

Community schools eye future plans, programs

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Hoodland Community School officials are taking a look at their program and community in an effort to tailor future activities accordingly.

Reva Cox, community schools director, said the advisory council which directs the service met early in February and critically analyzed changes in the program's nine-year history.

"There have been definite physical changes in the mountain communities," Cox said. "But more than that, there are services, shops and organizations up here now that didn't exist nine years ago."

Cox cited the pre-schools, the Mountain Music Society, the senior center, the bookmobile and a medical clinic as a few examples of community growth.

The philosophy of community education is to coordinate a community's resources to provide learning opportunities for all its residents, Cox said.

At the beginning, there were fewer organizations on the mountain to meet social and cultural needs, and community schools was required to fill the gap by calling on volunteers to share their skills with their neighbors.

Cox said community schools now plans to act as a clearinghouse to coordinate activities of all mountain organizations, to bring interested people together with other groups' activities and to help avoid duplication of services.

One of the first products of the new philosophy is a directory of groups within the Mt. Hood Corridor which provide any kind of community service.

Cox and her volunteer council are working on the directory now. It will be printed by Mt. Hood Community College, which sponsors the community education programs within the college district.

The advisory council identified information services as one of the biggest needs of mountain communities, according to Carolyn



Carolyn Smith (holding child), Marilyn Leslie and Reva Cox examine a rough draft of the new community schools directory.

Smith, a member of the council.

"We don't have a newspaper up here," she said. "We have only a monthly magazine which doesn't help keep us informed of many day-to-day activities."

As a result, Smith said, the mountain has become "a bulletin board society." Another information resource used by many residents is The Store Natural Foods, she said. Cox said this has been a long-term

weakness of the community schools program on the mountain — accessibility. "We've never had an office," she said.

"For a while we were able to use the trailer from Welches School, but

for the most part community schools has been catching Reva Cox on the run — or in her kitchen," Cox continued.

"That's a bad way to try to operate — out of your pocketbook,"

she said.

Cox said the council is grateful to the Hoodland Women's Club for the use of an office in the women's club building for council meetings.

"But community school's programs in other areas have large facilities for their use, some of which are suitable for dancing and other large group activities," she said.

In terms of classes offered to the public, Cox said the council is seeking to emphasize quality rather than quantity, and is reducing the number of activities per term.

"At the same time, we want our scope to be less narrow, so that our classes are of more interest to a wider number of people," she explained.

She said community interest is moving away from the arts and crafts toward practical skills such as bookkeeping, shorthand and communications.

Other programs the council wants to emphasize involve unmet social needs, such as those of teenagers and the elderly. Proposals for new programs include adopt-a-grandparent and rent-a-grandparent.

Council member Smith said the new services on the mountain have made the communities more autonomous. "That's fortunate, too," she said.

"With the price of gas, all of us are trying to operate within a smaller radius — making fewer trips to Portland and so on."

Cox said this trend should prove beneficial to the community schools program. She said she is seeking community-minded residents who would be willing to serve on the advisory council.

The spring term for community schools will begin April 7, Cox said, with registration to be held March 31 at Welches School. The brochure listing class offerings will be mailed approximately March 16 to all postal patrons in mountain communities, she said.

Photo by Kaye Barton Bakke

Hoodland Happenings: Guild grand opening set

Thursday, Feb. 26

The Mt. Hood Pre-school Co-op classes will go on a field trip to Enna Pottery today. Classes will meet at regular times and carpool from school.

The Clackamas County Well-Baby Clinic and WIC programs will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club on Salmon River Road. Call Patty Henniger, 622-3607, to make an appointment for immunizations or examinations of children newborn through five years old.

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

At 3:45 p.m. the Welches School girls basketball team plays Boring at the Boring gym.

The Clackamas County Library

Bookmobile will be at Hoodland Plaza from 5 to 7 p.m. The phone number for Bookmobile information is 655-8342.

Feb. 27

The Wy-East Artisans Guild celebrates the grand opening of its new gallery in Rhododendron offering refreshments and prizes today and throughout the weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special prizes include a crocheted blouse, weavings, pottery and an assortment of handcrafted items. Tickets for the prizes may be obtained at the gallery or at the Rhododendron gas station on Highway 26.

Saturday, Feb. 28

The Wy-East Artisans Guild continues its grand opening celebration at the new gallery in Rhododendron from

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 1

The Community Appreciation Potluck will be held at 1 p.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club honoring Juanita Post, proprietor of Juanita's Mexico restaurant, for her service to the mountain community for the past 18 years. Joyce Williams, Connie Herring, Joyce Bowman and Sharon Njust are hosting the potluck and would like those who plan to attend to bring a hot dish or salad and their own utensils. For more information, call Williams, 622-4408. The grand opening celebration concludes at the Wy-East Artisans Guild gallery in Rhododendron. Prizes will be awarded at 3 p.m.

