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For coming fiscal year

## Accomplishments noted, district sets new goals

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy Fire Department is completing what officials consider one of the best years in its history with the implementation of a number of new programs designed at keeping the department all-volunteer.

"Overall we're in pretty good shape," said Fire Chief Bob Rathke. "Some things are really starting to jell."

During the year, the district initiated a pension program for the volunteer firefighters. Rathke said the program is "aimed at maintaining a viable and effective operation for a long time to come."

It makes the Sandy department the only volunteer operation in Oregon with a pension program and is the accomplishment that Rathke said he is most proud of in his 10 years as chief.

A sleeper program that has volunteers spending the night at the fire hall for quicker emergency response was also initiated this year and already the district noticing its benefits.

A new emergency medical technique was introduced during the year, Rathke said, and "is saving lives. It involves inserting a tube down the throat of a victim to allow free passage of air to the lungs."

The district has also refined its training program to the point where it is "one of the best probationary training programs for a department our size," according to Rathke.

Flushed with the district's success during the current fiscal year, Rathke will take a budget calling for \$637,286 in the form of tax levy to the fire district's Budget Committee this Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Estimated tax rate would be approximately \$2.55 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, down from \$2.75 a year ago.

The budget, which represents the third year of a six-year tax base, is aimed at continuing the district's level of service.

"Pretty much we're carrying on what we've done and trying to improve on them," Rathke said.

The district has plans to add a small computer to its operations for easy record-keeping.

Volunteer reimbursements and pension would be kept on the computer, according to Rathke, as well as training records.

Those records assist the district

with keeping firefighters up to date on training for certification at the end of each year by keeping track of what classes have been attended and what classes are needed.

The district also plans to replace the fire engines at the two substations with new rigs. The old rigs will be kept; one will serve as a pumper and the other will be remodeled into a special apparatus rig the following fiscal year.

### FIRE PREVENTION

The district is re-evaluating its entire fire prevention program, considering the addition of another paid firefighter to take the prevention method to district residents and schools, a fire code to allow for more inspections or maintaining the status quo.

"There's all kinds of facets you can go into, but the question is, it is cost-effective," Rathke said.

He wants to get the community involved in fire prevention and thereby expand the program. He cited cities in Minnesota with populations of more than 80,000 that have maintained all-volunteer fire departments.

Rathke envisions the possibility of training persons in the community to make fire safety inspections, thereby eliminating some of the burden from the paid firefighters.

Utilizing citizens would allow the paid firefighters to make better use of their time.

### TRAINING SHIFT

The district will shift the emphasis of training funds from the line personnel to officers and paid staff. Rathke said the district has established a sound enough training program that it can't do the bulk of training of line personnel in-house.



Photo by Dan Dillon

Students at Bull Run School celebrated Arbor Day Friday by planting more than 100 trees that were donated to the school. Austrian pines, shore pines and black Japanese pines were planted around the school grounds by such

volunteers as, left to right, Mindy Tykeson, Sandy Edgren, Sheena Kitchens and Karyn Leas.

## Tree limbs take power in core area

A downed tree limb on power lines, not a Portland General Electric Company crew installing a new utility pole, knocked out power in downtown Sandy early last Friday afternoon.

According to Bob Kallen, Sandy's PGE district manager, service was interrupted for approximately 45 minutes last Friday when a tree limb fell against power lines on Bornstedt Road. Lights were out some 45 minutes for customers in the downtown business area, and for customers out Highway 211 to Sandy Farms and in the Bornstedt Road area.

He said that workers putting in a utility pole at the intersection of Highway 211 and Pioneer Boulevard were not responsible for the lost power as some local residents suspected.

"They were working the line hot," Kallen said. "They did not cause the outage," he said.

## Trial date set June 21 for Hazelett case

A 19-year-old Sandy man has pleaded innocent to murder in the shooting death of his father, according to a spokesman for the Clackamas County district attorney's office.

Harvey Hayden Hazelett entered the plea in circuit court in connection with the death of Herbert H. Hazelett, 52, said Deputy District Attorney Janine O'Neill.

The Sandy chiropractor's body was found the morning of March 5 floating in the Sandy River near Kubitz Road, about one mile east of Sandy. He died of gunshot wounds and massive head injuries, according to the state medical examiner's report.

Circuit Court Judge Dale Jacobs said Hazelett will be tried June 21.

Earlier, murder charges were dropped against Hazelett's 17-year-old brother, Herbert, who had been originally charged in the case.

The charges against the younger Hazelett were dropped at the request of the district attorney's office, which said it was satisfied as to his innocence.

## Council nixes members on committee

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy City Council doesn't want its members to serve on council-appointed committees as private citizens.

At the April 19 council meeting, Councilman Jim Duff appointed himself as his citizen representative on the Sign Ordinance Review Committee. Councilman Don Blair questioned the appropriateness of that action.

Each council member had been asked to provide the name of a local businessman and resident to serve on the committee.

"It would be my feeling that we should each appoint two, rather than appoint ourselves," Councilman Calvin Jones said at Monday night's meeting.

The council agreed, indicating that it will not allow Duff to serve as his own representative. The action followed a legal opinion, issued by City Attorney Jack Hammond, that indicated the make-up of the review committee is up to the council.

Formal council action was postponed until the May 17 meeting because Duff was not present at Monday's session.

"One of us would be placing ourselves in a dual role," said Councilman Vern Richards. "Someone on the council isn't going to be as objective to the recommendations of the committee."

Blair agreed. "I don't see how a person can sit on a committee, then get up here on the city council and vote on it when he could be the swing vote on the committee," he said.

