

# Sandy VFW cited for rapid growth; Auxiliary earns top bowling trophy

The Sandy Veterans of Foreign Wars Post is the fastest growing in the state judging from trophies the local group walked away with at the recent state convention in Springfield.

The Post earned the Warren H. McCoy Thorobred Award, signifying the largest numerical gain in membership in the state. The Post also capped the Tom Campbell Membership Trophy, awarded annually to the larger post with the highest percentage of gain in membership in Oregon.

If that's not enough, the club won the Outstanding Post trophy for the third time which retires it in the possession of the local Post.

Local VFW member Don Blair was named state chief of staff for the organization. In that position, he will help out clubs throughout the state, lending a hand on recruiting drives and organization.

The Sandy group also was selected to be the official color guard for installation of the new state commander. The local team was made up of All-State Commander Bud Pullen, Bobby Knudson, Al Gunderson, Les Jordan and Dwain Stamm.

The VFW Auxiliary also earned some recognition of its own. The bowling team picked up the Oregon State VFW Tournament trophy it had won at an earlier tournament in Salem.

Members of the team were Leata Russell, Hanna Petersen, Judy Zogg and Delores Jordan.



Members of the Sandy VFW Honor Guard were called upon for installation of the new state commander. From left to right are Dwain Stamm, Les Jordan, Al Gunderson, Bobby Knudson and Bud Pullen.



Members of the VFW Auxiliary state championship bowling team included, left to right, Delores Jordan, Judy Zogg, Hanna Petersen and Leata Russell. Eunice Lindland holds the sponsor's trophy.

Mary Kubitz of Sandy was named a state officer and a member of the state color guard.

Locally, Debra Brunton was named outstanding chairman for her work with the cancer aid and

research committee. It raised more than \$2,500 to send to national cancer funds.

## Grocers continue battle on thefts

Local grocers are using a new security system and it seems to be paying off.

During the past week, Sandy police cited eight persons for second-degree theft as a result of shoplifting charges filed by personnel at Sandy Sentry and Williams Thriftway.

Police cited Harry Hartley Sattler, 57, Alfonso Reyes, 22, Linda Jean Scott, 31, and two juveniles, all of Sandy, after five separate incidents at Sandy Sentry.

Melvin D. Messlersmith, 71, Margaret Ann Posey, 36, and Roberto Mares Ocegüera, 18, all of Sandy,

were cited following complaints at Williams Thriftway.

Last Friday evening, local police cited a 19-year-old Sandy youth and a juvenile for taking street signs. They were picked up at the intersection of SE Bluff Road and Sandy

Heights. Saturday, George Kraus, 53, of Estacada was cited and released by police for driving under the influence of intoxicants and driving with a suspended license after a traffic stop on Highway 211 near Dubarko Road.

## \$10,000 recovered

### Police recover haul from burglaries

The search of a North Portland home last week by police investigators uncovered some \$10,000 in stolen property related to cabin burglaries in the Mt. Hood area.

According to Clackamas County Sheriff's Department spokesman Neil James, Oregon State Police investigators and Clackamas County detectives served a search warrant and discovered the stolen property. No arrests were made.

James said all the recovered property, primarily new and antique furniture, has been identified and owners notified of the recovery.

The search was the result of an on-going investigation into a rash of break-ins that occurred last year around Rhododendron and Zigzag.

"Primarily, the problem has ceased," James said.

"I'm not saying their aren't cabin burglaries. There are still spot incidents, but nothing like there was. There are suspects and investigation is continuing."

He added that the sheriff's department continues working on recovery of property from the break-ins in the mountain area.

"One burglary is a problem, but there hasn't been a problem of this proportion involved in those burglaries," James said.

Last December, James Dean Graham, 44, of Portland was arrested as part of the continuing investigation. A van filled with antique furniture believed stolen from homes

between Brightwood and Rhododendron was recovered at that time and led investigators to an "unusual manhunt," looking for victims.

This time, James said, the recovered property has all been identified through descriptions provided to investigators and identifications by victims.

## SCP names new officers

The Sandy Community Players elected four persons to sit on the board of directors for that organization.

Jeff Jaqua, Steve Christensen, Jan Engert, and Bill Lawson were elected to the seven-member board. They join directors Mark Kuntz,

Gary Lang, and Marilyn Rowell on the board.

SCP's next board meeting will be June 27 instead of the first Monday in July which falls on the 4th of July. All board meetings are open to the public. The meeting will be held at Sandy High School in the choir room.

SCP and Collins Retreat Center will present Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" beginning July 8 in a dinner theater presentation at Collins Retreat Center.

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## SUHS board

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The reduction in basic school support resulted in less cash carry-over. The school also had less cash carry-over after buying out former superintendent Jack Peters' contract for \$40,380.

Peters' salary is not a part of the 1983-84 budget.

As to whether the board would need to delineate the B ballot should it fail in August and the district tries again in November, a yes and no answer was given.

The board needs to specify what's to be on the B ballot to an extent, but how much detail they wish to go into is up to them.

"To fund things as they are now we need both," Boring said.

