



Universal smiles

Staff photo

A FEW of the area A.F.S. (American Field Service) students ham it up in front of the camera Friday. The students are attending high school in the area through the A.F.S. program and came to Sandy as part of their cultural exchange. Pictured from left to right are Tony Barnett, Australia; Marie

Morin, Canada; Rejane Darold, Brazil; Rachel Hanson, Australia and Peter Gentz, Germany. Also in the program but not pictured are Daniela Timon of Italy and Edgar Jimenez of Costa Rica.

Farms, timberland protected

County sets rural zoning ordinances

OREGON CITY — After months of several draft revisions and some heated public hearings, the Clackamas County Planning Commission last week adopted a revised set of rural zoning ordinances.

Many of the changes requested by the public were not included in the adopted ordinances.

Although the county planning staff did address most of the requests in its staff report to the planning commission, the controversial minimum lot size requirements and exclusion of subdivisions from the new timber and agricultural districts remain unchanged.

Many county farmers objected to minimum lot size requirements of 20 and 40 acres in areas designated for exclusive farm and timber use. Several developers objected to proposals that the new timber and agricultural districts didn't include residential subdivisions.

The commission did modify the principal use section on lot divisions in the new agricultural district, however, to ensure the created lots will be consistent with existing commercial farm uses in the area.

Most of the discussion centered on the conditional uses in the timber and agricultural districts. The commission decided to omit golf courses and skiing facilities from the general timber and transitional timber districts, despite one member's objections.

Maryanne Hill of Government Camp said she felt the uses should be permitted. "I believe in multiple use of the area if the uses are compatible," she said. "There has been a cry from the communities for more options and the owner should be able to use his property in a compatible way."

She felt there were enough safeguards in the ordinances to ensure compatibility.

In response to a citizen's request on the homestead lot provision, the commission increased the remaining lot size partitioned from a homestead lot with a principal dwelling from 20 acres to 40 acres in the exclusive farm use and transitional timber districts.

The homestead partitions in the general agricultural and general timber districts were increased from 40 to 80 acres. The planning staff felt the changes provided better control for overall density and did less damage to the agricultural character of the areas.

Bus shelters were added to the conditional use category for transitional timber districts and deleted from the principal uses for the general timber district.

The commission also allowed the raising and harvesting of Christmas trees as a conditional use in the transitional timber district.

Dea Begert of Rock Creek said she was concerned the commission was not taking action on several citizens' concerns about the destruction of the family farms. Several citizens testified their family farms would have to be sold because they were not allowed under zoning regulations to divide up the land among their children.

David Seigneur, county planning director, said parcelization conflicts with state laws, however. "Anyone with any feeling for people can understand the inheritance problem but it is in conflict with the land-use goals," Seigneur said. "And the goal is to preserve the land so it just can't be carved up."

The County Board of Commissioners will take final action on the revisions to the timber district, agricultural district, exclusive and general farm use district ordinances at a Feb. 7 hearing at 10 a.m. in the courthouse annex.

Weather damage

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a lot of old-timers and you've got to go back a long ways to find a comparable period where the weather has been like it has in December and January."

The storm didn't cause a great deal of damage for the General Telephone Electronics Company, according to customer service manager Russell

Palmer.

"Our outages were very low because we are mostly an underground plant," he said. "There was a three or four percent increase in trouble in the Wood Village, Orient, Gresham and Troutdale areas."

"It was mostly from power lines hitting our cables and burning them," he said. "But Sandy was pretty good; Troutdale got the worst of it."

Correction

In a story on students in the business math class at Welches School last week, The Post wrongly identified the branch manager at Clackamas County Bank as Rick Carey.

Rick Scott is manager of the bank. Rick Carey is branch manager of U.S. National Bank. We apologize for the error.



Icy road victim

Staff photo

SHORTLY AFTER the snow started falling late Friday afternoon, the 1976 Datsun pickup pictured above driven by Garland Henry Siler of Boring slid out of control heading south, at the bottom of a hill on 362nd Avenue and flipped over. Siler was not injured, but his wife, Stella Mae, was taken to Gresham Community Hospital with a chest injury.

She went home later that day. The accident was reported at 4 p.m. A unit from the Sandy fire district responded and firemen (shown above) moved personal belongings from the overturned truck to the fire hall. Alpine Ambulance transported Mrs. Silver to the hospital.

Remember to say something loving on Valentine's Day, February 14.

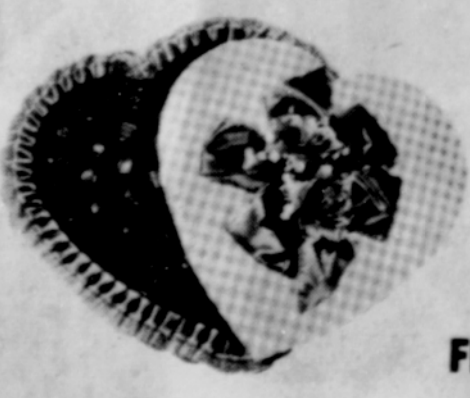
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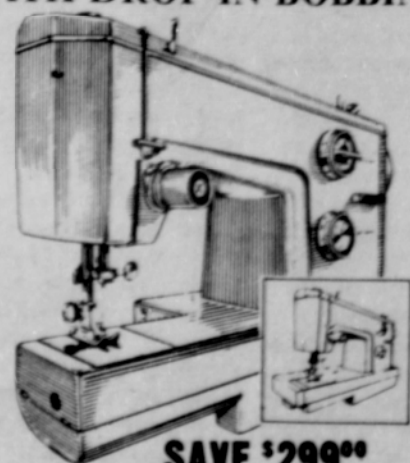
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Chamber sets luncheon

Al Wilson of Forest Industries will address the Sandy area Chamber of Commerce at noon, Feb. 6, on the state of the lumber industry as it concerns Sandy and the Mt. Hood area.

The chamber meets Tuesdays in T.J.'s Fireside lounge on Proctor Boulevard.

The chamber is planning a new visitor bureau with volunteer staffing and a St. Patrick's Day observance for policemen, firemen and their assistance groups.

Smucker Co. appeal slated

A request by the J.M. Smucker Co. to divide its 32 acres in Cottrell and build a commercial building for receiving berries will be heard Feb. 7 by the Clackamas County Planning Commission.

The hearing, an appeal of the county hearings officer's denial of the request, will be at 10 a.m. in the Oregon City courthouse.

The preserves company wants to divide its land into a 30-acre parcel and a 2-acre parcel. The building would be on the smaller parcel.

The land is located on the south side of Bluff Road, about one-fourth mile west of Southeast 347th Avenue.