## Added state money helps school cut budget

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy Elementary District School Board took its knife to the district's 1982-83 levy proposal recently and cut \$316,363 away from the proposal that was rejected by voters March 30.

They did it with a big assist from the state of Oregon who upped the basic school support that had been projected with the original budget was prepared.

"We're going to operate a very austere, but very intact program with this proposal," said Superintendent Clark Lund.

The new \$1.9 million proposal, if given passing marks by voters, would result in a tax base of approximately \$8.21 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The biggest difference from the \$2.2 million proposal that was defeated earlier came with a \$269,511 jump in state basic school support.

That was created when the official certified figures outshone the verbal advice given at budget preparation time. Additional outside revenue means less money that has to be tacked on the district patrons' property tax assessments.

The largest reduction came in

teachers' salaries, according to Lund. New teachers will not be hired to fill positions vacated by two teachers who are leaving the district.

"We will still maintain a favorable student-teacher ratio," Lund said. While there will be a general trend towards larger classroom loads, the move with "bring about equity across the district," he said.

Some schools have had smaller loads in the past and that will gradually work out to a more even distribution.

A maintenance vehicle, budgeted at \$4,000, was cut from the budget. Some fencing at Sandy Ridge School

and behind Cedar Ridge School, valued at \$7,000, was also eliminated.

Lund said the district could do one of those projects with revenue in the current budget, if the school board authorizes that action.

He cited a security problem at the rural Sandy Ridge site.

The district will eliminate \$6,000 that was to be transferred to the lunch fund from the general fund.

"The picture isn't quite as bleak as it was in January as far as the amount of transfer needed," the superintendent said. "Actual program costs haven't been running as high as we thought they'd run."

With the other drops, the contingency dropped proportionately, losing \$15,000 for a total tax decrease of \$345,320.

"There is a 'however,'" Lund said. Uncollectable taxes were running approximately 7 percent in March, he said. Now, the amount of uncollectable taxes is running 12 percent to 14 percent.

Accordingly, the Sandy district raised the amount of its anticipated uncollectable taxes 3 percent to a total of 10 percent, thus adding \$28,957 for estimated uncollectable taxes.

## Candidate Clark offers 'new deal' to unemployed

by DAN DILLON

Reminiscent of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, one Democratic candidate for governor has a plan that would put 23,000 out-of-work Oregonians on the public payroll.

Don Clark, Multnomah County executive, recently outlined his back-to-work proposal in an interview with The Post.

Taking \$300 million available in the state Unemployment Compensation Fund, Clark proposes to form an

Oregon Employment Corps.

Clark said that current unemployment benefits don't provide Oregonians with a decent standard of living over an extended period of time. Rather than extending those benefits, he would propose that these funds be combined with available federal monies, a job-loss tax fund, local matching funds and a revised corporate income tax allocation to create the 15,000-member Adult Employment Corps.

Clark would then make those people available to communities where unemployment has hit hardest serving in public works capacities, building sewers, water projects and building the infrastructure on industrially-zoned land so that when there is a recovery, the state will be ready to accommodate industry.

"You can't have growth unless you have someplace for the businesses to relocate," he said.

The program would be phased out when unemployment drops below 8 percent.

An 8,000-member Young Adult Employment Corps for those who are marginally into the job market and potential "tax users," would be utilized to do forest brush clearing and planting trees in anticipation of a revitalized timber industry.

They would also help taxpayers save by weatherizing government buildings. As with the adult corps, local governments would supply the engineering, materials and supervisions for the projects.

### REVITALIZING CONSTRUCTION

"Nationally they have to do something," Clark said of the home-building industry. "Ultimately, it's the high interest rates that are killing us."

He said a non-profit corporation, backed by the state, would attract money from pension and retirement funds because it would offer a safe investment.

The money could then be made available to banks and savings and loans on the condition that it be loaned without the customary fees. Clark said that could allow home loans to be provided at rates of between 11 percent and 12 percent, rather than 14 percent and 15 percent.

His second step in revitalizing the home-building industry would institute lease-option agreements for homebuyers.

Using housing authorities to sell bonds, the state could assist in the initial construction cost and allow young people to move into a new home with essentially nothing down.

The money would go into an escrow account that would be used as the down payment after three years.

A third proposal would allow first-time homebuyers to move into semi-finished homes. That, Clark admitted, would take some working with local building authorities to accomplish.

### HEALTH CARE

Clark called his plan for health care the "boldest initiative coming out of the whole campaign."

He said the state could create, by statute, a State Health Care Fund from payroll tax on Oregon employers that would cost less than they pay now in fringe benefits.

Clark said that \$1.5 billion, less than is now being paid out by employers, could provide health care for every Oregonian with such benefits as 100 percent pharmaceuticals paid by the state. That, he said, would be of particular importance to senior citizens on fixed incomes.

The whole plan would be put out to cost competition to keep the price down because "every dollar you spend on health care is one less dollar you have to spend somewhere else," he said.

He cited Multnomah County's Pro-

ject Health which uses private health care services to control costs and serves the elderly and working poor.

### BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

"My priority would be expansion of small Oregon firms with less than 50 employees," Clark said. Experts estimate that 70 percent of the new jobs will come from local firms expanding, he said.

"My priority would be to put Oregonians to work," Clark said, rather than recruiting out-of-state firms that could bring their own workers.

So-called "diversified" industry is "footloose industry," Clark said. "If they're here today, they can be gone tomorrow."

He said Oregon can diversify its existing industry. "We need to do more with forest products," he said. "Those trees are like money in the bank to us."

He said the state should diversify its tourism industry and, finally, take advantage of its location on the Pacific Rim.

"It's the marketplace for the next 100 years and Oregon is sitting in the middle of it," he said. "It's our biggest source of future wealth."

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