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waiting for
park users

Users of five parks in financially-strapped Clackamas County will face a \$2 per vehicle gate fee on weekends and holidays from July 1 to Sept. 20, according to Park Administrator Dan Zinzer.

The County Commissioners adopted the gate fee requirements as part of their efforts to make parks self-supporting, thereby reducing demands on the property tax-supported County General Fund.

The gate fee will be collected every Saturday and Sunday, over the Fourth of July holiday, July 1-4, and the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2-4. County parks will continue to open free on week days.

Parks where the fee will apply are Barton (on the Clackamas River near Estacada), Eagle Fern (between Eagle Creek and Estacada), Freyer (two miles east of Molalla) and Hebb (on the Willamette River in the Pete's Mountain area).

Annual revenue from the gate fee is expected to be approximately \$50,000. Park fees for overnight camping and picnic reservations should add an additional \$25,000.

The remainder of the cost of park operations will come from miscellaneous revenue and from the Deep Creek Trust Fund.

Zinzer said a similar gate fee was used about eight years ago to support park operations.

Ex-candidate
fills vacancy
at Welches

A former candidate for the Welches School Board was named last week to fill a position on the board left by the resignation of Bruce Erickson, who resigned in April.

Maryanne Hill of Government Camp was appointed by the board at their regular meeting Thursday night. She had withdrawn as a candidate in the May 18 election and supported Sharon Njust, who was elected to the board on that date.

Hill had cited "a re-evaluation of the hours I spend in meetings" as the reason for her withdrawal. She serves on the Clackamas County Planning Commission, the Associated Chambers of Commerce and the Water Advisory Committee to the State Health Division. Hill is also president of a water company in Government Camp.

She said filling Erickson's unexpired term of approximately one year was better suited to the time she had available than the time commitment a full four-year term would entail.

"I think I'll be able to do a good job of listening and I'm looking forward to working together with those on the board and elsewhere," she said.

Lions ready
fund-raiser

The Sandy Lions Club will sell fireworks in Williams Thriftway parking lot again this year.

Net proceeds will be used in the community to help needy persons with eye and/or hearing problems, the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation, and to otherwise help those in need.

Dates of the sale will be June 27 through July 4.



Bikers battled the rain as they pedaled through the word about hunger. Rhododendron on their cross-country trek to spread

Photos by Hank Emrich

Rain greets bike trekkers

by HANK EMRICH
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Oregon lived up to its rainy reputation this week for a group of East Coast bicyclists as they headed over Mt. Hood Monday morning on the first leg of a 3,800-mile cross-country trip.

"It really does rain all the time in Oregon, doesn't it," said Mike Smart of Quincy, Mass., as he shook the moisture from an already soaked cloth cap before he began the morning's ride. Smart is one of 35 Harvard students who hope to call attention to the fight against world hunger by their ride.

The riders stretched from Brightwood, where they had spent the night as unexpected guests at Chapel of the Hills Church, to Government Camp, where they planned to stop for breakfast.

The riders left Seattle four days earlier and had originally planned to camp out Sunday night. However, after riding that far in the rain and suffering a couple spills, they found themselves "cold, tired, and injured," according to Smart. "The church was a lifesaver for us," he said.

"They seemed liked they were hurting," said Pastor Kent McKinnon of Chapel of the Hills, "and they turned out to be a real responsible group."

McKinnon said the bikers vacuumed the whole church, leaving it cleaner than when they arrived. The last of the group was just leaving the church as the leaders arrived in Government Camp.

"It's not unusual for the lead riders and those in the rear to be separated by 20 miles," said Andy Garrigue of Chappaqua, N.Y., driver of the van accompanying the group.

Not all of the bikers have a lot of experience in long distance rides.

"More than half the riders probably haven't covered more than 30 miles a day prior to this ride," said Lisa Leithauser of St. Petersburg, Fla.

So far no one has seemed to have problems keeping up with the 70 miles a day they hope to average.

"We are not on the bikes constantly; we have stops each day and rest about one day a week," said Leithauser. "I guess some of us are going kind of cold turkey."

Leithauser said the scheduled days off allow a margin for error so they can use them for travel if necessary and still make the trip within the scheduled nine weeks.

Each rider has solicited pledges individually before the ride began and plans to donate the pledges to Oxfam-America, a privately funded group providing aid to hunger victims and others throughout the world. Oxfam is based in Boston and had worked previously with the Harvard Hunger Action Committee.

The riders hope to raise \$250,000

and will speak and hold fund-raisers as the travel across the country, giving educational talks and conferences on Oxfam and the problem of world hunger.

Many of the students gave up jobs and other summer plans to make the trip.

"These people are very conscious of what we want to do here," said Garrigue. "It is quite a commitment, especially when you end up startin' off with 110 miles over the mountains in the rain."

