

Candidates hedge on full sales tax support

by DAN DILLON

Library books for a fee and local toll booths are possibilities for Sandy's future if Ballot Measure 3 passes, according to the two candidates vying for the House District 23 seat.

"I think there will be user fees for everything from libraries to toll booths on city streets," Mark Pihl, R-Canby, told the audience last Thursday evening at a symposium sponsored by Sandy High School.



Bob Shiprack



Mark Pihl

"If the people pass Ballot Measure 3, do they want additional taxes" to meet local shortfalls, asked his opponent, Bob Shiprack, D-Beavercreek. "The state doesn't have the money to pick up the shortfalls."

If the measure, which would limit property tax increases to 1.5 percent and roll back assessments to 1979 levels, is successful

neither candidate would overwhelmingly support a sales tax to make up the difference in revenues for schools and local municipalities.

"I think the sales tax is a regressive tax," Shiprack

said. "It has no bearing on one's need, one's income, one's dependence. I prefer the income tax system."

Pihl would not endorse a sales tax either, but outlined a method by which could win his support.

He advocates excluding all food and medicines from the tax, tying it to the state Constitution to allow voters only to raise it and making it part of a complete tax reform package.

Pihl added that the sales tax would have to lessen the burden in other areas and have some of its revenue earmarked specifically for schools.

Shiprack said the sales tax would be fruitless unless it applies to food and clothing. He pointed to Washington state which put food back on the sales tax roles because revenues were not meeting expectations.

In addition, Shiprack added, lotteries and luxury taxes "aren't going to make a dent in any state deficit," which he estimated will be \$500 million in the next biennium.

Assuming Ballot Measure 3 is unsuccessful at the polls, the Beavercreek electrician said, cuts will have to come after a complete review of state agencies. He hinted that he would favor elimination of some duplicated services and pointed to five schools of education in the state, as an example.

"I would cut where it would do the least harm," he reasoned.

While Pihl, a travel agency executive, concurred that duplications must be cut, he offered a "wait-and-see" attitude to see what

develops in the governor's budget recommendation.

He blasted the property tax relief program. "If we're to have property tax relief, why not cut the taxes," he asked.

Pihl, who told the audience he favors "greater local controls" said the state has no role to play in alleviating the WPPSS crisis.

Shiprack countered that the state should "coax, coerce" regional power boards to place the cost on those who use it. He cited the sale of WPPSS power to California at low rates.

Senior Center News:

Center seeks afternoon volunteers

The Sandy Senior Center is seeking volunteers interested in serving as receptionists and hostesses on Thursday or Friday afternoons.

Applicants should enjoy assisting others and working in a business environment, according to center director Sandra Potter Marquardt. For more information, call 668-5569.

Skilled volunteers will be available this Tuesday, Oct. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to noon to assist seniors with completion of Medicare and private insurance reimbursement requests or in selection of supplemental Medicare insurance policies. Service provided on an appointment basis.

The Sandy Silvertones will fete all members and

guests of the center celebrating birthdays in October in conjunction with the Loaves and Fishes lunch Oct. 26. Festivities begin at 12:30 p.m. followed by dance class at 1 p.m.

The arts and crafts class meets again next Thursday, Oct. 28, at 1:30 p.m. in preparation for the Golden Age Club bazaar scheduled Dec. 3. Participants are asked to come prepared with sewing items and materials suitable for constructing Christmas decorations.

An opportunity to view a matinee performance of the Ice Capades will be available to seniors Sunday, Nov. 28. Arrangements to attend may be made with the Sandy Senior Center through next

Thursday, Oct. 28. Cost will be \$4.25 for admission, plus \$1 for admission.

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9 a.m.: Exercise Class
10 a.m.: Humanities Class
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
1 p.m.: Arts and Crafts

FRIDAY, OCT. 22
9 a.m.: Depart for Covered Bridge Tour
10 a.m.: Drama Class
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
7:30 p.m.: Community Card Night

MONDAY, OCT. 25
9 a.m.: Exercise Class
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
1 p.m.: Ceramics
1 p.m.: Cards

TUESDAY, OCT. 26
9:30 a.m.: Medical In-

urance Assistance
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
12:30 p.m.: October Birthday Party
1 p.m.: Dance Instruction

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
1 p.m.: Band Practice
5:30 p.m.: Senior Dine-Out at Shari's

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