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Sandy schools top national test average

by DAN DILLON

Sandy Elementary District students reached a high-water mark during the recent school year when they equaled or surpassed the average in the 13 testing batteries of a national, standardized test.

That marked the first time that district students have fared so well in the California Achievement Test. At the same time the test, administered in 35 states, pointed out areas where the local curriculum could be strengthened.

"The thing that's different is we have no grade in any of those 13 batteries of the test that is below grade placement," district Superintendent Clark Lund pointed out.

He noted an unusual percentage of students ranked in the 90th percentile or above in the test. He said that means that an eighth grader who ranked in the 90s is performing at a 12th-grade level in basic skills; a fifth grader would exhibit ninth-grade aptitudes in basic skills.

The California Achievement Test includes four areas related to reading, one to spelling, two to language arts, two to mathematics and one to reference skills. Those sub-groups are then totaled.

The result for Sandy Elementary District was "especially high" scores in reading and language arts, and "above average" mathematics scores, Lund said.

While it is nice that the students did so well, the superintendent is keeping the achievement in perspective.

"All it tells us is how our children are doing the the national averages," Lund said. "It helps us know where we want to maintain and where we can improve."

He said the information garnered from test results could be applied to grade levels, individual classrooms and individual pupils.

With individual students, the information can be used in parent-teacher conferences so the teacher may point out areas where the pupil needs improvement. It can tell whether Sandy Elementary School, for example, is covering the curriculum.



Sandy area residents burned rock'n'roll records and books Sunday after a church service at Sandy Assembly of God during which the music albums were denounced as carrying out the work of Satan. Nearly 300 persons took part in the activity.

Photos by Von Brascher

Ross to lead parade

Veteran Portland newscaster Richard Ross will be at the head of the Sandy Mountain Days parade when it heads up Pioneer Boulevard this year.

Festival Chairman Darrell Dempster said this week that the KATU-TV news anchorman has agreed to be the parade's grand marshal.

The parade will begin at 7:30 p.m. on July 8. Shannon Montgomery, who is organizing the parade, said the final list of entrants will not be ready until the end of the week but she is optimistic that many of the bigger entries in last year's parade will make a return appearance.

She said that the Royal Rosarians have made a commitment to appear in the parade.

Firemen's actions save old Dover Schoolhouse

by DAN DILLON

A little luck and quick action by Sandy firefighters last Wednesday saved the old Dover School from total destruction.

"Another minute or so in arriving and we probably would have lost the whole damn thing," said Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher.

The blaze caused an estimated \$20,000 damage to the 3,600-square-foot structure, which was valued at an estimated \$75,000. Loss to contents was valued at \$10,000.

The 56-year-old structure was on the brink of becoming totally engulfed in flames when the first Sandy fire engine arrived on the scene at 11:39 a.m., 11 minutes after the first alarm came into the main station.

However, firefighters were alerted to the possibility of a fully-involved fire by Dover firefighter, Tom Kasch.

He radioed from the Dover substation that the building had been puffing yellowish-gray smoke when he drove past it as he responded to the alarm. Smoke that color is a sign that all oxygen in the building has been used and the fire is waiting for a new oxygen source to explode.

When Sandy Fire Chief Bob Rathke arrived at the scene, six miles southeast of Sandy at the intersection of Kleinsmith and Kitzmiller roads, flames were shooting out of the eaves and the attic was totally on fire.

Firefighters then opened up the

roof to vent the explosive capabilities by giving the combustibles somewhere to escape. If a door or window had opened, Gallagher said, the fire would have exploded.

Nineteen minutes after arrival, the fire was under control.

"We had excellent response out of our volunteers and excellent work at the scene," Gallagher said. Thirty-two Sandy firefighters were assisted by tanker truck crews from the Boring, Estacada and Hoodland fire districts.

The fire was reported by the owner of the building, Bonnie Workinger, 40296 SE Kitzmiller Road, and by a neighbor who saw the smoke as he was working in his field.

Cause of the fire was a woodstove chimney in contact with combustible framing, Gallagher said. The fire started in the living room—a former classroom—and worked its way into the attic.

The occupant, Anna Malchow, was not at home and the building's owner had been watching it while she was away. Gallagher said Workinger had been in the building about 45 minutes before the fire was reported and had started a fire in the woodstove.

The school building was constructed in 1926, replacing an earlier Dover School which was destroyed by fire. The building was used as a schoolhouse until the district consolidated with Sandy Elementary District.

(See related story on page 5.)

SUHS rehires probationary teachers

Two of the 19 probationary teachers, whose contracts were not renewed in March after what Board Member Paul Tucker called "a bath of tears," were rehired Monday.

Sue Chambers, who has worked for Sandy Union High School one year as an intern and three years as a special education teacher, will be rehired if she accepts the school's contract.

Dr. Jack Peters, superintendent, called her the "guiding light" of Sandy's special education program. Clackamas County Educational Service District funds pay for the program.

Peters said rehiring Chambers will help keep SUHS in compliance with state and federal handicapped education laws.

The board unanimously agreed to rehire Chambers, as well as Jan

Luelling, librarian.

Luelling, said Peters, has been instrumental in making the library a vital part of our educational process.

He said, "We used to lose books, and I know this is unusual, but in one category we ended up with six more books than we started with."

Luelling will gain tenure with acceptance of the contract.

