another public hearing on the budget for Monday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Man arrested for burglary

ZIGZAG — A 21-year-old Mt. Hood man was arrested by Clackamas County sheriff's deputies here Wednesday on a burglary charge.

Deputies drove to the home of Cheryl Dalebout on Lolo Pass Road in response to reports of a disturbance phoned in by neighbors.

Inside the house with Ms. Dalebout were Stephen Lowell Struck and a companion, both of Mt. Hood.

Frenchman tests Boring food chain



HENRI RAULT

Henri Rault might have a hard time convincing friends and family in his native France to try some of the food and customs he discovered in the United States.

Take corn on the cob, for instance. "We do not eat corn at home," said the 24-year-old with the International Farm Youth Exchange program. "Corn is for cows."

"He wants to write down my recipe for corn on the cob," Sharon Meier said. Rault is staying 2½ weeks with the Earl and Sharon Meier family in Boring, visiting local farms. "And popcorn, too — he wants to know how we make it."

Rault has fed plenty of corn, barley and grass grown on his father's farm in Bretagne to the 115 heifers the family raises. He is visiting different rural areas in Oregon and West Virginia for six months to compare American farming to the cooperative method of raising food in France.

"Machinery is very expensive," he explained. "My father buys a plow. Another farmer buys another machine. My father works five hours for him, and he works five hours for my father."

The 5,000-acre cattle ranch he visited in Burns was surprising to a man who raises crops and 115 heifers on 115 acres of land. "In Burns, you don't see the cow every day," Rault said clearly in English he learned only in high school. "Maybe it is good, but it is difficult for me to understand how the cows can be so far away."

Boring berry farms remind him of grape vineyards at home. "Like here, the students on vacation pick the berries." There's no need to worry about minimum age laws, since the grape pickers he knows are college students.

Rault has seen the same inflation in the United States that French farmers have tried to outlast. An imperial gallon of gasoline, slightly larger than a U.S. gallon, costs \$2.14 for Rault's Peugeot.

"Five years ago, my father raised 100 heifers," he said. "Now, to have the same money, he must have 115."

The story is the same: long days that last sometimes until 8 or 9 p.m. But the French get a two-hour break in the middle of the day for lunch and a short snooze. Rault was surprised Earl Meier eats lunch in a restaurant every day. "In France, everyone comes home," he said.

He misses other pleasant social customs, such as frequent kissing of friends and family. "Boys and girls, every day kiss each other on the cheek, one, two, three," he laughed. "Maybe we kiss too much?"

He's itching to play a good soccer game. Rault plays France's most popular sport on a city team. "My legs have become soft," he sighed.

In fact, "I have become fat at this home." He had never tried baked potatoes until he sampled one of Sharon's masterpieces.

"At home, we have potatoes. French fries."

Boring school board convenes

BORING — The Boring Grade School Board dealt with a full agenda of going through district business and hearing a report on construction progress at a board meeting last Tuesday.

Dave Gillespie, Boring superintendent, presented a progress report to the board concerning construction and remodeling on district buildings.

Work on Boring Middle School is on schedule and should be complete by September. This construction includes approximately \$35,900 worth of cabinets for the entire middle school.

The board approved hiring Lemons Cabinets of Vancouver for the cabinet project. They will be installed by the time school starts.

The board re-elected its chairman and vice chairman for additional terms. Dr. Carl Aschoff will continue as board chairman and Dixie Whitmore will continue as vice chairman.

The new branch office of the Clackamas County Bank in Boring was designated as the depository for the Boring District.

In addition to the present remodeling in the district, the board approved a supplemental budget of \$15,000, a carryover from the 1977-78 budget for future remodeling work.

Gillespie was named executive and budget officer for the district by the board. One of Gillespie's main duties will be the supervision of preparing the budget each year.

In other budget related matters, Bonnie Stearns and Rhea Trammel were appointed to the budget committee by the board.

Applications for federal money to fund ongoing corrective reading and library services projects also received board approval.

The next Boring Grade School Board meeting will be Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. at the Boring Elementary Building on School Avenue in Boring.

