



Sandy metal shop students now have brighter facilities, which they completed themselves, to learn the tricks of the trades. Photo by Scott Newton

SUHS metal shop revamped

by SCOTT NEWTON

"You couldn't walk from the classroom to the main entry door," Lynn Sondena said about the metal shop facility at Sandy Union High School, which is in the process of being whipped into shape.

The drab green walls are now a clean, bright yellow. The classroom has been reorganized, scrap metal has been stacked, an iron gate was built and installed to protect more valuable pieces of metal, tool boards have been put up, and equipment is being repaired.

Sondena, who believes in learning by doing, said, "By having the students do the work, they'll have more pride in the project, and they're going to respect the shop."

Peer pressure, the thinking goes, will help take care of discipline, "so we can spend more time on learning than discipline," Sondena said.

"We hope," he added with a smile.

Although Sondena wouldn't mind having funds budgeted to replace equipment over time, he feels that what was needed most was management.

He spent nine years in a wood shop program that he considers second to none in the state. His opinion was formed in part by his participation last year in the Administrators Training Program, where he examined 18 different programs.

"It's my goal to shape this place up so that we're above average," Sondena said.

"Within the next two or three years I want to have the best, and there's no reason we can't."

"I'm willing to put out the effort if the students are willing to put out the effort, then we're going to have an excellent program."

"If the students and myself sit back and wait for it to happen, it's never going to happen."

Local businesses are helping to make things happen.

Bud Wesselink of Baert's Metal Products has provided

"good, valuable general information" about materials, among other things, and Ben Salisbury, president, has donated scrap metal that the students have used on welding projects.

Sondena has also worked with Hal Nippert of U.S. Metal, which has donated structural steel, such as angle iron, I-beam pipe and channel iron.

Crown Sheet Metal has donated sheet metal, which has been used to fabricate boxes, among other things.

Obviously, there's a lot left to do. Members of the advanced metals class, which is offered as a two-hour block, were fabricating parts for the numerous machines earlier this week. Tool boards are still being worked on, and they will provide for better availability and accountability in the future.

They'll be taking a break from their renovations to study arc welding and oxyacetylene cutting, because these skills are used in fabricating parts.

Traffic committee grows

Residents of the Sandy and Boring area are particularly needed to serve on the Clackamas County Traffic Commission.

The commission is in the process of compiling a new 12-month eligibility list of prospective members. It is

looking for Clackamas County residents with concern for traffic safety.

Currently there are two vacancies on the commission. Interested persons should write: Patsy Faulkner, Traffic Safety Director, 906 Main St.,

Oregon City, 97045; or telephone her, 655-8560.

The commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room, 906 Main St., Oregon City.

At international convention:

Festival vies for honors

Three representatives from the Sandy Mountain Festival compete for honors at an international meeting of festival associations in Anchorage this weekend.

The group was invited to present a slide show at the convention, because of the success of the summer arts festival despite the small size of its hometown.

Attending at Sandy are committee members Mary Rutz, Ann Fenwick and Kathy Simonson.

The trio leave for Alaska Saturday and will return to Sandy Oct. 4, after their presentation before the joint meeting of International Festival Association and Northwest Festivals Association.

The young festival now attracts upwards of 60,000 visitors to Sandy—not a bad effort for a small town of 2,900, says Festival chairman Darrell Dempster.

The festival now draws visitors and exhibitors from

as far as Canada, Mexico and West Germany. This last year visitors hailed from 36 states and 59 other towns in Oregon.

There even were visitors from Japan, Holland, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Argentina and England in attendance.

Of the people who registered, about 25.5 percent lived in the Sandy area, with the majority of visitors traveling here from the Portland metropolitan area.

Medicine topic at BPW

Storma Swanson of the Centering Foundation in Beaverton will be the featured speaker at the Oct. 7 dinner meeting of the Sandy Business and Professional Women's Club. She will discuss holistic medicine.

The meeting will be held at Elmer's Colonial Pancake and Steak House in Gresham at 7 p.m.

Reservations may be made by calling 668-4985 before Oct. 5. Interested men and women of the community are invited to attend.

North Willamette District Director Marguerite Kehrl will preside at the Oct. 17 conference, "Opening Doors to Your Success," at the Holy Rosary Church Social Hall, 375 N.E. Clackamas St., in Portland. The con-

ference will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. The Sandy BPW club is in charge of reservations and registration.

National Business Women's Week will be

celebrated Oct. 18-25. Members of the Sandy Club will attend a breakfast at TJ's Fireside Dining Oct. 25 at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast will be followed by church services.

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