

Keeping Posted:

Governor speaks Friday at Welches

<p>FRIDAY, JUNE 17 Gov. Vic Atiyeh will deliver opening remarks at Western States Treasurers conference at Rippling River Resort in Welches at 9:15 a.m.</p> <p>Mt. Hood Hospice and The Sandy Post will host an open house from 2 to 8 p.m. at their offices at 17270 SE Bluff Road.</p>	<p>MONDAY, JUNE 20 Sandy Elementary District board meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Ridge School library.</p> <p>Sandy Rainbow Girls meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.</p> <p>Cottrell School board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building.</p> <p>The Sandy Jaycees meet at 8 p.m. at the Sandy Senior Center.</p>	<p>TUESDAY, JUNE 21 The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a bi-monthly, general membership meeting with committee reports and community discussion at noon at the Tollgate Inn.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. at the Sandy fire hall. For more information, call 668-5010 or 668-8442.</p> <p>The Sandy Tough Love group meets at 7:30 p.m. at the United Bank, 38561 Proctor Blvd.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, JUNE 23 The Sandy Golden Age Club will host a potluck luncheon at the Sandy Senior Center at noon.</p> <p>The Sandy Rebekah Lodge meets at 8 p.m. at the IOOF Hall.</p>
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Hospice, Post hosting open house

Mt. Hood Hospice and The Sandy Post jointly will host an open house June 17 at the building they now share at 17270 S.E. Bluff Road in Sandy.

Hours will be 2-8 p.m. this Friday.

Hospice, which offers free volunteer in-home care for the terminally ill and their families, recently moved from Heritage Square.

The move to The Sandy Post building gives the service group more space.

The former print shop area Hospice now occupies has been converted into individual offices, a counseling room, a large conference area and a kitchen. Volunteers remodeled the former print shop site with new carpet, paint, windows, partitions and furniture.

Mt. Hood Hospice soon will become the only accredited hospice program in Oregon, a state that is pioneering accreditation for such extended care programs.

The Sandy Post, from whom Hospice is leasing quarters, also has remodeled its offices.

The Post will display new computerized typesetting equipment and in-house darkroom facilities.

The joint open house Friday will feature a champagne reception with punch, food, music and movies for all.

The general public has been invited.

Bible school to 'reach out'

"Reach Out" is the theme for daily Vacation Bible School next week, June 20-24, at Sandy Assembly of God Church.

Stories, scripture memorization, contests, music, puppets, crafts, prizes and refreshments will all be part of the special week. Ron Funk and Pastor Dale Edwards will share some unique presentations.

All children, ages 4-12, in the community are welcome to attend the daily sessions from 10 a.m. to noon. Children who need transportation may call the church at 668-5589.

