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Face court summons

Residents misusing burning permits

by DAN DILLON

The incorrect use of fire permits by area residents is causing problems for the Sandy Fire District and Oregon State Department of Forestry.

Persons who hold agricultural burning permits, issued by the Sandy district, are using them illegally. The permits are not valid to burn debris generated during land clearing, according to Bob Rathke, Sandy fire chief.

The problem arises from the division in enforcement of burning regulations within the Sandy Fire District, he said. Approximately one-half of the 77-square mile district is governed by permits issued by the State. That area is undeveloped and timber lands. The Sandy fire department governs only cleared lands and buildings.

According to Bob Gulbin of the state forestry department, residents who have agricultural permits cannot use them to burn debris after land clearing. They must have a state

permit.

An agricultural permit is issued only to residents who generate part of their income from the land. It is valid for as long as its holder maintains that residence.

That status could be part of the problem, according to Gulbin. The state permit must be renewed every 10 days. "People go to the chief," he said, "because his permits are permanent."

But, they are breaking the law.

"Burning without legal permits is negligence. A person can be charged the cost of putting out the fire," said Gulbin.

Rathke said the state forester must inspect the site for each permit he issues because of the potential for a larger fire danger. Gulbin tries to determine the length of time it will take for the fire to be burned. Many fires after land clearing include large piles of stumps which can burn and smolder for weeks.

The danger is less for

people correctly using an agricultural permit, according to Rathke. They are allowed to burn only debris from the actual operation, such as feed sacks or harvested crop land.

That, too, presents a problem, according to Gulbin. He noted that raspberry farmers burn their crops after they have finished harvesting to clean the land. That is allowed under an agricultural

permit. But, if the farmer decides to clear an extra 10 acres for the ensuing year, a state permit is needed, he said. Without it, they can be cited and summoned to court.

Pre-planning is necessary in the issuance of state permits. The forester takes a number of factors, such as distance from buildings and cleared land and weather, into account before the permit is allowed.

Permits for burning debris generated by land clearing can be obtained, without cost, from the Sandy Guard Station on Vista Loop Drive, east of Sandy.

Regardless of permit, users are reminded to contact the proper authority to determine if the day has been designated a "burn day" by the Department of Environmental Quality, according to both officials.

Police report quiet festival despite large, large crowds

Despite "large, large crowds," there were very few problems for the Sandy Police Department during the Sandy Mountain Festival, according to Police Chief Fred Punzel.

Punzel described the festival as "quiet," noting no problems other than parking difficulties. "Things went very smoothly," he said.

Last Tuesday, July 3, police arrested Richard Rockwell, 18, of Sandy. He was charged with disorderly conduct stemming from an incident involving an improperly parked vehicle. Rockwell was lodged in the Clackamas County Jail in lieu of bail.

Sandy police investigated a burglary Thursday in the

new housing development on Van Fleet Street. Brinkley Construction Inc. reported that a new home under construction was burglarized.

A range and dishwasher valued at \$1,000, a 16-foot overhead garage door valued at \$800 and carpeting valued at approximately \$330 were reported missing. Investigation is continuing.

Frank Edward Szymczak, 19, of Boring, was cited for driving while under the influence of intoxicants following a one-car accident Thursday, July 5. Szymczak was traveling west on Proctor Boulevard near Hoffman Avenue when the vehicle he was driving struck a parked motor home.

Extensive damage was done to the motor home and Szymczak's vehicle.

Sandy police arrested Michael Dale, 21, of Sandy and took him to Clackamas County Jail for detoxification.

Thomas Franklin Lynch of Portland was arrested by police last Friday on a warrant from Coos County. The warrant contained three counts for failure to appear in court.

Sandy police investigated a minor accident on Highway 26 near Langensand Road Saturday. Donald Zimmerly of Sandy fell asleep at the wheel and his vehicle went off the road approximately 100 feet from his driveway.

Reynolds Aluminum raises fees

Recyclers of aluminum beverage cans and other household aluminum may now reap more rewards for their efforts.

The Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Co. is now paying 23 cents per pound for the aluminum, an increase of 3 cents per pound.

It is the second time this year that the company has increased the amount it pays

for recyclable aluminum.

"The energy savings afforded by recycling aluminum has increased the value of the metal," said Richard Bolling, president of the company.

"As the value of aluminum increases, so does the number of people recycling and the number of pounds of aluminum that they keep out of the litter and solid waste stream. This was evidenced by the increased number of

recyclers and pounds collected by Reynolds after we raised the price from 17 cents to 20 cents a pound last February."

The Reynolds Troutdale plant accepts and pays for light household aluminum from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Household aluminum products include pie plates, foil, frozen food and dinner trays, and dip, pudding and meat containers.

The company also recycles siding, gutters, storm door and window frames, lawn furniture tubing and aluminum castings. This aluminum must be free of all foreign materials, cut to lengths not exceeding 3 feet and should not be mixed with aluminum cans.

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