

Stream tests ordered for hydro plant

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Steven Sweitzer, developer of the proposed Boulder Creek hydro electric plant, and John Thompson, consultant, met with Governor Vic Atiyeh last Wednesday to discuss the problems associated with getting the necessary permits for the establishment of the small scale energy project.

Thompson told The Post that the meeting with the governor focused on the economic feasibility of the project, as well as its impact on the stream's environment.

Thompson said that in spite of the fact that their research shows that the proposed project is feasible, they are now going to study the stream flows on Boulder Creek for the next four or five months to make sure they can assure the state department of energy that the plant is capable of generating the amount of power predicted.

Robert J. Beschta, consultant on forest hydrology and water quality with the school of forestry at Oregon State University, testified on Aug. 12 against the project and raised concerns about the energy potential of the stream.

Beschta told members of the Water Policy Review Board that he feels that Boulder Creek's flow are less than predicted by Sweitzer, which could pose financial difficulties if the project's construction is approved without further study.

Dave White, the program manager for the state's Small Energy Loan Program, from which Sweitzer is seeking \$1,223,000 for plant construction, agrees.

White, who was present at the meeting with the governor, said that the questions raised by the opposition had to be looked into in order to safeguard both the state's and the applicant's interests.

White said that if the stream flows of Boulder Creek are less than those first predicted by Sweitzer, the plant may have to be redesigned to handle a smaller capacity. He said that none of the money from that program can be used for redesigning or for further research on the stream.

Paul Phillips, a citizen representative in the governor's office, said that Sweitzer requested an audience with Atiyeh because he was concerned that he wasn't getting enough cooperation from various state agencies.

He said that Sweitzer complained that the process was long and repetitious by having to deal with county, state and federal agencies at different times, although they all wanted the same information.

Phillips said that Atiyeh wanted to make sure Sweitzer was being given the necessary cooperation since the Boulder Creek project is the first of its kind in the state. He said that Atiyeh wanted to make sure "he was not being made to jump through any extra hoops."

He added that Atiyeh wants to make sure the state isn't being "overly cautious when looking at potential environmental effects."

White said that he can sympathize with all the red tape, permits and public meetings Sweitzer has had to put up with, but said that it is all necessary to make sure the project is both environmentally and economically sound.

"Boulder Creek, it's not like the wind that just blows by," White said. "It goes through a lot of area and has an impact on people living downstream. It affects everyone, and everyone has the right to make public comment."

Gordon Cabral, a member of the Mountain Area Corridor Citizens (MACC), which is opposing the hydro project, agrees with White. He said that his organization is looking at the need for further study of the creek's flow as a victory because it was their witness who identified a possible miscalculation in the stream's energy potential.

Cabral said that MACC's persistent opposition at public hearings has raised many important questions. He said that they had actually assisted Sweitzer by preventing him from engaging in a project that might not have been economically feasible.

Cabral said, "Essentially, we kept him from losing his shirt. If we hadn't fought this project not only would we, the public, be affected by its effect on the environment, but Sweitzer could have been economically crippled."



Angie Conibear models the dress that won her the grand champion award at the Clackamas County Fair.

Sandy girl wins 2nd title

Angie Conibear, 13665 S.E. Orient Drive, won her second grand champion award in as many years in the style revue at the Clackamas County Fair.

She'll be modeling her cotton sun dress this week at the Oregon State Fair.

The sun dress and jacket were made with two different patterns. One was a Simplicity, the other a McCall's.

This is only her second year of sewing through the 4-H program, although she's been sewing off and on for as long as she can remember.

Boring drain project done

Volunteers working on the weekend completed a Boring Neighborhood Advisory Committee-approved storm drain improvement project along Wally Road.

Jack Valberg of Boring, who coordinated the project, said the work ended late Sunday afternoon. The project included cutting a trench for the new storm drain, laying the 36-inch-diameter concrete sections and covering the drain line with gravel.

Valberg said volunteers worked hard the last two weekends to complete the project for a lot less money than it could have cost commercially. "This job would have cost \$50,000 to \$60,000, but with the volunteer labor and equipment we did it for \$30,000," he said.

Valberg and Gordon Watkins of Boring said although only a few property owners were working on the storm drains, the improvements would benefit the whole community. Watkins said the soil in the area has such a high clay content that water and sewage collected in the commercial area near the intersection of Highway 212 and 282nd Street.

