

around the county

Hoodland happenings

Jazz ensemble scheduled

Thursday, Jan. 29
At 9:15 a.m., Welches School students will hold a student assembly featuring the "Sandy Jazz Ensemble."
A "Babysitting Exchange," sponsored by Welches Community School, will meet today at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Charlotte Stringer. Parents interested in trading babysitting on an occasional basis are welcome to attend. Call Charlotte at 622-3896 for further information.
A senior citizens lunch sponsored by "Loaves and Fishes" will be served at 11:30 a.m. in Welches School library. Transportation to the lunch can be arranged by calling the Senior Center at 622-3331.

The Welches Community Ski Program, sponsored by the Hoodland Women's Club, starts today. Welches students participating in this program will leave school at 2:30 p.m. and return to school at 8 p.m. The program is open to children, parents, and friends of all ages and ability. Carpools are being organized at a minimal fee for the riders. Ski packages are available including lessons, lift tickets, and equipment. Call Suzanne Marter, 622-4476, or Murl Silvey, 622-4114, if you have any questions. Information and registration forms are also available in Welches

School.
The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be at Hoodland Plaza this evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 2
A senior citizens lunch sponsored by "Loaves and Fishes" will be served at 11:30 a.m. in Welches School library. Transportation to the lunch can be arranged by calling the Senior Center at 622-3331.

The Hoodland Women's Club will hold their regular monthly meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the club building on Salmon River Road. Patti Griffin, owner of the Calico Caboose in Hoodland Plaza, will be the guest speaker.

Tuesday, Feb. 3
The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Board Meeting this morning beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Red Lion Inn.

Wednesday, Feb. 4
Welches Community School "Tiny-Tots" group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Connie Westly, 622-3073, for information and meeting location.

A meeting of the Senior Citizens Steering Committee will be held at 10 a.m. in the Hoodland Women's Club building on Salmon River Road.

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at the Post Office in Government

Camp from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m., and then at the Hoodland Plaza Shopping Center parking lot from 4:30 to 7 p.m. this evening.

There will be a Mountain Players general meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in the Wemme Lions Club on Highway 26. Discussion and selection of the next production offered by the Mountain Players will be the subject of this meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 5
A senior citizens lunch sponsored by "Loaves and Fishes" will be served at 11:30 a.m. in Welches School library. Transportation to the lunch can be arranged by calling the Senior Center at 622-3331.

To place an event in "Hoodland Happenings" contact Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.

Welches School

contractor for the project, he firmly denied it.

"People call me a lot of things, but this is the first time I've been called a general contractor," Gessford said.

It may not have been until the public meetings in November that the board was fully aware that it was acting as its own construction supervisor. In December, Fred Carlson, an Oregon City building supervisor, was hired to serve as clerk of the works for the remainder of the building program.

ANALYST HIRED
At another special meeting, Dec. 1, the board voted to hire an

independent engineering firm, to examine the new building for structural defects and to propose some solutions.

James Merrifield, of the Portland firm Moffatt, Nichol and Bonney, filed a report Jan. 16 with the district, after six weeks of study on the building and its site.

Merrifield's report supported home builder Shannon's earlier contention that the site was not adequately prepared prior to construction. The report stated, "The single most questionable item in the construction is the earth which underlies the concrete floor slabs."

Merrifield proposed to the board a variety of possible solutions, including removing the existing floor slab and doing proper excavating, filling and compacting of the sub-grade before replacing the slab.

An alternative proposal was to drill holes in the floor approximately every five feet and install small pillars down into original soil which would suspend the slab and prevent sinking as the sub-grade materials compacted naturally.

Merrifield's conclusion was that other flaws in the building could be corrected more easily than the problem with the sub-

grade, and that is the puzzle which will occupy board members and their architect in the immediate future.

Another hot potato will be determining financial responsibility for the corrections and repairs made to the building. Citizens have repeatedly asked, "Who's going to pay for all this?"

District administrators and board members are answering, "We don't know."

Meetings involving the architect, the primary contractor, Glynbrook Construction of Salem, and the board, will address that question over the coming weeks.

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Clackamas County ESD readies budget

The ESD Budget Committee voted unanimously, Monday, to adopt the Education Service District's proposed budget for 1981-82.

The 14 members of the committee also met two weeks ago to discuss the budget and its accompanying levy.

The proposed budget totals \$6.89 million to fund general fund programs, superintendent Bob Burns said, with \$6.2 million in the budget coming from a tax levy which will be presented to the voters March 31.

According to Burns, the budget for service programs is nearly identical to the budget approved through the county education plan. That plan was ratified last spring by the 28 school districts in Clackamas County served by the ESD, including Sandy.

"The total general fund budget will be \$6,894,969 — \$4,274,034 for ESD operations and \$2,620,935 for the Handicapped Child Fund," Burns said in his budget message to the committee. The fund is money earmarked for county school districts to help offset the rising costs of educating handicapped children. The fund would return about \$655 for every handicapped child in the county.

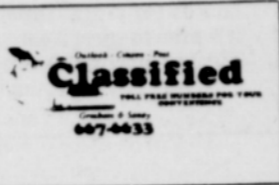
"With few exceptions, ESD service programs will only be maintained at present levels," Burns said. A summer school program for severely handicapped children will be added and some upgrading of data processing services used by county schools will also be made.

All other programs will continue at their present levels or will be reduced, he said.

If county voters reject the levy during the March 31 election, it will mean the ESD will be thrown back on last year's levy plus six percent, or about \$2.8 million. To reduce the budget to that figure the ESD would have to cut about \$3.1 million from the proposed budget which would take all of the Handicapped Child Fund plus approximately \$500,000 from other general fund programs.

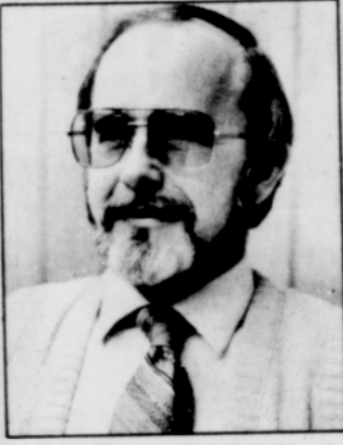
"We simply can't cut that much money from programs across the board," Burns said, "not and maintain any quality in our services. Consequently, we have developed a contingency budget in case the levy fails. The contingency budget will cut both people and programs to balance the budget to the six percent growth factor that would give us."

The cuts in staff and programs that would go into effect if the levy fails were decided by a committee of superintendents from school districts served by the ESD, Burns said. "They are the ones who use our services. They should have a major role in deciding which services they can best live without."



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