

Bike rodeo at Kelso for safety

The goal of the Bike Safety Rodeo at Kelso School last week was to increase awareness of bike safety, according to Amy Walker, special education instructor who organized the event.

It was "so the kids who do ride bikes to school will be aware of what they should and should not be doing," Walker said.

About 75 to 80 participated. Bicycles were engraved for identification to protect against theft, and then the bikes were checked for safety, with reflectors and warning bells earning the elementary students extra points.

A "slow speed" course tested students for "control and balance," with the slower times worth more points.

Students used hand signals, to turn right, left and to stop, at the next station.

The final obstacle course was "for fun," as well as for balance and control. The faster times were worth more points.

Parent volunteers worked the bike rodeo, and Walker felt it went "pretty



Kelso fourth grader Jason Opp runs the obstacle course at the bike rode. Laurie Nickila is behind Opp.

smoothly." She said, "The kids were pretty enthusiastic, so I think we'll do it again next year."

Winners were: First grade: J.D. Hutchinson, 1st; Jennifer Jones, 2nd; Jenny Opp,

3rd. Second grade: Erich Zaugg, 1st; Jason O'Hara, 2nd; Adam Hayball, 3rd.

Third grade: Kevin Rapp, 1st; Stacey Taylor, 2nd; Chad Cole, 3rd.

Fourth grade: Laurie Nickila, 1st; Ryan Emery,

2nd; Peter Conibear, 3rd. Fifth grade: Jeff Thomson, 1st; Adam Cannon, 2nd; Deborah Miller and Lillie H. Jansen, tie for third.

Sixth grade: Robby Johnson, 1st; Eric Zimmerman, 2nd; Russell Zaugg, 3rd.

Photo by Scott Newton

Junior Miss program a goal

Joan Miller of Sandy feels it's important for high school-aged youngsters to get as many opportunities for scholarships as possible.

Therefore, her involvement with the Oregon Junior Miss organization makes sense.

"When we saw it was a scholarship program for high school seniors, I got interested in it," Miller said.

She and her husband, Richard, were invited to go to the Oregon Junior Miss finals in Eugene in February. They liked what they saw, and would like to start a pageant locally.

An organizational meeting has been set for May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at the United Bank of Oregon.

"It's a scholarship program, not a beauty pageant," Miller said. "That's something that should be stressed."

Mary Russell, daughter of Jeff and Jan Jaqua of Sandy, participated in the 1983 competition.

She earned about \$600 in scholarships, having won the creative and performing arts category and having received a special recognition award.

Russell said one good thing about the program is that it's not overly competitive. "You're not at each other's throats," she said, adding that she made some lifelong friends.

Any senior can enter and at no cost, Miller said. She's already met with the girls in the junior class, and six said they were interested. Volunteers, and girls interested in participating, are invited to attend the organizational meeting.

Girls are judged on scholastic achievement, an interview, physical fitness, poise and appearance, and



Joan Miller

talent.

Miller said at the meeting with the junior girls some expressed apprehension to singing or dancing in front of an audience.

Miller said the creative and performing arts category isn't just singing or dancing, but could encompass anything from a slide show to a floral arrangement.

Awards are given in the form of scholarships and are sent to the schools of their choice.

"The girls are not crowned in the traditional beauty pageant way," Miller said. "They are given a medalion, and it's a symbol of excellence."

Locally, Miller believes girls now hear about the Junior Miss program "kind of by accident." Russell participated in an at-large competition.

With a pageant in Sandy, a local winner would compete in Eugene in the state program, with the winner there going on to the national competition in Mobile, Ala.

The Junior Miss program was founded in 1958 by the Mobile Jaycees as a spin-off of a floral celebration in the community, the Azalea Trail Festival.

According to information

provided by the Junior Miss organization, \$2.5 million in scholarships are presented each year to contestants.

Vital to the success are 30,000 volunteers in 50 states and from the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The Junior Miss program is in its 26th year, with the national program to be televised in June. Michael Landon will emcee.

For more information on the organizational meeting, contact Miller at 668-5276.

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SUHS play a 'crowd pleaser'

Mark Kuntz says the last show he will be directing at Sandy High School is a definite "crowd pleaser." Kuntz has resigned as drama instructor at the school and the last show of the school year, "Done to Death," opens this Friday, May 6.

"Done to Death" is a comedy-mystery spoof written by Fred Carmichael. "It is probably the funniest show of this type available," said Kuntz.

The show follows the misadventures of five renowned mystery writers who gather to collaborate on the perfect mystery. The writers' characters are patterned after famous writers and types of writers such as Agatha Christie, the Sam Spade mysteries, James Bond stories and others. The five writers are portrayed by Julie Griffin, Stu Cabe, Stan Whitney, Lisa Read, and Tom Russell.

The writers gather in a hilltop mansion on a deserted island and are shocked to find the TV personality who gathered them together is murdered. "People start getting murdered faster than politicians make promises," says Kuntz. "This is an extremely well paced and lively show."

Kuntz said there are some very talented actors

in the show and some have already received scholarship offers from colleges where they hope to pursue their interest in dramatic arts. "Seeing how much potential these kids have and the enjoyment in putting together a show like this make me realize how

much I will miss working with them next year," he said.

The set consists of an old mansion and Kuntz said the crew has done the "usual great job. They really worked hard at it and it looks just like a spooky old mansion," he said. "I don't

think I would want to spend the night there."

The play will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, May 6-7 and May 13-14 in the high school commons. Admission prices are adults, \$3; students, \$2; seniors and kids under 12, \$1.

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