Monday, March 2

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by

Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Welches School library. Transportation may be arranged by calling 622-3331.

The Hoodland Women's Club holds its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. at the club building on Salmon River Road. Joyce Holm, of Designer's Hair Styles, will display spring coiffures at the meeting.

Tuesday, March 3

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly board meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Inn.

The Welches School girls basketball team plays Orient School at 3:45 p.m. in the Welches School gym.

Wednesday, March 5

Welches Community School Tiny-Tots group meets from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Connie Westly, 622-3073, for information and meeting location.

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

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be the Government Camp post office from 2:15 to 3:30 p.m., and at the Hoodland Plaza Shopping Center parking lot from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

There will be a Mountain Players general meeting 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 the meeting.

Thursday, March 5

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Welches School library. For transportation, call

622-3331.

The Welches School girls basketball team plays Corbett School at the Corbett gym at 3:45 p.m.

Welches Community School council has set March 31 as the pre-registration date for the spring term. Reva Cox, coordinator of Welches Community School, said, "brochures will be mailed March 16 and the spring term will begin April 7."

Classes that have been finalized include boat building, bookkeeping, typing, shorthand, car maintenance, bicycle maintenance, sports, aerobic dancing, storytelling for children and arts and crafts.

John McArdle of the Lions Club reported that the Lions will host a Spaghetti and Italian Sausage Dinner March 7 at 6:30 p.m., followed by an auction at 8 p.m.

New book drop proves useful

Use of a newly installed night depository for Hoodland library patrons has been "very good — better than I expected," said Sue Newlands, librarian at the Sandy City Library.

The book drop was installed in January at the Hoodland Plaza Shopping Center, between Thriftway and the Rexall Drug Store.

"I expected the usage to be poor at first," Newlands said, until patrons learned of the book drop's presence. "But the target audience has been really receptive."

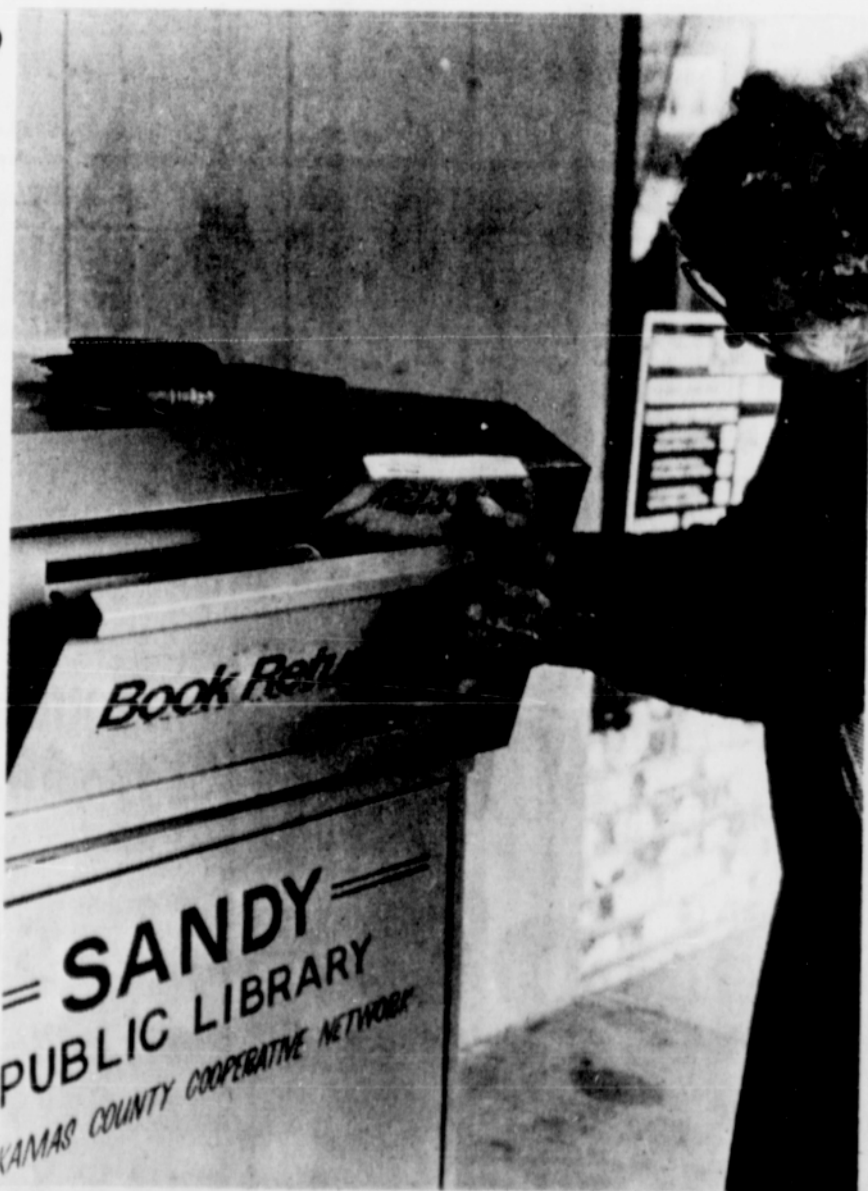
The depository was purchased with a state aid grant given the library during the last fiscal year. Newlands said the \$974 grant was allocated to the Hoodland book drop because "library patrons on the mountain live so far from any of the libraries in the county — it's just inconvenient for them to return books."