The idea of cutting the budget to the bare basics was a topic of conversation.

Asked Boring, "What's

back to basics now? Computer literacy is basic now."

Activities like sports, music and metal shop are important, said Lenchitsky.

"This is a different society we have here," he said. "You have to have something to keep them (the students) here."

Cleland said he'd like to compare the percentage of money spent on extra-curricular activities in, say, 1955 to today.

"I really don't think there's that much difference," he said.

Voting by mail will be a fact to deal with in August, Hutton believes. She said most of the superintendents she's talked to, most of whom are also without voter-approved budgets, are optimistic that there are yes

votes out there.

Gresham passed a levy last year by mail, she pointed out, though they'd just won a state football title.

"I think we need to talk to Greg (O'Meara)," she joked.

Hutton pointed out the importance of a good educational system for drawing new business, saying "for once we're the first consideration."

"First and foremost they're concerned about schools," Hutton said.

The board unanimously agreed to place the budget on the August ballot. Lenchitsky called the document "realistic and rock bottom."

The board also moved its next meeting from July 11 to July 18. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 50-51.

## Could mean lower fire insurance

# District's protection tested

by DAN DILLON

Though local residents and businessmen may not reap the benefits for almost a year, testing at the Sandy Fire District this week could result in lower fire insurance rates for patrons in the district.

"We would hope that there would be some improvement in both residential and commercial," said Sandy Fire Chief Bob Rathke.

Insurance Services Office is conducting a test for subscriber insurance companies of the local fire district's capabilities and the municipal water system's value in fire suppression.

It has been 10 years since

the last time such a test was conducted and local fire officials are cautiously optimistic that the result will be a savings for people in the district, although things have changed in the past decade.

"The unknown is the community has grown, so the level of fire protection has to grow with it," Rathke explained.

There has also been shifts in what the testers look for.

Fire prevention focuses have altered in the past 10 years. While local fire districts are more concerned with residents' safety, the insurance companies keep an eye on the bottom line and think more about property loss.

"They want to make sure the property doesn't burn down," said Sandy Fire Marshal Jim Gallagher. "We want to make sure the people get out, then we worry about the property."

While in Sandy, the inspectors will look at the fire district's training records, number of firefighters who turn out to fight fires and the departments involvement in inspection and testing.

Wednesday night Sandy firefighters put on a display that showed their ability to maintain a flow of water in a rural area above and beyond what the ratings bureau requires.

With a dump tank at the intersection of Ruben Lane and Highway 26, at the en-

trance to Mt. Hood Industrial Park, firefighters shuttled water from the city shops on Scenic Street to the site. Their goal was to keep a satisfactory water flow.

The inspectors also visited Sandy City Hall to check over the city's water system with an eye out for water consumption rates, hydrant maintenance, peak use, reliability of the water source and storage capabilities.

Last time out, the city's system checked out a point better than the firefighters' on the rating bureau's checklist. This time Rathke hopes district improvements will make up the difference.

## City testing new pavement patch

Something new is in Sandy streets—at least in a 900-square-foot section of Alt Street adjacent to Clackamas County Bank.

Tuesday morning, city crews and Jim Turin and Sons resurfaced a seven-year-old section of the pavement using a new fabric overlay that eliminates digging up old portions of the street.

The eighth-inch-thick fabric is glued over cracked streets with an asphalt

emulsion like a rug, according to City Engineer Greg DiLoreto. That surface is then covered with a three-inch layer of asphalt.

The difference is cost. According to DiLoreto's figures, the city spent about half of what it would have had the street been dug up and new rock used as fill under the new asphalt coat.

The process, he said, couldn't be used in an area such as North Bluff Road

because there is insufficient rock underneath the current asphalt that annually breaks out in "alligators" or tiny cracks caused by rising moisture and freezing.

The fabric cover under the asphalt, however, holds moisture down and eliminates the "alligatoring," DiLoreto said.

While the thin fabric has been used for some time in California, he said it is

"kind of an experiment for us."

But, he added, "it's worth trying for us, based on the cost differential."

Cost for the 900-square-foot covering was \$100. Total cost was approximately \$850. Using the traditional method and tearing up the section of roadway, replacing the rock and covering the patch with asphalt would cost approximately \$1,700, DiLoreto said.

## Obituaries:

### Services held for life-long resident

Funeral services for lifetime area resident Richard Suckow were held June 25 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sandy.

He died June 22 in Clackamas at the age of 76.

Mr. Suckow was born Oct. 24, 1906 in Boring where he was raised on the family farm. He received

his education at Sandy schools.

He married Helen Schwartz on Oct. 22, 1928 in Sandy where they made their home and raised their family.

Mr. Suckow was employed as a timber faller in the logging industry until he went to

work as a millwright at Walt Koch Lumber Mill in Sandy. Following his retirement in 1968, he spent much of his time working in his yard and garden.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Suckow of Gresham; two daughters, Marjorie Reeves of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Sharon

Long of Raleigh, N.C., and four grandchildren.

Vault interment was at Firhill Memorial Cemetery in Sandy.

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