

Many area people do well at the Oregon State Fair

Tracie Ruple of Eagle Creek was one of seven 4-H members to receive a special award from the Oregon Horseman's Association as a premier performer.

Ruple, who would like to be a legal secretary, is completing her sixth year in the 4-H horse project. She is a junior at Sandy Union High School, and is a varsity football cheerleader.

Kim Swanson of Boring received a

blue ribbon in the senior horse showmanship competition.

Receiving blue ribbons in senior class Western equitation were Tammy Whistler of Eagle Creek and Liz Warren and Kim Swanson, both of Boring.

Pattie Ten Eyck of Sandy received a blue ribbon in the Simmental junior yearling heifer division.

In leathercrafting, Jeff Knapp of San-

dy claimed a championship with his key case.

Denise Shokey of Boring claimed a championship for her work on a tooled leather belt.

In photography, Philip Burks of Sandy was named reserve grand champion for his series of color prints.

Receiving a blue ribbon in photography in the intermediate class was David Burks of Sandy.

In food exhibits, Lynne Petricevic of Boring received a blue ribbon in Foods III, uniced cake.

Stephen Petricevic of Boring shared reserve grand champion honors in the intermediate class by preparing a lamb roast following a French recipe called "Carre d'Agneau Dijonnais."

Gloria Miller of Sandy, who received the Oregon Wheat Commission Special Award at the Clackamas County Fair, received a first for her layered chocolate cake.

In rabbit judging, Trudy Marquis of Eagle Creek was the reserve champion in the intermediate contest.

Marquis was also the second best individual judge in the team rabbit judging contest in the intermediate class.

In the All Oregon Hobby Show, Vernon Saunders of Eagle Creek won first in the teen-age group for theme division.

Puppies that will one day be guide dogs for the blind, were evaluated at the state fair, with the largest class ever participating. A special program was held, and at the end of the program four 4-H members and two adults received puppies to begin training.

Dave Burks of Sandy participated in that guide dog class. Becky Cliff of Boring received reserve grand champion honors.

Cliff also received a blue ribbon in intermediate obedience showmanship.

Hal and Delores Vrooman of Boring and Arrowhead Farms of Gervais are co-owners of the Premier Breeder title for North County Cheviot Sheep for the 1981 Oregon State Fair.

The Vroomans won the most awards, including the Oregon State Special Award for Oregon bred-and-owned get-of-sire, grand champion ram, reserve champion lamb, yearling ram, ram lamb, pair of ram lambs, pair of ewe lambs, young flock, and best pair.

Trevor Storie of Boring won a blue ribbon in yearling ewe for crossbred. Storie also won blue ribbons in ewe and produce and 4-H member's stock.

In the fruit and berry division of the Commercial Wine Show and Judging, Big Fir Winery of Boring won a silver for its dry Oregon raspberry, and a bronze for Oregon Marion blackberry.



Tracie Ruple of Eagle Creek was the premier performer in the 4-H horse showmanship contest at the Oregon State Fair. More than 300 Oregon 4-H members participated.

Native fights incorporation

Bob Pearson, who lives in the lower valley, in the area that would be incorporated in the proposed city of Welches, said that he will do everything in his power to halt the formation of a city.

Pearson said, "The people who moved up to the mountains did not expect all the amenities, such as indoor tennis courts, hot tubs, city halls, heated

swimming pools and so forth. We don't need those luxuries up here.

"A great many people who moved up to the area did so because of the peace, the quiet, and the solitude. Not for a city atmosphere."

Pearson said that a lot of things could happen if the proposed city becomes a reality.

"They could put in streets, sidewalks,

and street lights, and we'd be assessed in order to pay for them," he said.

"Maybe they're not saying that now, because they need our votes in order to get it approved, but that's what's going to happen when you have a full-charter service."

Pearson's wife, Barbara, the eldest granddaughter of Billy Welch, who helped settle Welches Valley and build the area's first resort, shares her husband's feelings.

Ms. Pearson recommended that those who are "displeased with the 'dog patch' atmosphere of Welches move to Sun River. Surely they would welcome newcomers."

Ms. Pearson said, "My birth certificate reads Welches, and it is this side of heaven to me."

"Flatlanders usually have their gripes about us mountain folk, and find it difficult to fit into our lifestyle. They can't change us. Why do they hang around to pollute our 'dog patch' atmosphere?"

The Pearsons are currently involved in organizing volunteers to canvas the Welches area to get people to sign petitions against incorporation.

Meeting set in Boring

The Boring Neighborhood Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Boring Fire Station.

A member of the county sheriff department's traffic team will be present to explain their program and their ability to respond to specific traffic problems.

The committee had written a letter to the sheriff's department requesting the increased traffic law enforcement.

Also on the agenda are discussions of current projects, including community identification signs, blackberry and neighborhood cleanup projects, a proposed park, and the improvement of Wally Road.

The committee meetings are open to the public. All Boring Neighborhood Strategy Area residents, property owners and business operators are eligible voting members of the committee.

