



Reflections through the camera's eye

Mark Floyd photo

FLYING THROUGH the air with the greatest of ease is Sandy High sophomore gymnast Danise Buswell. Coach Laura Pihlaja-Muehleck

(far right) looks on as she sends the girls through a series of routines. Practice for gymnastics and other fall sports began Monday in

preparation for this fall's competition. The first gymnastics match is scheduled for Sept. 12 at Barlow. For more photos, see p. 11.

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Outside aid keeps Community Schools alive

by KAYE BARTON

With some help from the Sandy Elementary School District, the Community School program will be operating this year. But it won't quite be business as usual.

The school district voted at the August 15 board meeting to accept a greater responsibility for Community Schools and to pay a greater portion of the costs.

The program has been primarily funded by Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) through its six-year history, but this arrangement was halted by voters in a \$2.5 million levy defeat on June 27 which drastically reduced MHCC's operating budget.

According to Clark Lund, superintendent of the Sandy Elementary School, "our board willingly accepted a greater budgetary responsibility for Community Schools. I think this demonstrates in a very positive way their support for the concept of community education."

The increased support of the school district and grant from a Michigan foundation will enable the project to continue operating this year. But according to Community Schools director

Judy Sheppard, the grant is primarily for the "Silver Threads" program sponsored by community schools.

"We will be cutting back considerable on our programming," Sheppard said. "From an average of about 50 programs, we are reducing to 20 this fall. We won't be mailing out the list of our program offerings — people will have to pick them up at the Community Schools center. And we will be releasing them through the Sandy Post."

The elementary district had previously paid one third of the director's salary and supplied classroom space and facilities for the program. MHCC paid the balance of the salary, purchased supplies and paid other operating costs.

Lund said that after the June levy defeat he was approached by Margaret Gratton, supervisor of MHCC's various community schools programs. Gratton suggested that MHCC might be forced to cut back or withdraw its support of Sandy's community education project.

"She expressed a need to maintain the program but said the college was unable to do so," Lund said. "The elementary school district was asked to step in and assume a greater role in the

program."

Even with the increased commitment the elementary school has made, the largest share of the costs for the Community School's 1978-79 year will be borne by the Mott Foundation, a Michigan institution which funds community education projects around the country.

The foundation approved an \$11,000 grant for the local "Silver Threads" project, and by doubling up on expenses the grant can help to carry the community schools through the current year. The grant will cover 49 percent of Community School's operating costs, with the college paying 16 percent and the elementary school 35 percent.

Lund explained that this arrangement will be valid for only the 1978-79 year, since the Mott grant is probably only a one-year non-renewable grant. "The board had to address the question, What is on down the road for community schools?" he said.

Lund speculates that other agencies within the community will be approached for their support on a "shared partnership" basis. He doesn't think sole support by Sandy elementary school would be equitable, since the

taxpayers within that district are not the only beneficiaries of the program.

"We will be approaching other tax-supported agencies for their cooperation with Sandy Community Schools," Lund said. "However, until the fall general election we are in a holding pattern. We won't know how to proceed with budgeting until we know the outcome of ballot measure six."

Lund acknowledged that the school

district is looking at some unknowns as it contemplates Community Schools. Besides the budgeting uncertainty, there is the issue of administration of the program if there are a number of agencies involved.

"If a shared effort was undertaken with community schools, we would have to establish who is the prime sponsoring agency," he said. "In the past the college has played this role.

They administered the funds, hired the personnel, made program planning decisions.

"Our school board has expressed a willingness to pick up where MHCC left off," Lund continued. "We agree that community education should be absorbed into the community which it serves. But we have some questions to answer before we decide how to proceed."

4-3 council vote paves way for new 146-unit subdivision

by JOHN KLINE

The city of Sandy will have another subdivision under construction as the result of a split council decision Monday night.

Wewer Road Estates, a development which calls for construction of 146 units in the Sunset Road area, was given the go-ahead by a 4-3 council vote.

Mayor Mel Haneburg and councilmen Jim Duff and Warren Decker voted against the subdivision. Bruce Cook, Vern Richards, Olin Bignall and George Burg were in the majority.

Hap Arnold, who along with partner

Frank Moore, is developing the largely treeless 34-acre tract in the southwest part of the city, presented council with a revised plot drawing of the subdivision at the meeting. The revised map includes an area for a softball field which council had requested be included.

The approval calls for a change in the city's zoning plus a change in the Comprehensive Plan to permit greater per acre housing density than was previously allowed. The subdivision will consist of 54 single family homes, 55 mobile homes and 18 duplexes.

Arnold stated that he took four lots out of the original plan to make room for the softball field but added two more at another location "to keep the project economically feasible."

The new subdivision, which was given previous unanimous consent by the Planning Commission, is the 13th development to be approved by council for future housing construction. A total of 519 housing units have been approved for construction in the developments.

In other action, council voted to tie up some loose ends with regard to the LID 4 downtown improvement district which have been dragging on for almost a year.

Council decided unanimously on actions which are intended to clear up the question of financial responsibility of the members of the LID which was formed to build the downtown off-street parking lot.

Council decided that all property owners in the improvement district would be credited with \$3.50 per square foot for land contributed to the parking lot. The rate is the same as that paid to owners of the Double Dragon

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Sen. Mark Hatfield serves himself at Hoodland picnic

Staff photo

Hatfield boosts renewable energy

Senator Mark Hatfield told a group of Hoodland Chamber of Commerce picnicers Saturday that the Congress has a "feeling of frustration" when it comes to urging federal bureaucracies to think in terms of renewable sources of energy.

Hatfield, the Republican incumbent running against state senator Vern Cook in the Nov. 7 Senate election, made the remarks at the Hoodland Women's Club in Welch before a

group of around 40.

Hatfield arrived on time at 5 p.m. with several aides and daughter, Teresa. He chatted with members of the Chamber and friends and sat down for a picnic supper before making a short address and answering several questions.

Responding to a question on his views of using geothermal drilling projects, such as the one ongoing on Mt. Hood to meet energy needs, Hatfield stated that

"there is much support in Congress for renewable forms of energy. But the Department of Energy (DOE) is very much oriented toward nuclear."

Renewable forms for energy appear to be "stepsons" to non-renewable sources such as nuclear, he said.

Hatfield said the DOE has altered its research funding from a level of 80-20 in favor of renewable over non-renewable

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