

## Climbing season end seen

The amount of snow on Mt. Hood indicates climbing season should last until the third week in July, according to Zigzag Ranger District estimates.

The district reports weekly climbing conditions and offers guidelines for climbers. Climbing the mountain isn't an easy walk up, but a technical climb requiring some mountaineering skills. The Forest Service advises anyone who has not climbed the mountain to find someone who has to take them up.

The mountain is currently in a transition between winter and spring climbing conditions with quite a bit of drifted snow to contend with, according to Herb Evans of the Forest Service. Due to fast-moving storms this time of year, climbers should be prepared for full winter conditions, be able to navigate with a map and compass in white-out conditions and be ready to evaluate avalanche conditions in any route they choose.

Avalanche danger is greatest on lee slopes during and after storm periods. Whenever climbers sink into snow, the slope should be considered for avalanche potential.

## Public seeks input in screening

The possibility of a public advisory committee to help screen applicants for the superintendent position at Welches School will be discussed this evening by the school board.

Superintendent Kenneth Blackburn has resigned effective at the end of this school year.

Jeanine Boldt, a Welches School teacher, brought the idea before the board at its April 14 meeting.

"Since the new superintendent will be working with the community... it would be good if the community had some input," she said.

Board member Bruce Erickson questioned whether an advisory board would be in the best interests of the school. "We have a lot of people who want to run the school but don't want to run for the school board," said Erickson.

Area resident Dan Wolf feels the committee will be a good idea. "We recognize that it is (the school board) who ultimately must make

the decision," said Wolf, "but from time to time we would like to have some input."

After hearing from several persons at the meeting, the board felt there is sufficient support for the committee to schedule the special meeting. "The public expressed interest and I personally feel that it is a good idea," said board chairman Dick Hoffman.

Boldt also asked the board to re-negotiate certain parts of the present grievance procedure policy.

Blackburn said the requested changes mostly involved language clarification. The board agreed to set a date for discussion of those changes.

After hearing assurances that parents would be well informed of class content, the board also accepted the proposed Human Development Program for the upper grades. "Parents will know what is being taught in each section and will be able to keep children out of

class during any part they are uncomfortable with," said Clackamas County juvenile counselor Linda Nickerson Miller.

Miller had urged acceptance of the program along with other members of the Educational Materials Screening Committee which reviewed the proposed sex education curriculum. She cited lack of adequate sex education as one reason nearly half of all children between the ages of 10 and 19 are sexually active.

A report by the committee said, "the Sandy High School health department, the juvenile court counselor, police agencies and parents are concerned with 9th grade students from Welches."

According to the report, these students seem to be less able to make responsible decisions concerning drug usage and sexual conduct. The possibility of the community's isolation being the cause was raised in the report.

In other action the board voted to allow a coalition of sports groups, headed by Dawson Hubert, to begin work on construction of baseball fields on the school's property.

The board also accepted a bid of \$2,868.15 by Windsor Security for the school's new alarm system. The next bidder, Metro Alarm, was just 3 cents higher at \$2,868.18.

## Police study break-in

Sandy police are investigating a break-in at a Pleasant Street residence. Deo Messersmith told investigators that someone entered his storage shed

sometime during the first two weeks of April and took fishing tackle, a skill saw, metal square and splitting maul. Value of the merchandise was \$77.

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