

Two die in Eagle Creek mobile home fire

A mobile home fire in Eagle Creek resulted in the death of a 20-year-old woman and her five-year-old son Sunday.

Matt Shields, Boring fire chief, said Tuesday that they are not sure what caused the fire, although investigators are sure it occurred in the northwest corner of the front room, "at, in or around" an overstuffed chair.

Shields, who investigated the cause along with the deputy state fire marshal and others, believes it may have been an extension cord with multiple

plug-ins. However, Sue Ann Harvey, and her husband Ricky, smoke.

We might never know the cause of the fire because of extensive damages, Shields said.

Mrs. Harvey and her son, Shane Smith, were found together in the hallway of the trailer house by two firemen, who entered the trailer when informed two people were still inside.

Shields said the firemen "were taking a hell of a beating in there," and were not able to get the bodies out during the fire. It was obvious they would not have

been able to revive them, Shields said. The Boring Fire Department took the call at 4:15 a.m., and got to the scene at 4:24. Shields said that there was a delay in their getting the call as the person making the call had to go through the operator to get a hold of them.

The trailer, a 20- by 45-foot 1965 ABC, was in the Hillcrest Mobile Home Park, lot five, 29200 Judd Road.

The estimated value of the trailer house was put at \$8,000. The value of the contents was put at \$4,000.

From talking with Mr. Harvey,

Shields said that apparently he awoke, possibly having heard children crying—he wasn't sure what woke him—and left the back bedroom and went into the middle bedroom, with his wife following him.

"He said the smoke was so thick he couldn't see his hand in front of his face," said Shields, adding that it was "real hot."

Both children were in one bed, and he grabbed one of them, who turned out to be Lisa Smith, 6. He broke a window out with his fist, suffering severe lacerations,

and then lowered Lisa out the window.

He reportedly "took a big gulp of smoke" and then dove out the window, thinking his wife would hand the other child out the window.

He then tried to get back in the window, but it was a high, small window. A neighbor had come out by then, and they went to the opposite side of the trailer to a sliding glass door.

At that time a "back draft," which is when oxygen enters a super-heated atmosphere, caused an explosion. Not a

violent one, Shields said, but a "whoof" type of explosion.

The front of the trailer "from the ceiling to a foot off the floor" became engulfed.

When the fire department arrived the front living room walls and the roof had collapsed.

Shields said an autopsy is being performed, but that the probable cause of death was asphyxiation.

Shields said that new trailers have standards that might have prevented as much damage as occurred to the Harveys' trailer, such as larger studs, which would have resulted in the trailer not collapsing as soon, and non-flammable trim.

Shields said, "One of the things this brings out is the value of smoke alarms." The trailer might or might not have been destroyed, Shields said, but they would have at least had time to get out. "Every second counts on something like that," he added.

A fund has been established for Ricky Harvey and Lisa Smith by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Milwaukie. Contact G.M. Richardson, pastor, at 654-1676 or 653-2571, for more information.

\$5,000 fire damages at Govt. Camp

By MICHAEL P. JONES
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A chimney fire in a storage room at the Summit House Restaurant in Government Camp Monday night caused an estimated \$5,000 damage to the structure.

The building is owned by Maryanne Hill and Robert and Sue Brock, all of Government Camp.

Don Armintrout, Hoodland fire chief, said that the fire was discovered by a resident in an apartment above the restaurant. He said that the fire was reported to his department at 6:15 p.m. Twenty fire fighters, three engines, a tank and a rescue rig, responded to the call.

All the residents living above the restaurant were evacuated.

Armintrout said the fire was caused by an improperly constructed fireplace located in the east portion of the building that formerly was used as a ski shop. He said that the cement pad below the fire box was placed on top of the floor joists. When the fire box got hot the heat was transmitted through the cement to the wood, which caused combustion.

Armintrout said it took his crew a half hour to get to the fire, being that it was burning in the ceiling joists. The ceiling had to be torn out, as well as some bricks removed from the fireplace, before the fire could be extinguished.

Lane Wintermute, assistant fire chief, said that the fire "looked like it had been smoldering for quite some time" before it was discovered. Five-hundred gallons of water was used to put out the fire as well as to keep the cement pad cooled down enough to prevent the materials from reigniting.

The department cleared the scene at 9:30 p.m.

Armintrout cautioned that with the cold weather season upon us, that residents should take the time to get their chimneys cleaned, and to make sure that their fireplaces and stoves are installed properly.

He said that all combustible materials should be moved away from heating devices.

Armintrout said that his department would be happy to inspect chimneys and the installation of stoves and fireplaces, in order to prevent future fires.