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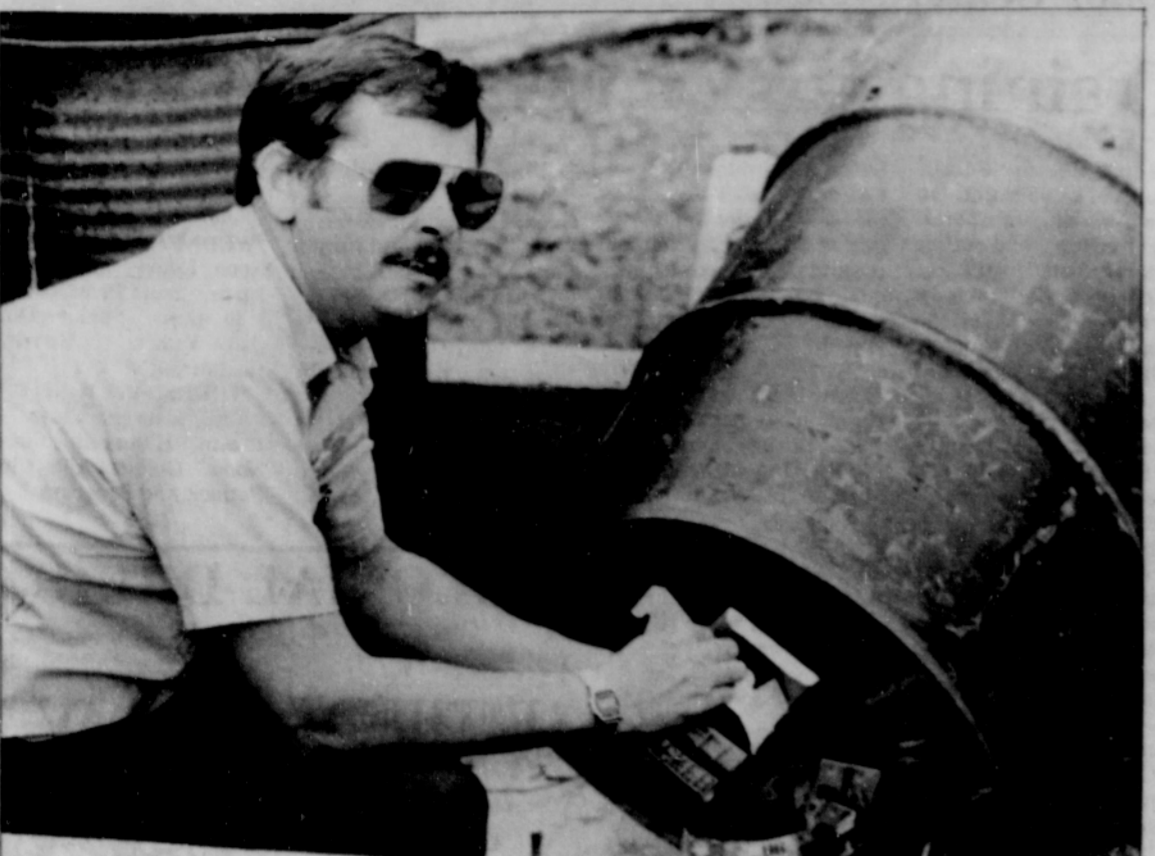


Photo by Dan Dillon

Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher destroyed the remainder of some \$1,000 worth of fireworks gathered last year by local authorities and warned that members of the Sandy Fire District will patrol again this year. Violators are subject to fines up to \$500.

Dangers of fireworks told

by DAN DILLON

Fourth of July celebrations are more than two weeks away but already fireworks are sparking plans by authorities to dampen the annual pyrotechnics that traditionally accompany the nation's birthday.

Locally, the Sandy Fire District and Sandy Police Department have issued warnings to residents who plan to mark the holiday with unauthorized fireworks.

And the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department has raided "Uncle Sam's," a business in North Clackamas County that allegedly dealt in illegal fireworks. The raid netted some \$72,000 worth of illegal fireworks.

Last year the two local groups gathered more than \$1,000 in illegal fireworks from residents who were seen setting off fireworks.

"The only people we went after were people we saw actually discharging fireworks," said Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher.

While no injuries were reported locally—"We're the last one's they would call," said Sandy Police Chief Fred Punzel—some 70 fireworks-related injuries were reported to hospitals last year during the Fourth of July weekend.

The weather also cooperated last year as wet weather was credited with an assist in holding down the number of local private fireworks displays, by Gallagher.

This year, with no assurances from the weatherman, police and fire personnel are planning their attack on fireworks users.

"We'll have no concentrated effort," Punzel said. "We don't have the manpower on that particular night."

But the fire district will have patrols out, beginning before July 4 and continuing throughout the Sandy Mountain Festival.

"When we observe somebody, we will request a police officer respond if they're available," Gallagher said.

According to State Fire Marshal Olin Greene, only sparklers under 10-inches long, caps, snakes and other similar smoke-producing devices are legal fireworks in Oregon. Use of sale of illegal fireworks is a violation of state law and is subject to a \$500 fine.

The common types of illegal fireworks include firecrackers, bottle rockets and Roman candles.

For a safe Fourth of July, the fire marshal urges that residents use only legal fireworks, provide adult supervision for children and use in an area away from buildings and dry grass.

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