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Local comedy team to host talent contest

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The Summit House Restaurant at Government Camp is gearing up for "Friday Night Live," an improvisation and stage night which will highlight the establishment's grand opening celebration.

Scott Hamrick, the proprietor of the restaurant, said that a stage has been constructed in the restaurant, and a speaker system installed.

David Ligatich of Welches has been selected to act as the master of ceremonies for the event.

Ligatich, a member of the Mountain Players, directed and starred in Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," this past December. He has also participated in several variety shows and one act melodramas.

During 1977-78, Ligatich worked as a drama aide at Sandy Union High School

where he helped with six to seven classes a day. He directed "Barefoot in the Park" there also.

He has put on various drama workshops at the high school and for several years judged at the Northwest Drama Conference at the University of Portland.

Ligatich will be assisted Friday by his comedy partner, Darrell Eblen of Borning.

Eblen, whose background includes acting in a number of dinner theaters in Texas while he was in the service, is also a member of the Mountain Players.

"Anything is likely to walk through the doors and perform," said Hamrick. "It could be a comedy team, a duet, a stand-up comic, a guitarist, a juggler, or any other form of talent a person may have or think they have."

Hamrick stressed that "Friday Night Live" is not

a "Gong Show," though it may appear that way to some people when they hear about the new weekly event.

"We're very serious about what's going to happen here the next 12 weeks," said Ron DeHart, Hamrick's new business partner.

"We've already put in a lot of time and money into the planning and organization, as well as offering some prize money. And with no cover being charged, it'll be a big draw and both the performers and the audience will have a good time."

Ligatich praised the event because it is difficult for actors and musicians to find a live audience, let alone a stage, to perform on and try out new material.

"Anyone who's an entertainer, wants to perform," said Ligatich, "and they'd rather work on it in front of people rather than at

home."

The entertainment scheduled to appear is varied. Stand-up comics, a

real live traveling salesman who tells jokes, musicians, and Mike Wisner, a local magician.

A panel of three judges will select the winners of "Friday Night Live." First prize is \$25, second prize is

\$15 and third prize is an "all-you-can-eat" spaghetti dinner for two.

First-place winners will be invited back to participate in a special "The Best of Friday Night Live" and compete for \$150.

Audubon Society to tour Cedar Ridge area

The Audubon Society will tour the Cedar Ridge area near Brightwood Saturday in an attempt to better understand the impact of what three proposed developments will have on what the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission considers to be an important winter range.

Gene Herb, a game biologist with the commission, will lead the tour. He said that the primary objective of the tour is "to get some food for thought," especially for when a game management plan has to be developed for the Mt. Hood Corridor.

Herb said they want to get a firsthand mental picture of what the area looks like today. They will also take a look at the other developments that have taken place in the past ten years.

This way, according to Herb, they can better understand the nature of the situation. Cedar Ridge is an important wildlife habitat, and is one of the last winter range areas for elk and deer on the west side of Mt. Hood. It also serves as an important link in the migration of big game.

Three developments are currently planned for the Cedar Ridge area. A

192-unit mobile home subdivision known as "Alderwood," is proposed for an area north of Highway 26 near the old Loop Highway. South of Highway 26, between the Salmon River and the east end of the Brightwood Loop, are two other developments.

Tillikum Woods (which means "friendly woods" in Chinook) would have 462 units if allowed to be developed. Brightwood Glen would have an estimated 350 units, and is being proposed by Martin Boatwright, a former engineer for the city of Sandy.

Herb said that if this area is not preserved as a habitat that the future for elk, deer and other species of wildlife, could be bleak.

"We have just about come to the point that we have nothing left, or something," said Herb. "By preserving this area, we'll have something."

Job Faire set by MHCC

A drop-in Job Faire for occupation seekers will be part of the third annual Strawberry Shortcourses day at Mt. Hood Community College Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Located in the Town and Gown room at MHCC, the free session will offer a relaxed, informal two hours for individuals to explore job opportunities by talking with representatives of business from the Portland/Gresham area.

"This is the first time

we've done a Job Faire as an all-campus affair," said Nancy Barker, Mt. Hood advising specialist and one of the coordinators for the Job Faire. "This is a way for the community to get information directly from employers."

Focusing on where jobs are, who is hiring and what skills employers are looking for, representatives from the various businesses will set up display tables and will be available for questioning.

Occupations from areas such as engineering, communications and technical fields will be represented. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

There will be about 45 free courses offered in the Strawberry Shortcourses day from roughly 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Job Faire or the other courses, contact Margaret Gratton at 667-7313 at Mt. Hood Community College.



Dale Goracke, who graduated from Sandy Union High School last year, sat in with the pep band Friday night.

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