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## Key parcel annexed into city limits

by DAN DILLON

The city gained a piece of property it considers strategic to its growth Tuesday evening, but it remains to be seen if the Metropolitan Boundary Commission agrees.

Council annexed a one-acre parcel, owned by Robert and Mary Yoder, southeast of the intersection of Dubarko Road and SE 395th Avenue.

While annexation of a one-acre tract is unusual, city staff explained that this is an unusual tract.

City Planner Don Wilson told the

council the Yoder property is crucial to development of both the sewer and street systems. It lies in the Tickle Creek drainage where the sewer line will eventually go and is adjacent to Dubarko Road, which is targeted as a main thoroughfare in the future.

One-acre parcel annexations are unusual, so the city tied a condition to the remaining 18 acres that Yoder plans to keep. The condition would prohibit development until that property is annexed to the city and urban services are available for development.

City Manager Roger Jordan explained that without the condition the acreage could be split up into five-acre parcels and would become difficult to urbanize as they became occupied.

Wilson said that without the condition, the best the city could hope for would be an advisory role to the county on the 18 acres when it came time for development.

Councilman Tim Ward called the condition "extremely restrictive" and questioned the legality of the city trying to control land that is outside its

urban growth boundary for "favors" inside.

The southern portion of the 18 acres is outside the boundary and part of a dual interest agreement with Clackamas County.

The "favors" Ward alluded to are street improvements and sewer easements that were part of other conditions tied to the annexation agreement.

Councilman Calvin Jones pointed out, "It is restrictive, but he does have the option to come back" for modifications.

## Sewer rates to jump with August billing

by DAN DILLON

The cost for local residents to have their garbage hauled away will take a 13 percent jump beginning Aug. 1.

The Sandy City Council Tuesday night gave its approval to the rate hike request by Mt. Hood Refuse Removal to help that firm combat increases in the overall disposal cost at Rossman's Landfill in Oregon City, which is where all of the solid waste collected in Sandy must be disposed of.

Under the old rate, Mt. Hood Refuse Removal reportedly sustained a net loss during the past year.

The increase means that a residence with one garbage can picked up weekly will now pay \$6.40 per month; two cans will cost \$11.95. Commercial can rates will become \$6.90 for one, and \$11.95 for two.

Despite objections from the owners of Hood Chalet Mobile Home Estates, the council also approved a jump for mobile home owners to \$5.60 per can.

The mobile home park owners argued that monthly billings to themselves are nearly prohibitive, that the residents are senior citizens on fixed incomes and that proximity of cans makes for easier pick-up.

With the new rate structure, the city of Sandy still remains below the rate that Clackamas County has approved for this area under its franchise agreement with the firm.

### STREET IMPROVEMENTS

City Engineer Greg DiLoreto unveiled his strategy for street improvements this summer, noting that the biggest project will be on North Bluff Road from Highway 26 to Bell Street.

The work in that area will involve removing damaged sections of pavement, replacing them with 10 inches

of crushed rock and three inches of asphalt. After that the city will chip seal that stretch of road.

City crews will also dig new ditches and install culverts on both sides of Bluff Road in that same section where appropriate. By constructing the drainage ditches and removing the water from the road surface, the city can expect greater longevity and less maintenance, DiLoreto said.

That will mark the first of a three-year rehabilitation program that DiLoreto has mapped out for North Bluff. Work this year would cost approximately \$27,000.

Other projects earmarked for this summer include an oil mat on Hoffman Lane from Scenic Street north, on Hoffman Avenue between Hood and Pleasant streets, on Strauss Avenue between Pioneer Boulevard and Junker Street, and on Junker Street from Strauss to the post office.

A chip seal will be put on Hood Street from Revenue to Smith Avenue, on Hoffman Avenue from Pleasant Street south, and on Sandy Heights from Tupper Road east. The last project is pending as a question of jurisdiction is decided.

In other action, the city council:  
—Purchased a road grader for \$20,100.

The grader will have a cab, which had been considered optional earlier.

—Extended a sign ordinance amendment that allows merchants temporary special advertising.

—Purchased a new life insurance policy that will save the city \$2 per city employee. Council also agreed on a workmen's compensation plan that will allow a rebate to the city, if claims are below an established level. The city has been below the level seven of the past eight years.