Installation of the book drop was delayed nearly a year because of back orders and other manufacturing delays, Newlands said.

The librarian pointed out that the book drop can be used for books from any library within the Clackamas County co-operative network, including the Sandy City Library and the Clackamas County bookmobile.

Emma Wheeler, a Welches resident for 35 years, said she will use the book depository regularly. Wheeler said she checks books out of the Sandy Library twice a month.

"I stop in every other Tuesday on my way to Portland," she said. The library employees know Wheeler's reading tastes and have a stack of books ready for her to check out.



Welches resident Emma Wheeler is a regular customer of the new book drop in the Hoodland Plaza.

SUHS officials address forum

Administrators from Sandy Union High School addressed approximately 35 members and guests of the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's monthly breakfast forum on Tuesday.

Superintendent Jack Peters and Principal John McMahan were asked numerous questions from the floor regarding recent charges that the high school has a problem with drug use and alcohol among students.

McMahan acknowledged that there are students who use drugs and alcohol, but emphasized that the administration neither condones or overlooks it.

McMahan described a recent surprise check of student lockers in which

a small quantity of marijuana was found and said the students involved were suspended.

The school board's attorney told McMahan the locker check could be carried out without violating student rights. McMahan said 1100 lockers were searched in 27 minutes.

The principal said no alcohol was found in the lockers, and less than half an ounce of marijuana.

He told the group, "You can find anything in that high school that you find in human nature," but said regarding drug use on campus, "I think we have a good handle on it."

McMahan and Peters urged concerned parents to get involved with the high

school's Boosters Club or to join advisory councils where they could voice their concerns effectively.

Peters recalled his career of 32 years in secondary education and said parent involvement has declined noticeably within the last 12 years.

"This is the only place where you still have local control of your government," Peters told the group. He said that 94 percent of his administrative duties were "legislated, mandated or negotiated."

The remaining six percent, he said, is where local citizens can make themselves heard. "It's the last bulwark of democracy."

DMV transactions up 20%

More than 7.6 million vehicle and driver license transactions last year resulted in collection of \$62 million by the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division.

The 1980 tally showed transactions increased 20 percent, and dollars collected increased by more than 44 percent over 1979.

Part of the reason for the upswing in revenue was due to 1980 registrations compared with 1979. Since the state's two-year registration law took effect in 1974, even-numbered years, such as last year, produce more money than off-numbered years.

Registration revenue totalled \$43

million last year and came from 1.7 million new and renewed registrations.

Another 11.6 million were collected for titles, dealer licenses, pro-rated vehicles, record lookups, winter recreation parking permits, snowmobile transfers, and other miscellaneous division activities.

The end of the year report confirmed that 1980 was a bad year for car sales with titles for new vehicles down nearly 20 percent from 1979. DMV issued 185,208 new vehicle titles. New to Oregon titles, a reflection of new residents and out-of-state vehicles coming to Oregon, also dropped — 15,813 last

year compared with 112,893 in 1979.

Although the number of titles issued dropped, revenue went up because title fees increased from \$2 to \$7 late in 1979.

Driver license revenue last year totalled \$4.9 million — up 12.5 percent from 1979. Transactions numbered 807,000 — up eight percent.

DMV also collected \$465,598 last year from the sale of custom license plates. That money goes to the state's litter clean-up program after administrative cost is deducted. More the \$945,000 were collected for both the Motor Vehicle Accident Fund and the Student Driver Training Fund last year. Each fund gets \$2 from each driver license issued.