



Members of the Sunshine Girls try their hand at starting a fire without matches. The girls were learning outdoor skills as part of their participation in the annual Girl Scout Day Camp in Meinig Park. Photo by Dan Dillon

## Scouts spark interest in outdoors

by DAN DILLON

A pot of coffee was considered a sign of hospitality among mountain men when a stranger came into camp, so last week Bing Beckman played on that notion when he had visitors drop by his camp.

Beckman, a member of the Barlow Trail Long Rifles, set up camp in Meinig Park last Wednesday to teach some 150 Girl Scouts and leaders the ins and outs of starting a fire without a match. Along the way, he gave out a few pointers on fire prevention to the campers.

While he surveyed the crowd for a show of hands from coffee-drinkers, Beckman gave the Scouts some pointers on fire building and fire prevention, along with a little legend and lore from the mountain men's heyday.

The Scouts were part of the fourth annual day camp in the park, learning outdoor skills

like fire building and cooking in preparation for an overnight campout at the end of the week.

Beckman was on hand to show the girls how mountain men got along when they roughed it in the Oregon wilderness.

Decked out in a full set of buckskins, Beckman demonstrated fire-starting with a flint and steel. Most of the girls were able to strike a spark themselves when they got a chance to try their hand at the time-honored method.

Along with his flint and steel, Beckman brought along his muzzle loader, some traps and some pelts to show the girls.

Beckman, who has been hunting with the muzzle loader for the past 11 years, said he hasn't been skunked deer hunting in the past five seasons.

The get-together with the girls gave him an opportunity to share some of his expertise

from his job as a fire control officer for the Forest Service at Zigzag.

"It's been a ball today," he said. "We had some good groups here."

The Scouts, from Sandy, Damascus, Boring, Orient and Cottrell, spent the week on crafts, taking outings to Hidden Lake, Mirror Lake or Ramona Falls and working on service projects.

Along the way the girls found time to write letters to the camp mascot—a mouse. The industrious mouse even wrote back with reminders about not running in the park or things left overnight.

With the week-closing campout at a local farm, the Scouts got the opportunity to try their hands at porcupine meatballs and ash cakes away from the park.

And if they happened to get cold that night, they could just get out the trusty flint and steel and make themselves a pot of coffee.

## Tax limit

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The city of Portland has analyzed the impact the initiative would have on its revenues. City officials there estimate that city revenues would be cut by at least 35 percent.

State education officials say cuts for school districts could range as high as 42 percent.

Phillips, who thinks government spending is getting out of hand and should be reduced, estimates the cuts would be only 25 percent.

The tightened Oregon economy resulted in a reduction in the state's property tax relief plan, adopted in 1979. The maximum payment under the relief plan has fallen from

\$800 in 1979 to approximately \$215 this year because of the economic slump.

In a recent press release, Phillips summed up his concerns, "To put it bluntly, things are not going to get any better unless concerned taxpayers do something."

He said that if a home was assessed this year at \$72,000, the homeowner paid approximately \$1,700 in property taxes in the tri-county area. By a conservative estimate of a continued 30 percent increase, he said, that same property tax bill would climb to \$3,734 by 1985—\$311 per month.

Last year assessed valuation in Clackamas

County jumped 13 percent and the average tax rate climbed from \$19.61 to \$22.58. The total taxes levied, however, jumped 30.1 percent, according to the Oregon Taxpayers Association.

If the proposal is OK'd, the League of Oregon Cities warns that large capital improvements may be difficult to swing.

In a statement to city officials, the League said, "There is serious doubt (legally and practically) about whether cities could continue to sell general obligation bonds. Without this financing source, major capital improvements would be extremely difficult to achieve."

## School district

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According to the agreement, the group will receive a 5 percent increase the first year and a raise based on the Portland area consumer price index minus 2 percent the second and third year.

Lund called the agreement "very reasonable."

In other action at the July board meeting:

—The board opened bids on re-plumbing the north wing of the Sandy Elementary School and got a pleasant surprise.

The bid by MacKinstry Company of Portland was \$20,000 less than what the engineer had suspected would be the price. Leaking pipes have plagued the north wing for a number of years.

—The board agreed to knock out a wall between the secretary-receptionist

office in Sandy Elementary School and the adjacent classroom which has been used as a material preparation center, storage area and sick bay for students.

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## Security info close as phone

An automobile trip to Portland isn't needed for Sandy area residents who have to deal with Social Security representatives.

People who live in Sandy can contact Social Security by telephone to file a claim for Social Security benefits, to report any changes that affect Social Security payments and to inquire about Medicare claims, according to Field Representative Dee Pigsley.

Changes such as address, work estimates, marriage or death may be reported by dialing 221-3381 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Information about Medicare claims Part B may be obtained by calling 222-6831 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Pigsley said.

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## One-car accident fatal to Sandy man

A 62-year-old Sandy man died Monday in a one-car accident in the White River Pass area east of Government Camp.

Warren C. Carter, 51975 East Terra Fern, died at approximately 6 a.m. on Forest Service Road No. 48, one and a half miles east of Highway 35.

According to Deputy Chief Don Hardman of the Hood River County Sheriff's Office, Carter was driving to work in a crew-

cab pickup owned by the Tad Yeagar Logging Company of Sandy when the accident occurred. A passenger in the vehicle, Eugene Phernetton, 49, of Estacada was injured in the mishap.

Hardman said Carter reportedly fell asleep at the wheel and drove into an embankment on the left-hand side of the roadway. When he awoke, he over-corrected the vehicle and slid 30 feet. The pick-up

rolled three times and traveled 124 feet before coming to a rest.

Both the passenger and the victim were thrown from the vehicle.

Carter was dead at the scene.

Emanuel Hospital's Life Flight helicopter was called to the scene but heavy fog cover prevented the airlift from being completed.

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## Mayor, council seats open for local vote

Local officials this week reminded Sandy residents that filing is now underway for the mayor's position and three seats on the City Council.

City Manager Roger Jordan said that often residents feel they would like to serve on the council but are unaware of how to go about placing their names on the ballot.

Council members serve four-year terms; the mayor's term is two years.

To qualify for the election, a candidate must have been a Sandy resident for the past 12 months.

This year all nominating petitions for the positions must be filed with the city no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 31. This allows the city time to verify the signatures gathered.

City charter specifies that anyone who wishes to run for a city office must

obtain a petition at Sandy City Hall and gather 20 valid voters' signatures from residents within the city limits. The petition must be filed with the city recorder.

If the petition has been circulated by someone other than the person being nominated, the nominated person must also file an acceptance of the nomination.

No voter may sign more than one petition for each office to be filled. That means a resident may sign three council petitions and one mayoral petition.

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## Bible camp scheduled next Monday

For an action-packed three and a half hours, children entering kindergarten through seventh grade are invited to attend the "Summer Bible Roundup" at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church.

The program includes Bible lessons, missionaries, games, crafts, prizes, treats and a special feature—a clown. The program is directed by Fern Bissell and Susan Coates.

"Summer Bible Roundup" will be held Aug. 2, 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.