Don Deming leans over to give his wife, Myrtle, a kiss after she made him a member of the Royal Order of the Bear in her first act as Sandy Mountain

Festival Queen. The ceremony happened under rainy skies Sunday at the annual July 4 festivities. Staff photo

## Welches teachers, district at odds in contract negotiations

By MICHAEL P. JONES  
Post Correspondent

Teachers' leaves and salaries differences were aired last Thursday as teacher and district representatives presented arguments in contract talks in the Welches School District. The contract expired June 30.

Prior to the hearing, the school board and the Welches Education Association, which represents 21 full-time and one part-time teacher, reached a tentative agreement on two issues separating the two sides. Six remain unresolved.

One disputed item that Don Robertson of the Oregon Educational Association and Russell Grange of the Oregon School Board Association took issue on was personal leaves of

absence.

The district wants to maintain the terms of the expired contract which allows one day leave with pay. The teacher want two days.

Robertson, representing the teachers, argued that because Welches Grade School is isolated from the metropolitan area it means that teachers have to travel along way to conduct their personal business, such as visiting a doctor or dentist.

Because many of these places close at 5 p.m. and the teacher's work days end at 4 p.m., they can not conduct this business after school.

Regarding professional leave, Robertson said the teachers want the wording amended from "may be granted" to "will be granted any

school day," unless given just cause by the superintendent-principal.

Robertson said under the old contract allowed a professional leave only if a teacher worked towards an advanced degree at an approved university. He said there are other courses, such as a reading or an environmental course that would currently not be approved.

Grange disagreed and said to his knowledge no employee has ever been denied a leave under current district policy.

The WEA also has proposed that sabbatical leave, extended leave and parental leave, written into the new contract.

Parental leave, as proposed by the WEA, would allow leave to be granted to teachers who are preg-

nant, adopting a child, taking care of a sick child or raising a child.

"We do think pregnancy disability, as in any other district in this state," said Robertson, "should be treated as a physical disability or a medical disability."

Grange said the board agreed that maternity leave should be considered a physical disability. He did, however, say they could not agree with allowing a male teacher time off to raise of a child.

Grange said the district could not afford any of the proposed new leaves at this time, blaming economic problems of the district to be the reason.

Robertson, disagreed and cited these economic difficulties as being minimal.

Regarding salaries, both sides defend their respective positions.

Robertson compared Welches with other school districts in Clackamas County and claimed it teachers are at the bottom of the salary scale, particularly those with more experience and more education.

"It's obvious where Welches ranks," said Robertson, "and that's last."

"Even with the district's figures, our people are behind in every way," he said. "And that's with hand-picked data the district comes up with."

Grange questioned WEA's data. Sometimes, he said, the WEA's salary index for the districts in the county at times showed 20 districts on some charts and 21 districts on

others.

Grange said WEA's charts are misleading and claimed there are actually 28 districts in the county—29 if you count the Clackamas County Educational Service District.

Information from the excluded districts was unavailable to the WEA, Robertson claimed.

Grange said the district could not afford to increase the teachers salaries 6 percent as sought by the WEA, citing high unemployment and high incidences of property tax appeals in the county.

He said that the Oregon School Board Association receives calls daily from teachers in other districts, asking to renegotiate their contracts down, because the districts can not meet their operating budgets.

## Mountain district plots course for levy OK

The Welches School Board met in special session last Thursday to plot its next course of action for the district's levy which had been defeated earlier in the week.

At that meeting, the board unanimously agreed to bring the \$106,782 special school levy back before the voters Aug. 10 in another A-B ballot.

The levy was narrowly defeated June 29 by a 216-210 vote after a low-key campaign by the school district failed to attract the anticipated supportive voters to the polls.

"I know for some reason a lot of people forgot to vote," said board member Richard Hoffman.

School Superintendent Kenneth Blackburn said the issue which failed

was not the Welches levy, but the poor economy.

"They were voting on their pocket-book," said Blackburn, "not the Welches budget."

He attributed the area's poor economy directly to the defeat of the levy, as well as to the reduced money received from the state Department of Education which pays money for each child in attendance.

At the beginning of the school year, enrollment was 348. Based on that figure, Blackburn said the district anticipated receiving \$650.04 per child. At the end of the school year, however only 303 still attended and the district received just \$619.86 per student, a reduction of \$30.18.