Armintrout said that in the event of a chimney fire to first call the fire department before doing anything else.

Next, if you have a stove, shut the dampers down and make sure the door is closed.

If you have a fireplace, the screens should be shut to prevent sparks from shooting out.

"With the rains here, we have only changed from brush fires to chimney fires," said Armintrout. "It's time to exercise caution."



A recent sunset in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

Photo by Scott Newton

Woman from Boring runs unique lunch program

by SCOTT NEWTON

One of the most unique school lunch programs in the state has been run for the past five years by a woman from Boring, Juanita Shuler.

During the three half-hour lunch shifts at Sandy Union High School, hundreds of students wait their turn in line at vending machines that offer a variety of sandwiches and other hot foods, fresh fruit, Jello, pudding, yogurt and many other items.

There is also a salad bar available. There are no standardized meals trays, or the mounds of food to be thrown away that go with them.

"Like I've said many times, we offer them good, quality food, but I can't control what they eat," the cafeteria supervisor said about the freedom given to the students.

Shuler said that there's no way to tell how many students eat lunch at the school because there's no way to count when they buy via a vending machine, but her guess is that they feed 90 percent of SUHS's 1,240 students.

Asked if the students have good nutritional habits, she said, "For the most part, I think they do."

Just because the students buy lunch through a machine doesn't mean that the process is impersonal. Shuler makes an effort to be on the floor at all times during the lunch hours.

"They go through there pretty fast, faster than you could take care of them through a line," Shuler said.

Of course there are some complaints. But, Shuler said, "I think the kids are pretty positive about it."

"I think the plus here is the variety we offer them. They have so many things to choose from."

"And, hopefully, we have something here that will appeal to everyone."

Shuler, who worked in restaurant management for over 11 years for Fred

Meyers before taking the SUHS job, told about one facility she visited a few years ago.

"It was a fabulous kitchen, (with) every piece of equipment you could ever want."

"I watched that whole operation for that one day and I found out that basically the kids were eating the same things there as they are here."

SUHS spent \$123,511 on food and wages last year. Of that amount, the program had to be subsidized \$15,000 from the general fund, "which is a very small amount," said Joan Hay, Sandy Union business manager. "We run a tight program."

SUHS does not receive any federal money for school lunches or milk.

About Shuler, Hay said, "She does a fabulous job."

The vending machines are rented from S & S Vending in Portland. They have a man on duty to make change and repair the machines.

The students sometimes put their money in too fast, and the machine needs time to count, Shuler said.

While a more traditional program might require 80 hours of labor per day, the Sandy Union program requires about 32.

"I've talked to Dr. (Superintendent Jack) Peters and some other people here. Really, I think this is the best kind of a program to have."

"The kids go and buy what they want, and they eat it, and we don't have anything thrown away, hardly ever."

"I think that's a pretty good contribution in itself. If the kids aren't eating it, it isn't worth an awfully lot to them, is it?"

Shuler and another employee start the day at 6:30 in the morning, and she and the other four kitchen employees call it a day at various times in the afternoon.

Although Shuler doesn't get every weekend and holiday off, she gets more of them off than she used to.

That was one of the things that lured her to SUHS, she said. "I thought, 'Gee, it would really be nice to be able to have some weekends off.'"

Being that the school cafeteria is one of the few places locally that is able to handle a large number of people, Shuler does work preparing meals, on occasion, for Eastern Star and St. Michael's. The kitchen staff prepared ham dinners for 734 recently for St. Michael's.

"I enjoy these groups," Shuler said. "They appreciate what you do for them

and that means a lot."

Shuler also directs preparations for special staff get-togethers, such as Christmas dinner, and things like the twice-yearly booster club dinner.

Shuler gets help from two students studying food services who are working for credit.

"It's good experience for them," Shuler said. "If they wanted to go out and get a part-time job in a restaurant or something they'd feel a lot more comfortable, I'm sure, after what they've been exposed to here."

Shuler, who might order two crates of lettuce and 300 pounds of hamburger in a typical week, or who might have 200

submarine or french dip sandwiches, or 300 slices of pizza, made up for a day's consumption, not only feels that they have a workable system, but perhaps the most feasible one for their particular situation.

"This kitchen was set up to accommodate about 500 students, you know," she said.

"That's (the vending machines) about the only thing we could do with it, as it is right now anyway."

Shuler, and her husband Jack, have four grown children and six grandchildren. None of them live too far away, so she gets to see them, when she can find the time.

Women's Club members express concern about boundary reduction

by MICHAEL P. JONES
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Confusion and anger surfaced at Monday night's meeting of the Women's Club over concerns about their lease.