Smart said the ride was meant for enjoyment also and said the group looks forward to seeing the country and talking with people.

"So far people have been great," he said, telling of two Portland families who prepared a big dinner for the entire group Friday evening.

They will end their ride Aug. 20 in Boston, with stops along the way including Boise, Omaha, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York and many other cities and towns.

The ride is not without hazards. One bike had already fallen from the top of the van accompanying the group and one rider was forced to ride in the van for a few days to recuperate from injuries sustained in a fall.

Kim Sanchez of Raton, N.M., said her front tire got caught between the shoulder and a seam in the road, tossing her from the bike into the highway. Sanchez tried to ride again following the accident, but only made it a few miles. Undaunted by the mishap, she said she wants to "get back into the saddle" and on the road again soon.

The large semis and log trucks which frequent Highway 26 were startling to the riders at first. "It doesn't bother me that much," said Leithauser, "you get used to them."

Smart seemed to disagree a little with her conclusion.

"Sometimes, when they are less than a foot away, it rattles you," he said.

Employee tax splits
chambers countywideby HANK EMRICH
Post Correspondent

Next Tuesday's countywide election will give voters a chance to show how they feel about the controversial economic development fee which the Clackamas County Economic Development Commission has proposed.

The measure, which calls for a \$10 fee from businesses for each employee, has received both plaudits and scorn from chambers of commerce in the county.

While the chambers seem to agree there is a need for economic development, some think volunteer or private efforts would be the best way to achieve that goal. Tom Tye of the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce said volunteer efforts are not enough.

"We looked at 13 different alternatives to this plan," said Tye, who is a member of the EDC's finance committee.

"This one is by far the one which would provide the most help while hurting the least."

Maryanne Hill of the Clackamas County Associated Chambers said several chambers are opposed to the tax, including North Clackamas, Lake Oswego, and Canby.

"Some of these members feel there

are portions of the ordinance which are open-ended," she said.

Hill referred to the section which deals with funds that can be spent for "administration and enforcement."

"There is really nothing that limits those funds," she said.

"There is a proposed budget that we are working with," said Tye. "It would not end up being spent just to collect."

The \$500,000 the EDC plans to raise each year for the next three years before the measure sunsets would be used to attract new firms, expand businesses, and develop jobs and tourism in Clackamas County.

The Sandy Chamber of Commerce discussed the measure but took no position. Hill said the Hoodland Chamber, of which she is a member had voted not to endorse the measure. Other members said the vote did not represent an official position, as a quorum was not present at the meeting.

Businesses would be required to pay a minimum \$10 fee. The \$10 per employee fee would continue for the first 50 employees \$8 up to 100 employees, \$6 up to 150 employees, \$4 up to 500 employees, \$2 up to 1,000 employees, and \$1 per employee thereafter.

Welches resubmits
same special levyby HANK EMRICH
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Welches School will again ask patrons to pass a \$189,186 special operating levy June 28. School officials have said defeat of the levy could lead to the district operating a school "in name only."

According to principal Gary Dietterich, the greatest part of the levy covers maintenance items. Teachers would receive a 2.3 per cent raise next year with only a half-time guidance counselor added to staff.

Dietterich said failure of the levy could mean cutting services to the very minimums the state allows which could mean the loss of library services, physical education, music,

counseling, and all extra-curricular activities.

Extra-curricular activities amount to less than 10 per cent of the levy, according to Dietterich.

"Without these services, we would be operating as a skeleton," he said.

"There are enough yes votes out there," said Dietterich. "It's just a matter of them getting to the polls and voting."

Ken Blackburn, who recently resigned as superintendent of the district agrees with Dietterich's assessment.

"I would like to see the budget passed," said Blackburn, "I feel like the board has been responsible and generally conservative with this budget."

Rummage sale offers
even a kitchen sink

Just about anything, including the kitchen sink, will be for sale at the Hoodland Women's Club annual rummage sale beginning July 2.

The club hopes to raise \$3,000 for various causes, according to organizer Ruth Taylor. She said the club raised that amount for the last two sales and expects to take in the same, although donations of larger items such as furniture are falling a little behind.

"There is still time for donations and I certainly hope they pick up before the sale," says Taylor.

The Women's Club provides help for families in the mountain area who need clothing and food. The club also provides small financial aid sometimes. The rummage sale and bazaar are the main sources of income for the club.

The Women's Club building, located on Salmon River Road across from Welches School, houses Mt. Hood Pre-school and the Hoodland Senior Center.



Ruth Taylor

Taylor is looking forward to the sale, having spent nearly 30 hours a week for the last three months preparing the many items for sale. The sale is held at the Women's Club building, July 2-4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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