The advisory committee approved \$30,000 through a federal Community Development Block Grant to purchase

the 866 feet of drain pipe and gravel.

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When Cathy Jeudi of France, who stayed in the United States for five weeks as part of a North Atlantic Cultural Exchange League program, told her host family she wanted to buy her brother a pair of cowboy boots, they naturally asked what size he'd need.

She said a size 43. "We narrowed it down to a 10," Joyce Naugher said, while husband Jack, daughter Jackie, and Jeudi, laughed about the incident.

Jeudi, who is from the "small village" of Chenonceaux, in the Loire Valley about 100 miles south of Paris, has studied English for six years. Still, there are differences in the English she learned and the English spoken in the United States.

"We asked her if she wanted to go to a movie one night," Joyce Naugher said. "And she didn't know what we were talking about. So, we all sat around here trying to think of words, and we finally hit on cinema, and she knew right away what it was."

Jackie, who took French her freshman year at Sandy Union High School, said that having Jeudi around may have helped her French a little, although they mostly spoke English.

She was planning on taking four years of French even before Jeudi came to stay with them, she said.

Joyce, who works for Electronics Specialties in Gresham, and Jack, who works for Freight Liner, planned their vacations around Jeudi's visit.

They've been to the Coast, the Madras, Multnomah Falls and Crooked

Mobile home park applicant set for second try with county

The Alderwood Mobile Home Park, a 48-acre subdivision proposed for the Brightwood area between Highway 26 and the old Loop Highway, is scheduled to go before the Clackamas County Hearings Officer on Sept. 9.

The meeting was set for June 30, but was rescheduled after residents living within 250 feet off the proposed development complained of improper notification, which is a violation of county ordinance.

The developers, Paul Rice, Lowell Njust, Claude Gudge, Carl McDermid, Jim Turin and Bruce Erickson, propose to construct the 192-unit development on land recognized by the Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife as part of a winter feeding area for deer.

The opposition to the subdivision, the Mountain Area Corridor Citizens, claims that the area is unsuitable for a development of Alderwood's size.

Gordon Cabral, a nearby property owner and one of the organizers of

MACC, claims that there shouldn't have been any development in the area at all, and said that his own house had a negative impact on the wildlife.

Cabral said that "the trade-offs have already been made" and that the area "has got to be left alone."

He said, "Enough is enough. We have already imposed ourselves with our own homes. We don't need to destroy what is left of the habitat with a 192-unit subdivision."

The developers maintain that the damage occurred years ago when Highway 26 was constructed through the northern end of the feeding area, which separated it from the larger southern half.

Cabral said, "I hope the developers are prepared not only to take us on in a planning commission hearing, but also in a court of law, if need be. It's going to be a difficult fight but we are talking about preserving an area for not only ourselves, but for future generations."

Developer Paul Rice said that he feels comfortable about next Wednesday's hearing because the subdivision meets "every goal in the comprehensive plan which was worked on and approved by the people of the mountain."

Rice said that he has been on the mountain since 1938 and that he isn't going to develop anything that would be a detriment to the area.

He said that the mobile home subdivision will not be for transients, but will be permanent homes. Rice said that the development would be something "that everyone will be proud of."

The hearing will be at 9 a.m. at the department of environmental services building, 902 Abernethy Road, Oregon City.

Lowell Njust, Hoodland attorney and one of the developers, will represent his partners. Steven Phiefer, an attorney from Portland, will represent the MACC.

Charter review determining need for county home rule

A committee set up to review Clackamas County's charter met Wednesday night to begin making a decision on whether the county needs home rule.

Committee Chairman Sid Brockley said the group has collected testimony throughout the year, and now it is time to sort it out and make some decisions.

The decision revolves around whether the county wants appointed or elected officials, whether to increase the number of commissioners, and whether to elect commissioners from districts, Brockley said.

Currently, the three commissioners are elected at-large.

Brockley said the nine-member panel

has heard a lot of opinion from residents—pro and con.

"We've had two public hearings, now we have to evaluate the testimony," he said.

After the committee makes its decision, the new charter would be presented to the voters for approval or rejection.

Four counties in the state have home-rule charters, including Multnomah County.

Ralph Groener, Clackamas County Commission chairman, advocated the charter committee study to see whether the county should change its taxing authority. "I'm not interested in whether county officials like the sheriff

or assessor are elected," he said.

