



Mike Cholbi and Alisha Watts check out their program on Cottrell's computer. The Pupil Enrichment Program's newest classroom aid has helped the students improve their logic and research skills.

Photo by Mark Floyd

Computers aid Cottrell PEP program

A computer has lifted students at Cottrell School into a new level of education.

The students are from the school's Pupil Enrichment Program (PEP), an offshoot of the widely recognized Talented and Gifted Program (TAG). Gay Lewis-Clardy heads the computer program at Cottrell and is pleased with the progress of her students so far.

"I was really surprised at how quickly they picked up on the program," she said. "It really is an easy skill, though, especially on the beginning level."

The computer is small and somewhat limited. At \$500, it is the most basic computer put out by Radio Shack. Lewis-Clardy hopes to upgrade the program with a new computer next year, but she was pleased with how the program has taken shape since the computer was

first installed in September.

There are 18 kids in the class, ranging from second to eighth graders. Nearly everyone in the school got a brief introduction to the computer and the kids who showed a special interest were put into a special class.

In the class, they design computer programs. Most are simple, but the idea is to teach them the basics. After setting up a flow chart, the kids designed their own program. Most were in the form of a quiz, but others were more complex.

Danny Schmautz developed a maze. Ten doors exist in his maze and evil consequences are behind five of those doors. Choose a numbered door and his program will randomly select an answer to correspond with the number. The random selection is one step beyond what many of the other kids have

learned.

Mike Cholbi and Alisha Watts combined a project for another class with their computer program. They had a planetarium project and transferred that to the computer. In their program are six constellations; push a button and you can trace the history of the name of each constellation, learning how Orion or Gemini got their names.

"We found out that the (computer's) memory wasn't big enough," Cholbi said. "We kept going and losing part of the program, so we had to make abbreviations."

Matt Flisram and Brad Mathis made a trivia quiz about the Olympics, but unfortunately, erased part of their program during an open house demonstration. A love for the Olympics wasn't necessarily behind their choice.

"It was the easiest think we could think of," Mathis explained.

Other programs include a history of computers quiz by Dana Schwenk and a beginning algebra lesson by Nate Moffet.

The kids enjoy the computer and most are ready to move up to a slightly fancier model. The widespread complaint about the current computer is the memory, which is too short for their programs.

"It has been tremendously successful, though," Lewis-Clardy said. "The logic skills the kids have learned are impressive. We de-emphasize games on the computer, although the kids can play them. The main emphasis is on research and higher level thinking skills."

"Computer programming is like learning another language," she added.

Hoodland happenings

Timberline Rim to hold variety and bake sale

Thursday, June 4

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be held at Welches School library beginning at 11:30 a.m. Call 622-3331 for transportation or further information.

Welches Boys Baseball Association Junior American team will play Rockwood I at Welches field.

Welches Girls Softball Association Junior Ponytails team will play the Sandy Blues at Welches.

Welches School's Eighth Grade Recognition Night will be held tonight. For further information, contact the school at 622-3166.

Friday, June 5

Welches Midget American baseball team will play Reynolds I East team at Reynolds field today; the Welches Midget National West team will host Orient.

Welches Junior Ponytail team will travel to Rockwood for a game today. The last day of school at Welches!

Saturday, June 6

A Community Variety and Bake Sale will be held today at the Timberline Rim Lodge and Recreation facility in Brightwood from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited and signs will be posted to direct traffic to the sale.

The Mountain Players will hold a performance of skits and plays, including three mini-melodramas. The production will begin at 8 p.m. at the Wemme Lions Club on Highway 26. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets will cost \$2.75.

Sunday, June 7

The Timberline Rim Community Variety and Bake Sale will continue from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 8

Aerobic Dance Class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Welches School. A \$1 fee will be charged for each class this summer.

Welches Junior American baseball team will host Reynolds today.

Welches Senior Ponytail softball team will play the Rowdys today.

The Wy'East Artisans Guild will meet at 7 p.m. in Welches School. A business meeting will be followed by a drawing exercise in design taught by one of the guild's members. New members are welcome.

Tuesday, June 9

A spring hike will be sponsored today by the Welches Community School.

Meet at the Hoodland Women's Club at 9:30 a.m. for carpooling. Participants should wear good boots and bring a lunch and beverage. Moms with babies in carriers are welcome. Call Lou Tipton, 622-4316, for further information.

The Hoodland senior citizens potluck luncheon will be held at noon in the Hoodland Women's Club on Salmon River Road. Call Maxine Worley, 622-3331, for information or transportation.

Welches Midget American baseball team will host Sandy and the Midget National West Team will host Sandy II today.

The Hoodland Fire District Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. at the main station in Zigzag. The public hearing will include discussion on the budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1981.

Wednesday, June 10

Welches Community School Tiny Tots group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752, for information and meeting location.

The Welches Pigtail softball team will host the Sandy Sluggers today.

Welches Community School Council will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. to plan and discuss the upcoming summer term of the school. Any interested persons may attend the meeting to help plan the summer slate, volunteer, or provide suggestions. For meeting location, call Reva Cox at 622-3397.

Aerobic Dance Class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Welches School.

The Mt. Hood Lions Club will hold a general meeting at the club building in Wemme at 8 p.m. The Lions Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at 8 p.m. in the rear of the building.

Thursday, June 11

Welches Junior Ponytail softball team will host Boyd's Coffee and the Senior Ponytail team will travel to Rockwood A team's field.

Welches Junior American baseball team will play today at Sandy.

