



## Sandy Mountain Days: Involvement key to success



Top left: Dan MacDonald, emcee of the Sandy Mountain Days parade, provides a clue as to why he was selected to ride with Annie in the Rose Festival Parade as Daddy Warbucks. Bottom left: Mike Valdrow of the Barlow Trail Long Rifles club loads his gun during black powder competition. Valdrow is

president of the black powder club. Above: The Sandy Rebekas were third in civic organization competition. Pictured, from left to right, is Myrta Hall, Erma Stromberg, Frances Ormsby, Lois Polivka, Agnes Hartwig and Julia Latimer.

# Fire in woodcutting area burns for 11 hours

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A woodcutting area on Kiwanis Camp Road above Rhododendron caught fire Sunday night and burned an estimated 40 to 50 cords of

firewood before being brought under control 11 hours after it started.

Herb Evans, Forest Service information officer with the Zig Zag Ranger District, said the fire was reported shortly after 10 p.m. by a passing motorist.

He said the fire began in a heavily-used woodcutting area just off of Highway 26 near the Kiwanis Camp that is known as the "By-Pass Sale." It had been opened to woodcutters on July 8.

Equipment and firefighters from

the Department of State Forestry and the Hoodland Rural Fire Department battled to bring the blaze under control, along with 34 firefighters from the Forest Service.

Evans said firefighters contained the blaze in a log deck located between two uphill cuts where logs had been "yarded" during previous logging operations.

The fire was not brought under control until 9 a.m. the following morning. "Mop-up" operations continued until late Monday afternoon and the area is temporarily closed to woodcutters, said Evans.

The fire is believed to have ignited after the district's fire patrol last checked the area at 5 p.m., said Evans. He said it could have burned

four to five hours before being discovered.

Evans said the cause of the blaze is still under investigation. It is believed to have been caused by a woodcutter who lacked a "spark-arrester" screen, which is required equipment on all chain saw mufflers being used in the National Forest.

Due to Sunday's fire, Evans said that fire management personnel from the district are spot checking cutters to insure they have the required equipment. If not, they will not be allowed to cut and will be turned away as a number of them were on Monday.

Woodcutters are required to have a shovel with a 48-inch-long handle, an eight-ounce fire extinguisher and a

.023-gauge spark-arrester screen on their chain saw muffler.

Evans said the newer chain saws are now equipped with the spark-arrester. Any dealer can install the required arresters on older-model chain saws.

In addition to this equipment, Evans said that forest cutting rules also require a watchman be left on duty one hour after a chain saw is shut-off. This would help to prevent another fire, similar to Sunday's.

With the arrival of the hot weather, Evans said the district will be stressing fire prevention.

"We are now in the dry part of the season," said Evans. "If woodcutters do not have the proper equipment they will be turned away."

## Water district receiver to present engineering designs

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A pre-hearing was held last month between representatives of the Alder Creek Water Users Association, the receiver of the Alder Creek Water Company and representatives of the U.S. Attorney's office in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge Gus Solomon.

The pre-hearing, held June 4, was to clarify issues that will be addressed in a hearing scheduled for today when the company receiver, Gene Ginther, will present his engineering designs and request the court adopt his plans for the company's service area.

The court may also decide if the receiver can apply, on behalf of the five districts, for a \$1.75 million loan through the federal Farm Home Administration. Earlier this year Solomon ordered the FHA to accept the loan pre-application from Ginther despite objections from some water customers.

The water company's service area, which includes the communities of Alder Creek-Barlow, Riverside, Country Club, Sleepy Hollow and Wildwood, just recently was divided into five separate service districts.

Jock Stewart, chairperson of the Alder Creek Water Users Association, said the districts were formed so residents could have a voice in the administration and operation of the five domestic water systems that serve the area.

Residents had taken issue with Ginther's plans, calling them unacceptable and prohibitive due to design and cost.

Originally, said Stewart, the hearing was scheduled for sometime prior to the elections, but upon the request of the water users Solomon changed the date of the hearing to July 15.

Stewart said the extra time allowed for elections to be held for the five new water districts boards. The election was held June 29.

Elected from Wildwood were John Anderson, Frank Fraijo, Joyce Fraijo, Ronald French and Ron Stanton. Elected from Country Club were Mark Bachmann, Mary Botcheos, R.H. Stonebrook and Jackie Yates. Elected from Alder Creek-Barlow were Margo Dempster, Bob Gordon, Maggi Rands, Richard Stone and Orville Thompson. Elected from Sleepy Hollow were Marilyn Hill, Everard Johnson, Charles Peterson, Jeffery Shackelford and Dottie Sharp. Elected from Riverside were Robert Benson, John Flemming, Jock Stewart, Kylie Milne and Richard Milne.