Groener said the county should not have to wait for approval from the legislature to put an increase before the voters. "The county is falling farther and farther behind in its road maintenance," he said, adding the commissioners tried to get a vote of the people to increase tax revenue for road maintenance, but couldn't because the county didn't have a home-rule charter.

Groener said home rule may not be needed because the 1975 Legislature passed laws that allow for more local control. But the charter committee is examining those laws to see if home rule is desirable, he said.

Hoodland happenings

Lions Club hosts breakfast

Friday, Sept. 4

The Red Lion at Rippling River will hold an informational meeting this evening at 7:30 p.m. regarding the incorporation of the city of Welches. The meeting will be held in the Pow Wow Room at Bowman's.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Mt. Hood Lions Club will host an all-you-can-eat chuckwagon breakfast today and Sunday, Sept. 6, from 7 a.m. to noon at the club building on Highway 26 in Wemme. Activities will include putt-putt golf, a ham shoot and a raffle on a mug made by Stella Haugen of Rhododendron. Proceeds go to the Lions Sight Fund.

A giant mountain community sale will be held at the Mt. Hood Food and General Store parking lot in Rhododendron today and Sunday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Crafts, household items, clothes and baked goods will be available. For more information, call 622-4834.

Monday, Sept. 7

The Mountain Community Park committee will present a Harvest Day Festival from 9 a.m. through midnight at the Mountain Community Park at the corner of Highway 26 and Salmon River Road. Arts and crafts, food booths, music, an auction and potluck dinner will be included.

Proposed plans for the park's development will be on display. For more information, or to reserve a space, call 622-3367.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Today is the first day of school at Welches. Welches Community School Tiny Tots group meets from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Louise Huyt, 622-3752, for information and meeting location.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

The Community School's hike program will meet at 10 a.m. for carpooling at the Hoodland Women's Club. Bring a lunch and beverage. Mothers with babies in packs or carriers are welcome. For more information, call

Lou Tipton, 622-4316.

Aerobic dance class meets from 7 to 7:30 p.m. at Welches School. A fee is charged.

Welches Community School Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Welches School library to plan the fall term. The public is invited to participate in planning the fall schedule. For more information, call Reva Cox, Community School coordinator, 622-3397.

Thursday, Sept. 10

The Wy'east Artisans Guild will participate in an all-day field trip to art galleries at Cannon Beach today. For more information, call Bethany Dalton, 622-4958.

Registration for Welches Community School classes which begin Sept. 15 can be completed by calling Reva Cox, 622-3397. Classes include hunter safety, winter survival and mushroom identification.

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

French student enjoys five-week visit

River Gorge.

"We've been trying to show her all we can," Joyce said Sunday, the day before Jeudi was scheduled to fly home.

"We don't want her to leave," she said. "We want her to stay, but she wants to go home and see her mom and dad, she misses them."

Jeudi, 16, was one of about 250 to land in Portland from France. About 5,000 french youths participated in the NACEL program altogether.

Jeudi's parents own a "resort chateau." Elizabeth Taylor stayed in the motel about a year ago.

Jeudi especially liked the milk shakes

and ice cream over here, and had never eaten a hamburger until her visit to Oregon.

It goes without saying that the Naughers will miss Cathy Jeudi. "We've really enjoyed having her around," Mrs. Naugher said.



The Naugher family with Cathy Jeudi, second from left. The Naughers are, from left to right: Joyce, Jackie and Jack.

Mountain music group grows

The Mountain Music Society was formed about two years ago by a handful of mountain residents to share their interests in good music.

Today, Mountain Music has grown to a membership of 80 and has sponsored over 20 concerts, featuring a number of classical and contemporary musicians.

Will Frank, Society founder, said that the organization is attempting to get more people involved in the planning of events by drawing them to their monthly meetings. To do this they are going to feature local musicians, who will perform free-of-charge at their meetings.

Norm Zarr, a piano teacher from Rhododendron, presented a half-hour of jazz-oriented music for their Aug. 25 meeting.

The Society has plans for two fall concerts.

On Sept. 26 Ian Mitchell, a performer and instructor at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, will perform.

Dick Gaughan, currently on tour in America, will perform traditional and contemporary Scottish ballads in November. A date for the concert has not yet been set.