Concerns were first raised after discussions about the boundaries and their exclusion from the proposed city of Welches at a September meeting of the club. A resolution was passed directing Linda Fredrickson, recording secretary, to send a letter to the city plan's originator, Carl Bright, requesting that the club's buildings, tennis courts, playground and parking lot, be removed from the boundaries. Also included in that request was a large tract of undeveloped land at the junction of Highway 26 and Salmon River Road, that was said to have been designated as a park.

It was believed, at that time, that this entire area was covered in the club's agreement with the county.

On Sept. 19, Bright responded to the request in a letter which stated: "Please be advised that your request to be deleted from the proposed boundary for incorporation, is acknowledged and will be respected."

However, last week Carolyn Smith of Rhododendron, who serves on the Mountain Community Park Association which is attempting to construct a park on the undeveloped northern tract of the land, discovered that this portion of

land was not removed from the city because it was excluded from the club's lease.

Also, Smith learned that this acreage, which was believed not to have been dedicated as a park, had indeed been dedicated on Aug. 6, 1965.

Since March, the Clackamas County Park Department and the Clackamas County Commissioners have maintained that it was undedicated and their records reflect it as such.

A Sandy Post article on the front page of the Aug. 12, 1965 issue, carried a story on the park's dedication as well as a photograph of the dignitaries in attendance.

"Hoodland Park becomes the 9th recreational park in the county to be dedicated," said the article. "It is located on the new Salmon River road and commands a view of majestic Mt. Hood in the background. The park is a joint venture sponsored by the Hoodland Women's Club and Clackamas County Commissioners Stan Ely, Stan Skoko and Darrell Jones."

Women's Club President Renee Knapp said that she spoke with Dan Zinzer of the park department to clear up the confusion, but said that he could not give her any reason why the dedication of the area was not in their records.

Knapp said that the lease she signed July 1 had the entire 11.5 acres in the agreement. She claimed that after it left her hands and was mailed to the

commissioners for their signature, the area was reduced. She said that the county disputed this, and maintained that the lease she had signed had this same reduced boundary.

Fredrickson asked why the original 1965 lease had the entire 11.5 acres and this year's lease had only the developed portion.

"The main issue is 'Is there a change in the original lease?'" Fredrickson asked. "The new park area is currently excluded."

"The letter I wrote to Carl Bright asked him to please remove the Women's Club and the property from the city's boundaries. Does this mean it's not all excluded?"

"Why is this a point now," asked Caryn Priest of Welches. "Is it because of Carl Bright or is it because of the people who want to build a park?"

Marilyn Leslie of Zigzag said, "It is both reasons that made the dedication question and the lease's boundaries, an important issue at this time."

"Our main concern is the old lease showed the entire 11 acres," said Leslie. "In June we thought we were approving the entire area. Now we find out we actually approved only part of it. Were we misled?"

As the meeting grew to the boiling point, a motion was passed to table the discussion until Nov. 9 when John McIntyre, the director of the Environmental Services Department, the county's

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Juanita Shuler

Staff photo

Economic slump causing layoffs in the county

OREGON CITY — Few buildings are being built in Clackamas County because of high interest rates and the corresponding decline in the lumber industry — and that has caused county officials to lay off three people and cut 25 other people back to four days a week.

John McIntyre, head of the environmental services department, said the cuts were made in the development services division because there isn't enough business to pay the department's payroll as it was. "This division is like a private business — when the market is not there you have

to cut back," he said.

McIntyre said the development staff is paid through the fees charge for services. "There aren't enough permits being issued," he said. The division issues permits for buildings, plumbing and septic systems, as well as charging for blueprint inspection.

"We have laid off three people. As of the first of October the entire development services section from the department head on down will work four days a week with corresponding cuts in pay," McIntyre said. That will save the department about \$143,000.

"And if construction continues to decline, we'll have to cut some more," he said.

Other departments have felt the pressure of declining budgets.

Jono Hilner, administrator of the Human Resources department, said he has reduced his staff about 10 percent over the last year. He said the funding is arranged differently than it is in the development services division.

Human Resources may take a drastic cut in the future if Congress decides to reduce the money it returns to county governments, he said.

The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program operated through the county was cut back by about 30 percent this year, he said. "We reduced the staff by about 15 people — through attrition and shuffling people to other jobs," Hilner said.

Carole Berggren, county fiscal analyst, said the county has no need to panic because of tight budgets. "Out of the general fund, we haven't had to lay anyone off," she said.

"There are a lot of 'ifs' out there, but I refuse to panic," she said.