Incorporation debate at Welches is lively

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Only a few weeks ago the proposal to turn the Welches area into an incorporated city was unveiled, and many residents claim they haven't yet recovered from the shock.

At last Friday's hearing on the proposed city, the struggle between the supporters and the opposition met head on as two hundred people packed the Pow-wow room at Bowman's resort.

Before the meeting even began, people accused Carl Bright, the originator of the idea of an incorporated city and the developer, of attempting to exclude a majority of people from involvement by allowing only registered voters in the proposed annexation boundaries, to be seated.

The others were asked to wait in the hall or in the lounge "until seating becomes available."

Richard Hofland, a resident of the Wildwood area whose mailing address is Welches, complained about being sent an invitation and then not being allowed to enter the meeting.

"I'm not going anywhere until I get in there," Hofland said. "I was invited and I'm going in. What gives them the right to exclude people from the first meeting?"

Everyone was admitted when the meeting finally got underway.

John Thompson, a candidate for State Senate for District 14, acted as moderator to insure that the meeting would proceed in "a somewhat orderly fashion."

Bright started the meeting off, telling the concerned audience that he had changed the name "city" to "village," to change the negative connotations associated with "city."

"Who ever heard of building a high-rise in a village," Bright asked. "We're going to keep this area nice and quaint, just like it is."

Bright said that at present they do not have the ability to represent themselves in government. He said that if they incorporated, and then had a complaint, they would no longer have to drive to Oregon City. Rather, they could "drive up to the corner and talk to the city administrator."

Bright said that incorporation would not take away any freedom that they now have. "Actually," he said, "it's a declaration of independence."

Bright said that the only freedom that would be eliminated would be "the freedom to vandalize and to burglarize, and to steal." He said that the city would look at contracting services with the Clackamas County Sheriff's department to provide the area with a five-man unit to police the area 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Linda Miller, a resident who lives at Hood Course Acres, which falls within the boundaries of the city, challenged

Bright's stand on police protection.

Miller said that the crime problem is not in the Welches area, but up at Lolo Pass Road, around Brightwood, Rhododendron, and in the summer home areas.

Miller also questioned Bright's motives for the city, claiming that he only wants to establish a road maintenance program so that Rippling River can get its roads paved.

"The mountain people maintain their own roads," she said.

"It's Rippling River that has the paved roads and needs to be concerned about maintaining them," Miller said. "You guys are going to be looking out after your own roads, not anybody else's."

Bright responded by saying that they are proud of their paved roads. "You would be amazed at how little maintenance a paved street takes compared to a gravel road with pot holes."

Bob Gilbert, Brightwood resident, told Bright and his supporters that they've never had any city ordinances to tell them what to do. "We take care of our own," Gilbert said. "We're not going to stand for someone telling us to jump through this hoop or that hoop. This city is just so a bunch of lame golfers can continue to shoot their holes."

Catherine Parks of Rhododendron said that she felt the claim that they would be in a position to affect state and federal decisions was overstated.

"People we elect into office make decisions we don't want anyways," Parks said. "We feel we've been cheated and taken advantage of. I am not convinced, after seeing the way government operates in this country, that more is actually better."

Parks questioned Bright's motive for having free cocktails, food and country and western music at the meeting, and asked what his financial interest in the city is.

Bright said, "I have a rather hefty investment in this community, mostly in time. I expect to be here a long time."

When the question about the Women's Club and the adjoining parkland was brought up, the meeting was adjourned so the stage could be cleared to make way for the county and western band.

Penny Wilburn, chairperson of the Mountain Community Park Association, who is attempting to turn the 11-acre tract of vacant land into the area's newest park, felt Bright was not being up-front about his intentions concerning the site.

"To end the meeting on that note is rather strange," Wilburn said. "It was a heated issue at the last city meeting, and would have been a heated issue at this one. Why don't they tell us why they included that piece of county-owned property in the city limits?"

Whether or not the city is incorporated will not be known for some time. Meanwhile, both sides are organizing and enlisting support in hopes of determining the area's fate.

Wildlife biologist opposes mobile home development

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Gene Herb, district wildlife biologist for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, in August went on record as opposing the Alderwood Mobile Home Subdivision.

Herb's report, titled, "Wildlife Impacts of the Proposed Alderwood Mobile Home Sub-Division," states that "the site is in an area we have designated as important habitat for big game. Deer that live in the Salmon River Drainage are forced to winter in the Mt. Hood Corridor because of deep snow above 2500 (feet)."

Gordon Cabral, a resident of the area, agrees with the importance Herb's report places on maintaining the area as a winter range.

Cabral mentioned a 1980 storm that left behind devastation on resident's environment, including collapsed roofs, buildings and fences.

When the snow stopped falling, Cabral said that he and his neighbors found evidence of both deer and elk, mountain cats and coyotes, which were driven down from the higher elevations in search of food.

Fortunately, Cabral said, the deep snows in this area are rare and it is a safe and vital feeding ground for birds and furbearing animals. To remove it, or even alter it, will impact not only the people living in the area, he said, but future generations.

There are no additional feeding areas available, he said. What did once exist has now been developed.