Blackburn said the Mt. Hood corridor has a unique economy which was typical of other resort areas. It has low income but high real estate values.

The area, according to Blackburn, has the highest assessment value in all of Clackamas County. He estimated the total assessed valuation of property at \$187 million.

One parent, Marge Wicks, encouraged the board to do more to inform the voters of the importance of the levy and to make them aware that there is an election scheduled.

She said the only ones who appeared to be aware there was an election "was the 216 who voted no."

"The claim 'I have never been informed' is a cop out," said Blackburn.

If the combined A-B levy fails Aug. 10, it will go back before the voters in an A and B ballot in October.

## Sandy's first pageant queen crowned

by SCOTT NEWTON

Four of the 14 contestants in the recent Miss Mt. Hood Area Scholarship Pageant were from Sandy and for the first time ever, so was one of the two winners, Lillian Muff.

"I think our class is really outgoing," Muff, a 1982 SUHS graduate, said. "We do a lot of different things."

There are advantages and disadvantages to competing against your friends, according to Muff. In a way, it was harder, but she adds, "In a way it wasn't even competing. We all did our best, and whoever won, won."

Said said it was nice having people there she knew, although by the time the whole process is that far along one gets to know everyone else anyway.

She said between the four of them, they figured one of them would end up doing well.

Muff, 18, the daughter of Leonhard and Elvira Muff, was active in drama, YMCA youth legislature, speech and dancing at SUHS.

She will attend the University of Oregon this fall, and plans to major in advertising, which is offered through the journalism-communications department. Muff plans to minor in theater arts and English.

A \$500 scholarship, one of the many awards she will and has received, will help her with college expenses.

Muff also won a \$795 scholarship to the Glore LaVonne Modeling School, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to next year's Miss Oregon Pageant, in which she will compete.

A partial wardrobe, a six-month membership to the Gresham Athletic Club, and opportunities for more scholarships are other benefits offered the winners of the pageant. Muff is Miss Metro East. Kini McPhail is Miss Mt. Hood Area.

The winners will also receive a Columbia River Gorge cruise and a flight around Mt. St. Helens.

Other Sandy High students who competed included Tomi Griffin, 18, a 1982 graduate who was active in performing arts at SUHS, Dayna Rainier, 17, an SUHS senior-to-be who is involved in student government and was a varsity football cheerleader, and Audrey Chapman, 17, a 1982 SUHS graduate who was first-chair clarinet in the band and a member of the National Honor Society.

Originally, 59 were entered in the Miss Mt. Hood Area Scholarship Pageant. There was a tea for parents and contestants in February, and a preliminary pageant in March. Slowly the number was pared to 14; four from Sandy was the most ever.

In preparation for the Mt. Hood pageant, the contestants received advice on their talent routines as well as other aspects of the pageant.

Asked why she decided to enter



Lillian Muff

the pageant, Muff said, "It was my senior year, and I've always wanted to do a pageant. And, I've been dancing since I was in second grade."

"You always watch it (the Miss America Pageant) on TV, and go 'I wish I was one of them...'"

Muff began dancing in Sandy, but when the company closed she went to other schools in Gresham and Portland.

She performed a Broadway-type jazz dance to "Don't Rain on My Parade," from "Funny Girl."

The routine runs about two and a half minutes, and although Muff has had a lot of theater experience at Sandy, she reports never having been as nervous as she was the night of the Mt. Hood pageant.

"I was just terrified," she said. "And then my dress got there during swim suit competition, or something, because my mom was home finishing it."

"I was a nervous wreck until I got it. I thought, 'Oh no, what if I'm standing here with no dress and it's (time for) evening gown competition. Luckily, it got there. My family just missed the opening number.'"

Was she surprised to win? "Of course, yeah, I was. Out of all four of us, just I won, and I thought, 'Please, not this. Anything but this.'"

Muff was selling advertising for the pageant program when she found a sponsor, Achilles Heel in Gresham. They volunteered to sponsor her. "I said, 'That'd be great.'"

She modeled clothes for them at the Cascade Show Off, an apparel and equipment show held at the Hilton before the Cascade Run Off.

She said she'd like to work as a model, but realizes it would be a hard field to get into.

She has only one regret about the state pageant. It's held in Seaside at the same time as the Sandy Mountain Days festival.

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