Community Center Remodeling to finish by fall

by JOHN KLINE

Nails are being pounded and sheetrock is being hung at the new Sandy Community Center on Pioneer Boulevard. The facility is being readied for use by a number of organizations later this summer.

"We're getting there," said Recreation Director Dick Halvorsen. "We hope to have things ready in early August."

The Community Center, formerly the site of Sandy Baptist Chapel, was purchased by the city in January after voters approved \$137,300 in a bond referendum.

It contains 3,072 square feet of floor space on two floors and will house offices and display materials for several organizations in the

city.

The Sandy Senior Center, which received \$12,700 in federal grant funds to help offset the cost of the building, will occupy a large portion of the downstairs area.

The Sandy Pioneer Association will use a portion of the upstairs area as an historical display area.

The upstairs portion of the building, formerly the church sanctuary, will remain an open area for large group assemblies and meetings. The bottom floor will house office space, storage area and restrooms, in addition to the Senior Center.

The parking lot at the rear of the building is due to be paved. Funds for the project (\$9,000) came from a federal HUD grant through

Clackamas County.

In addition, the City Building Department will be moved from city hall into new offices in the center.

The overall operational plan for the center is still in the draft stage by the newly appointed Sandy Recreation Commission. Seven members were appointed to that body by Sandy City Council last week.

Appointed were Howard Berger, Bruce Cook, Gary Davidson, Virginia Kallen, Ed Neuenfeldt, Ginny Brewster and Tim Ward. Kallen has been voted chairperson of the commission.

The function of the commission will be to serve in an advisory capacity to council and formulate the general operating policies of the center — subject to approval

of the city manager and recreation director — according to a resolution passed by Council.

The Commission is presently in the early stages of writing a manual of procedures for the center. The manual will be an outline of goals and objectives for the center and will list the fees and charges for recreation services, subject to approval by council.

"All the organizations who use the center will pay their fair share of the fees," Halvorsen stated. "We're not asking one group to do something that another group would not have to do."

The procedure manual is expected to be completed later this summer in time for fall use of the center by area organizations.

Fawbush criticizes tax initiative

State Representative Wayne Fawbush has attacked the 1½ percent property tax limitation initiative and said the Oregon legislature could do a better job of responding to the public tax revolt sweeping the state.

Fawbush explored the proposal — apparently destined for the November ballot as Measure 6 — last Friday as a member of the interim revenue committee of the state legislature.

Fawbush says he is convinced that Measure 6 will create more problems than it solves.

It was designed to change California laws, not those in Oregon, he said, and the Oregon sponsors of the measure simply copies the California proposal.

Fawbush represents District 56. He faces in the November general election Republican Paul Walden who lost his seat to Fawbush in 1976.

Fawbush feels that sponsors of Measure 6 have "made a mess of a good thing." Their plan, he said, will increase federal taxes by \$90 million and may even be unconstitutional.

Fawbush stated that the intent of limiting property taxes is the right focus, but that Measure 6 is not the way to do it.

"I figure if we send the feds a message to cut spending along with \$90 million, they'll spend the money first and then worry about what our message said later."

The \$90 million will be generated because property taxes are presently deductible from federal and state tax returns. When property taxes are lowered, income taxes will go up, Fawbush

said.

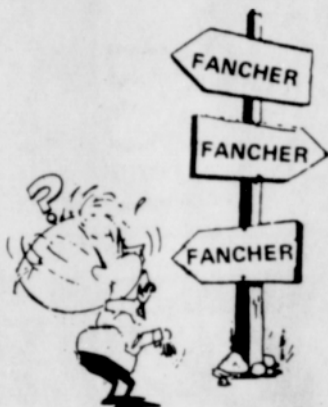
"Measure 6 will take dollars from the local level where we have direct control and ship them off to Washington where we have no control," he said.

Fawbush maintained that the measure will fail to achieve true tax cuts at the state level.

One solution to the current puzzle he said, would be for the state legislature to have a special session to draft a workable alternative. The problems in Measure 6 have caused a great deal of pressure for the legislature to do something.

"I think we have a good opportunity for true tax reform and at the same time we can give the voters a better choice," he said.

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