Registration for the Homestead Day Camp is now being accepted for girls grades one through eight. Session I is July 13-17, Session II is July 20-24. For complete information, call Pamela Ashland at 622-3568. Registration forms can be obtained at Welches School.

To place an event in Hoodland Happenings, call Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.

Welches traffic light spurs controversy

by MICHAEL P. JONES
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The question of traffic safety on U.S. Highway 26 has long been a controversial one.

In 1979 alone, 20 persons were killed in traffic fatalities between Sandy and Government Camp. In 1980, with the Oregon State Police utilizing saturation patrols, traffic fatalities on the same stretch of road dropped to three. There has been just one traffic death thus far in 1981.

Yet, despite the decrease of traffic fatalities, the age-old question of coping with heavy weekend traffic during the skiing season and on holidays has resurfaced once more.

During the past two years, a special Highway Committee from the Hoodland Chamber of Commerce worked for, and received, an official okay to have a stoplight installed at the intersection of Welches Road and Highway 26. The light is designed to increase access to the Highway from Welches Road.

But some mountain residents are

claiming that the light may pose a greater safety hazard rather than provide a solution.

According to Corporal Dan E. Wolf, head of the State Police Government Camp Outpost, the new light could create a number of unforeseen problems not addressed by the chamber or the Highway Division. Wolf added that, "The area might be better served with four lanes through the corridor."

Wolf's primary concern is the congestion of traffic the light would cause and the subsequent increase of rear-end collisions that would likely take place. The light is scheduled to be installed in two months.

Wolf said that on a busy weekend, up to 25,000 vehicles may travel through the area, but despite the load, traffic did peak out and "flowed at a relatively even pace." He is concerned that a stoplight would back up traffic even more and increase the length of congestion.

The number of different types recreational and work vehicles that are caught up in the traffic snarl on Highway 26 make it "difficult for the

flow to start up after it's come to a halt. Once you stop the traffic, you have trouble getting it started up again," Wolf said.

Oregon State Highway Division engineer Lee Gunderson disagrees.

Gunderson claims that a six second light at the junction should have little impact on the traffic flow during heavy use periods.

District engineer Harry Woodward and regional engineer Edward Hardt, both of the Highway Division, feel that there may be an increase in traffic accidents for a short time, until the public gets used to the new light. Hardt said that the division was "very careful when considering the location of the traffic light," and that it had explored all the alternatives first.

Those alternatives included stop signs on the highway, rerouting traffic to a different location and a grade-separated interchange. None of the alternatives were deemed practical for the Welches Road intersection.

A reduction of speed, as suggested by a number of groups including the State Police, was not explored in detail.

"When you put in a traffic light anywhere, Welches Road or Washington D.C., you cause a number of rear-end collisions. It can't be avoided," Hardt said.

Gunderson agreed, but added that the Welches Road light would prevent a number of types of accidents and claimed that the severity of the rear-end collisions would be reduced.

A flashing yellow light and a "signal ahead" sign will be installed 650 feet before the intersection to warn motorists of the potential risk.

From 1976 to June of 1980, there were seven accidents at the intersection, according to Gunderson. Five of those accidents were turning collisions, one a sideswipe and one a rear-end accident. Prior to the installation of a left turn lane last summer, eight accidents occurred just east of the intersection and involved people turning into Hoodland Park Plaza.

Wolf argued against the light by pointing out its close proximity to the curve just west of the Hoodland Fire Station.

"Coming from the Zigzag area toward Welches, you round a curve and all of a sudden, you hit the traffic backed up from the light," he said. "How are you going to stop with that little notice?"

Gunderson countered by noting that the curve is more than 1,000 feet from the intersection.

Wolf feels that the answer to the problem is to increase the size of the highway to four lanes and to cut the speed limit to 45 or 50 miles an hour beginning at the East Brightwood junction, drop it down to 40 from Arrah Wana Road to Rhododendron, increase it to 45 from the Little Kitchen restaurant to the Toll Gate campground, then resume the 55 speed limit.

Hamilton Electric of Eugene was awarded the traffic signal contract for \$48,000. The funds will come from the state's "user tax" monies.



Staff photo

Three of the dancers in the Geyer recital are Anita Geyer (front), Meleta Hooley (back left) and Audry Taylor.

Geyer dance recital set

The Geyer School of Dance will present its fifth annual recital this Friday, June 5, at Sandy Union High School.

It will begin at 7:30 p.m.

"This is not your run-of-the-mill recital," noted Anna Geyer, director of the school. "It will be very exciting, with scenery, dancing and some singing."

Two scenes will be performed. "South of the Border" is a fiesta, according to Geyer, while "Space Voyage" will feature scenes out of Star Wars as well as robots and Martians.

There will be 70 students in the production, ranging in age from three to adults.

The group is scheduled to dance at the Sandy Mountain Festival parade and perform July 11 at 11 a.m. at the Bird Cage Theater. The Geyer troupe has already performed at several nursing homes.

A variety of dances will be performed at the recital, including tap, acrobatic, ballet and jazz. Music will range from classical to modern.

Admission to the recital is free.

Mt. Players to perform

The Mountain Players will hold a performance this Saturday, June 6, at the Wemme Lions Club.

It will begin at 8 p.m.

Included in the performance will be three mini-melodramas, some original skits and a sing-along.

Ticket prices are \$2.75 for adults.

This is the next-to-last performance for the Players. Their final production will be June 20.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. for the performance.

The three melodramas are "Abigail Stands Fast," "Not Fit For Man or Beast," and "John Truehart."



Part of the Mountain Players cast.