Dennis Crow, vice principal, discussed California Achievement Test results. Sandy's freshman class finished average or higher in 90 percent of the 41 tests, which tested reading, writing and math skills. Sandy rated very high in seven of the 41 tests, high in 11 of the tests, average in 19, and below average in four.

Areas to emphasize included grammatical problems and multiplication.

The junior class tested out at average or above in 80 percent of the tests. They rated a very high score in two of the 41 tests, high scores in 13, average scores in 18 and below average in eight.

Areas to emphasize included multiplication, geometry and certain grammatical areas.

Board Member Bob Boring said that he would be interested to see how Sandy compares with other schools in the county and state, instead of just nationally.

Dick Harrison, student services, said ESD has discussed that possibility, but Portland schools and others do not participate in the California Achievement Test.

It was pointed out that some schools don't do any testing. Board

Member Wayne Johnson commended Crow for his diligence in developing the program. He cited examples where Crow made changes in SUHS's curriculum to adjust for problems.

Monday was the first day incoming freshmen from feeder districts could test out of classes.

This allows students to take more advanced classes during their years at SUHS.

Crow reports that 61 students "challenged" classes. This is the largest number of students ever to challenge, and that was with two days remaining.

Board Member Gary Cleland said that he would like to know the percentage of students who successfully challenge classes. Crow said he would compile this information.

Second civil suit filed in timber theft case

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

A Gresham logger accused of timber theft who is one of the defendants in a \$1,860,000 suit filed by Clackamas County has been named in a second civil complaint that seeks damages up to \$180,600.

Donald C. Rogers and W.R. Rogers, co-partners in Rogers Construction Company of Portland, have filed a suit in Clackamas County Circuit Court charging that Tim M. Henderson stole timber, crushed rock and gravel from their land near Brightwood along Boulder Creek.

Also named in the suit are Henderson's wife, Darlene, his partner in Henderson Forest Products, and the Tacoma-based Cascade Timber Company and two of its top corporate officers.

The plaintiffs charge that Henderson illegally entered their property, around Nov. 21, 1979 and "wrongfully took" crushed rock and gravel valued at \$25,000.

Timber priced at \$60,450, triple the market value, was also allegedly cut and sold.

The Rogers' suit claims that Henderson's road construction and logging operations were conducted in such a manner that he violated the state's Forest Standards and Practices Act. As a result, the market value of the land allegedly suffered \$45,150 in damages.

In addition the plaintiffs are seeking \$25,000 in general damages and \$25,000 in punitive damages.

The Rogers' property is adjacent to county land and within close proximity to land administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Henderson is also charged with illegally removing timber from county and BLM lands along Boulder Creek, in addition to Forest Service land on Lolo Pass Road, near Zig Zag.

Cynthia Phillips, assistant Clackamas County counsel, said it is believed that gravel from the Rogers' property was used in the construction of the roads that gave Henderson access to the county's timber. This made both thefts "part of the same trespass."

In each case the persons and businesses who are alleged to have committed the trespasses and wrongful timber removal are the same, said Phillips.

The trees were cut by the same crews, shipped by the same trucks and sold to the same buyers, she said.

Phillips said on July 13, 1981, she and the Rogers' filed a joint motion before Oregon Circuit Judge Howard J. Blanding, requesting a consolidation of trials in the two civil cases.

After hearing oral arguments from the defendants and plaintiffs, Blanding denied the motion for consolidation.

On August 10, 1981, a motion for considering the consolidation of the two trials was again filed and again rejected.

Because the two trials would be lengthy and complicated, and each would contain the same evidence, Phillips said a joint trial would have been practical, saving both time and money for all involved.

No trial date has yet been set in either of the civil cases against Henderson.

County cuts hearing crew

The Clackamas County hearings officers are going out of business.

At a meeting recently, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners voted to take over the responsibilities of the hearings officers in an effort to balance the county budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The 30 percent budget reduction required for these divisions because of reduced revenue also means elimination of eight and a half jobs and \$175,000 for materials and services.

"The county will save over \$30,000 that is now pays to a Lake Oswego law firm to conduct hearings and make decisions on zone changes, conditional uses, variances and other land use matters," said Ardis Stevenson, Environmental Services assistant director.

Lenchitsky seeks spot on SUHS board

by SCOTT NEWTON

Terry Lenchitsky is one of two persons seeking Sandy Union High School Board of Directors Pos. 2 in the June 29 election.

Jeffrey Miller of Sandy is also running. An interview will Miller will be published in next week's Sandy Post.

Lenchitsky regularly attends SUHS board meetings and has been going to budget committee meetings for two years. He was chairman of this year's budget committee.

"I felt the '82 budget was very, very well put together," Lenchitsky said, adding that the budget committee received information from teachers and administrators before making final decisions.

"The cuts that were made—and there were many—were for the good of the students and the community, and preferably for the good of the taxpayers," he said.

The budget committee, school officials and others were openly aggressive in trying to get a tax base levy passed in March.

Lenchitsky feels that increased land assessments, in conjunction with the depressed economy, resulted in the defeat of the tax base.

He feels his business experience would transfer well to work as a board member.

He said, "The objective in this case, instead of making a profit, is to educate our students the best way that we can with the dollars we have



Terry Lenchitsky

to spend." Lenchitsky put in nearly 25 hours last winter on the budget committee alone. That does not include time spent at board meetings.

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