

# Illegal fireworks silenced

It was a quiet July 4 weekend as far as emergency calls for the Sandy Fire District, but on the fireworks front, things were popping.

Sunday evening fire district personnel and Sandy police officers collected an arsenal of illegal fireworks from youngsters and adults.

One 12-year-old was stopped inside the high school field with 19 packs of Black Cat firecrackers.

Bottle rockets were taken from a man who was setting them off inside the field.

The real problems came from outside the annual July 4 festivities where people above the field who were shooting fireworks out over the field.

A man in the October Hills subdivision had a trunkful of rockets and other aerial fireworks taken by fire district officials.

"We were really lucky this year," said Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher. "The rain kept the crowd down at the ball field and with a lot of uncut grass, if it had been dry, we would have been hopping."

Fireworks-related incidents were believed responsible for a fire that destroyed a Tacoma, Wash., lumber



Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher shows part of the cache of fireworks taken over the holiday.

yard, and 40 grass fires in the Tri-Cities area.

Gallagher said the only legal fireworks in the state of Oregon are sparklers, caps and smoke items.

"Unfortunately, the state of Washington has seen fit to relax their laws," Gallagher said.

He said the situation was much better than in years past. "We worked it this year. Our intention is to work it a lot harder next year and I don't anticipate the law is going to change," he said. Currently, a \$500 fine may be levied for use of illegal fireworks.

He credited cooperation from local police for helping curb the problem of illegal fireworks. This marked the first time the two agencies had worked together on the situation. The fire district received no calls for fireworks-related injuries over the holiday, but some areas weren't so fortunate.

Portland hospitals reported more than 20 fireworks injuries and six fireworks-related injuries were treated in the emergency room at Gresham Community Hospital during the weekend.

The Gresham victims ranged in age from 1 to 30, with the injuries including eye damage, burned fingers and third-degree burns on the back.

Joel Brenner, emergency room surgeon at the Gresham hospital, said the patient traffic was the heaviest in years.

The All Breeds Pet Show, sponsored by the Sandy Recreation Department, will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Sandy Elementary School.

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## Keeping posted

# Festival activities highlight week

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After the parade, local merchants will host a Moonlite Madness Sale throughout the downtown area.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

The Bike Derby, hosted by Sandy Recreation Department, will be held at

10:30 a.m. at Cedar Ridge School's track.

The Sandy Baha'i community will present a public talk about race unity at the Sandy Community Center at 7 p.m. Joy Cross of Wood Village will be guest speaker.

The Sandy Community Players will present "I've Got Rhythm," a history of Broadway musicals, at 8 p.m. at the Community Theater on Proctor Boulevard.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

The Almost 10-Kilometer Run begins at 8:30 a.m. Racers will begin at Camera Connection and follow a course that includes Langensand, Trubel, Bornstedt, Dubarko Roads.

The Barlow Trail Long Rifle Shoot will be held Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day at the Cedar Ridge School athletic field.

St. Michael's Women's Club hosts a quilt show at the parish hall on Langensand Road Saturday and Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church is sponsoring a mobile health clinic in the parking lot at Williams Thriftway, 17450 Meinig Ave., from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Sandy Mountain Festival opens its two-day arts and crafts extravaganza in Meinig Park. Hours Saturday are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Hours Sunday are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. in Rainbow Lodge. Board members are urged

to attend. "I've Got Rhythm," presented by SCP, plays at Sandy Community Theater at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

The Community Players will put on a 7 p.m. performance of their musical revue, "I've Got Rhythm," at the Community Theater.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

John Kauffman, director of Clackamas County Elections Department, will be guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce at noon at the Tollgate Inn.

The Eastern Star meets at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.

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## Drama rescheduled

Opening night on an upcoming Sandy Community Players' presentation has been moved up, according to its director.

The SCP production "The Woolgatherer" was originally scheduled to open Oct. 1 as a late show, following "The Butler Did It."

However, because of scheduling conflicts, the drama will now open Sept. 3 and run at the regular 8 p.m. showtime for three weekends.

Rehearsals for the sensitive, adult drama will begin July 12 with a two-person cast, Lisa Read and Larry LaMarsh. The play is directed by Rob Lawson.

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