

Travel tips offered

Drivers face stiffer fines

Travelers on Mt. Hood — in fact, in all of Clackamas County — face stiffer penalties as a result of a new fine schedule set up by the county.

Sgt. Dan E. Wolf, of the Oregon State Police's Government Camp outpost, said he thinks people will be surprised by the new fine schedule. "It's going to affect some pocket-books," he said.

Of particular interest to those traveling to the Mt. Hood recreation area will be the fine for not having a Sno-park permit. The fine will be \$36. One could buy four Sno-park permits for the season for the cost of being ticketed once.

A couple of areas have been added to the "no parking" list, which will mostly affect cross country skiers.

The area across from Snow Bunny Lodge will be marked no parking, as will

the area on the shoulder that marks the entrance to Mt. Hood Meadows.

Parking in an area posted "no parking" carries a \$57 fine.

Failing to have chains or studded tires in areas requiring traction devices will be a \$57 fine. One key to when the OSP is giving tickets will be flares under the signs telling of the need for traction devices.

A flare will mean there is a problem, and hopefully

people will comply voluntarily. "We'd rather have a smoother traffic flow than write tickets," said Wolf.

With all the modern conveniences, Wolf said some travelers today forget they can get caught in bad weather. He advises people to travel prepared for such a circumstance. Carrying extra warm clothing, water and a candle are recommended.

With Christmas just around the corner, some

people may be tempted to park in spot marked for handicapped drivers. Such a mistake could result in a \$57 fine. "It's kind of an abused situation this time of year," said Wolf. "We'll be enforcing that."

Other fines include a \$135 ticket for carrying an open container. Speeding fines are \$36 for 0-10 miles over, \$82 for 11-20 over, and \$160 for being more than 20 miles over.

SCP producer enjoys theater work in Sandy

Kelly Morrow got involved in the Sandy Community Players through a role in the recent production of "Cuckoo's Nest."

He found the group open and friendly. "They are very energetic about where they're going," said Morrow, who is applying his interest in theater management to a producer's role in the upcoming, "A Christmas Carol."

Morrow, who lives in Troutdale, divides his time between a job at a service station and work with the Willamette Repertory, a theater group in the Willamette Building in Portland.

While Morrow takes care of the management end, Michelle Bye of Portland, another new face to SCP, is directing the play, which features Ken Fox in his fourth performance as Scrooge.

Bye also is challenged by working with young cast members, including Casey Whitlock, 8, and Jake Rollins, 9.

Both play members of the Cracht family. Rollins,

who plays Tiny Tim, has some theater experience, Morrow said.

The play will be held Dec. 9 and 10, and Dec. 16 and 17. All performances begin at 8 p.m. at the

Heritage Square Theater.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and senior citizens. Reservations may be made by calling Sandy Country Florists, 668-5633.

Local people in MHCC play

Mt. Hood Community College Theatre Arts will present Brian Clark's play "Whose Life Is It Anyway?" in the Studio Theatre Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.

"Whose Life Is It Anyway?" is the story of a young sculptor who is made quadriplegic in an automobile accident. Although his mind is clear, his body is almost completely paralyzed and he has his attorney fight for the legal right to be removed from life-sustaining machinery.

In the MHCC production, the sculptor, Ken Harrison is being played by Neil Nicholson with Carrie Hoke playing his doctor.

Area residents in the cast include Rob Lawson, Tomi Griffin and Brenda Langlois.

The production is being directed by Richard F. Melo with settings designed by Max Muller.

The serious nature of the subject would not make the play suitable for young children, so parental guidance is advised. Ticket information at 667-7154.

Basket project is underway

The Kiwanis Club of Boring has its Christmas basket project underway. This project is coordinated by the Boring club but includes the services of the Boring Fire Department and the Boring and Damascus schools.

Low income families in the Boring area will be provided with food and gifts for the children. The Kiwanis club will purchase meat and enough staples to ensure an ample holiday supply.

Any contribution of food, clothing or toys should be delivered to the Boring Fire Station. Cash contributions should be mailed to Kiwanis Club of Boring, PO Box 532, Boring, 97009.

Speaker connects with students

When Jevon Thompson talks, kids listen.

Nearly every student in the Sandy Elementary District listened to Thompson's drug awareness program last week. Thompson presented a series of lectures at Cedar Ridge, Firwood, Kelso and Sandy Elementary.

A special session for parents, teachers and board members was presented Wednesday evening.

Interjecting enough humor into the presentation to rival a stand-up comic act, Thompson speaks as both a voice of experience and as a concerned parent.

Thompson was a drug user for 13 years, and he says his attitude towards drugs changed with the birth of his first child.

Realizing that the drugs he took could have an effect on his child turned him away from drugs, he says. Thompson says he knows

the motives of those who promote the use of marijuana. He cultivated marijuana in Hawaii for several years.

"They don't care about you," he tells students.

"They care about money," he says, slapping his wallet and snapping his fingers for emphasis.

The same message is echoed for parents. Thompson says the television and record industries promote the "drug culture."

"I'm not against rock music," he says.

"I'm just against music that says drugs are okay."

Other events in Thompson's life also shaped his opinion of drugs abuse. His mother died an alcoholic and he regards alcohol as just as serious as any other drug.

Thompson's brother died of a heroin overdose last year.

Thompson's presentation is not bogged down by stories of his life in the drug

culture. He also demonstrated effects of chemicals on memory, displayed various items of drug paraphernalia, and talked about new scientific evidence about the use of marijuana.

Thompson stressed that his talk was "just a start"

and stressed parent involvement as the only long term solution.

Randi Leuthold, principal at Cedar Ridge, said the program appeared to be effective.

"I am very satisfied with the presentation," said Leuthold.

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David Gibson and one of the flags he silk-screened.

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Artist draws flag

David Gibson, 19, is the artist who silk-screened the new flags flying in Sandy that feature of St. Nick.

Gibson, who designed the sports mural that marks the entrance to the Sandy High School commons, is a graphic arts student who runs his own business out of an attic at home.

His business is called MC (Multi-color) Graphics. He silk-screened 28 flags. The Sandy Mountain Festival committee purchased the

material.

Gibson, a 1983 graduate, silk-screened t-shirts for last year's sports challenge and powder puff football game. He has done work for a river rafting company, and hopes to enter into a two-year agreement with a California company to make four-color t-shirts.

In addition to college and his own business, Gibson recently began a job driving a shuttle bus for skiers.

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