Herb, in his report, states that "the food supply in the drainage is already limited because of the lack of forage producing clearcuts, and the commercial and residential development that has already eliminate good browse growing areas formerly used by deer."

Cabral said that the commercial and residential development that Herb wrote about "is clearly evident as you drive from the far eastern intersection of the old Brightwood Loop Road and Highway 26, up through the town of Rhododendron. What was once excellent feeding areas is now overtaken by concrete, houses, restaurants, gas stations, stores, taverns, parking lots and even schools."

Herb maintains that the trade-off between wildlife and development has already been made.

In his report, it says, "In the Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan we have stated that development

along the Mt. Hood Corridor has been detrimental to big game, and that development densities are much greater than recommended. The Alderwood proposal is only one of several large sub-divisions planned for the area.

"Other sub-divisions our department has opposed include Cedar Ridge and Tillikum Woods. Once the decision is made to allow these large sub-divisions in the Corridor, it may become impossible to maintain a viable deer herd in the area."

"Not only are we talking about the development of a 48-acre tract of prime winter range," Cabral said, "but also about the additional encroachment that occurs when providing these urban services, such as right-of-ways, access roads, power stations, transmission lines, etc."

Herb concludes, "To allow large sub-divisions into the Mt. Hood Corridor, it must be understood that wildlife values will suffer greatly."

Hoodland happenings

Class on mushrooms to be held Tuesday

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.

Welches School Board meets at 8 p.m. in the school's conference room adjacent to the library.

Friday, Sept. 11
An annual Rhododendron Neighborhood Group meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Alpine Hut restaurant in Rhododendron on Highway 26. For dinner reservations, call 622-3486.

Monday, Sept. 14
Kindergarten classes begin today at Welches School.
The Mt. Hood Pre-school Co-op begins classes at 9 a.m.
Welches Community School aerobic dance class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Welches School gym.
The Hoodland Women's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 p.m. in the club building on Salmon River Road.

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Welches Community School Tiny Tots group meets from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Louise Hoyt, 622-3752, for information and meeting location.

The Hoodland Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly forum meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Red Lion at Bowmans. For reservations, call John Thompson,

622-3927.
Welches Community School participants can experience the delight of finding, identifying and cooking edible mushrooms beginning with a lecture tonight at 7 p.m. in Room 20 at Welches School. Group leader Terry Pearson has planned field trips for Sept. 19 and Oct. 10. To register, call Reva Cox, 622-3397.

Wednesday, Sept. 16
The Community School's hike program meets 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.

A blood pressure clinic will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Hoodland Senior Center at the Women's Club. The clinic is free and open to all adults.

The Clackamas County Library Bookmobile will be at the Mt. Hood Food and General Store in Rhododendron from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and at Ted's Brightwood Store from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Welches Community School aerobic dance class will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Welches School gym.

Friday, Sept. 18
A blood drive, sponsored by the Hoodland Fire Department, will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. at the fire hall.

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

Fire danger closes woods

A spokesperson for the U.S. Forest Service said that because of the high fire dangers, the Mt. Hood National Forest is still closed to wood cutting, despite the rain last week.

Margie Wicks, Forest Service employee, said that a combination of factors, such as low humidity, the lack of rainfall, strong east winds and high temperatures, make it too hazardous to run a chainsaw, due to the fact that the sparks could start a fire.

Wicks said that only a good rain would re-open the woods.

In the meantime, the following areas are closed: Zone 1, BarlowBear Springs, east of the Clackamas County line; Zone 2, Zigzag, Clackamas, Estacada and Hood River Districts

west of Highway 35; Zone 3, Bull Run, closed to public entry; Zone 4, Columbia Gorge, has no woodcutting in its jurisdiction.

Wicks said that the extensive closures this past summer have not been unusual. Generally, there is a major cutting season in the spring, just after the snow melts, and then later in the fall, depending on the amount of rain.

The Mt. Hood Forest Service maintains a 24-hour-a-day information number, 667-7979, so that people can find out if cutting is allowed.

Wicks said to see if cutting is allowed, call after 5 p.m. the day before wanting to cut.

Boring area dominates final county fair results

A number of people from Boring were winners in horse competition at the Clackamas County Fair.

In the junior class, Sherri Tallent was the saddle seat champion. She was the reserve champion in junior Western equitation.

Kristi Swanson was the champion in junior class hunt seat.

Kelli Hensler was the junior class trail champion and reserve champion in hunt seat.

Also in the junior class, Jennifer Long was the reserve champion in high seat over jumps.

In the intermediate class, Stacy Hill was the champion in pony driving.

In the senior class, Kim Swanson was

the reserve champion in Western equitation.

Those on the state fair list, in the intermediate class, include Hill, pony cart, and for Western riders, Rhonda Anderson, also of Boring.

Alternates include Julie Breashears, Amy Cardoza and Shari Meikelberg, all of Boring.

On the state fair list for Western riders in the senior class are Liz Warren, Kim Swanson and Susan Cliff, all of Boring.

Tonya Cunningham of Sandy is an alternative.