The additional time also has allowed the candidates to begin familiarizing themselves with the issues of the coming hearing.

Several weeks ago, said Stewart, "we officially expanded the board of the Alder Creek Water Users Association to allow all the candidates to begin participating."

Stewart said when the five district boards officially became active on July 1 the water users association became inactive. An inter-governmental board, which is comprised of board members from all the systems, has taken over the function of the association.

Participation by the candidates now, said Stewart, has made the transition a lot easier.

Stewart said he and the rest of the association members, and its legal counsel, Edward Sullivan of Portland, feel comfortable with the outcome of the pre-hearing.

He said earlier fears about not getting a fair chance at the hearing were dispelled.

Stewart said, in regard to the estimated \$157,000 bill that Ginther claims the company owes him for work conducted since the time he took over as receiver on September 15, 1980, that Solomon seems to sympathize with them.

According to Stewart, Solomon said that he had no idea the bill was going to be so large or that there was

no avenue readily available to pay it.

Since the time Ginther took over as receiver, it was made clear by federal officials that he would be paid for the work he has done.

"What we intend to do is fill the courtroom and put on a hell of a presentation," said Stewart. "We are even more organized than we were a few months ago."

### Hoodland Happenings

## Timberline Rim sale set for the weekend

SATURDAY, JULY 17

The third annual Timberline Rim Craft Market begins today at the Timberline Rim club house, about 12 miles east of Sandy. Signs will be posted. Wooden toys, pottery, stained glass, quilts, jewelry, glass etchings, oil paintings, water colors, ceramics and other items will be featured at the indoor-outdoor affair. Craft demonstrations will be held throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday.

SUNDAY, JULY 18

The Timberline Rim Craft Market sale continues today. A special feature will be a tour of homes within the Timberline Rim—an area with unique homes nestled along the Sandy River at the base of Mt. Hood.

MONDAY, JULY 19

The Welches Community School aerobic dance class will be held today beginning at 9 a.m. at Welches School in the covered area next to the school playground. Babysitting will be available for a small fee.

A CPO meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club.

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Aerobic dance class will continue today at Welches School beginning at

9 a.m.

Welches Community School hikes continue throughout the summer with Lou Tipton leading. Meet at the Hoodland Women's Club building to car pool.

The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at the Mt. Hood Food and General Store in Rhododendron from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

To place an event in the Hoodland Happenings, contact Dawn Morrison at 622-3538.

## Mt. Hood Corridor group to discuss subdivision, water

The Mt. Hood Corridor Citizens Planning Organization will meet Monday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hoodland Women's Club.

A developer of the proposed Brightwood Glen subdivision will address some of the issues that have been raised concerning that project.

Fund raising and mailing procedures for the CPO are also on the agenda, along with a presentation on the Hoodland Service District's

agency's staff are not true, according to the spokesperson of the Green Thumb program, which provides salaries for the workers.

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sewer outfall line.

Dennis Tylka will present his findings concerning the effects of chlorinated effluence from the plant as it pertains to fisheries and the water quality of the Sandy River.

The service district laid the pipe two years ago through the flood plains of the Sandy River, just north of where Arrah Wanna Boulevard intersects with Highway 26 in Wemme.

## Center's future appears stable

Rumors circulating about the closing of the Hoodland Senior Center due to the lack of funding for the

agency's staff are not true, according to the spokesperson of the Green Thumb program, which provides salaries for the workers.

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Marilyn Leslie, a member of the center's board of directors, said the Loaves and Fishes program has had its funding cut back, which means the center's operating funds are also being cut back.

Worley, the center's director, said although operating monies have been reduced as a result of federal budget cuts, the doors of the center will remain open. There will be a greater emphasis placed on volunteer help.

## Sandy, Rhody residents to serve

A Sandy resident and a Rhododendron resident have been elected as liaison representatives for the 5th Congressional District.

In late June the Democratic Central Committee met in Oregon City and elected Peter Sulzbach, chairperson of the Sandy Community Action Center, and Carolyn Smith of Rhododendron, to serve as liaison between the voters and the Democratic hopeful for the new district.

Other representatives from Clackamas County include Lorna Marble, Rich Weiss, and Walt Brown, a Milwaukie resident who is running for the senate seat in state District 12.

The five representatives will be assisting congressional candidate Ruth McFarland of Boring in her efforts to defeat Republican incumbent Denny Smith in the November election.