

At Boring School

Superintendent ready to start job

by JAN COOLEY

CANBY — Michael McDonough will unpack an impressive list of accomplishments when he moves into the job of superintendent of the Boring School District on July 1.

The school board recently chose McDonough for the job from a field of 44 candidates and hired him on a two-year contract. He will replace Frank Ellis, who has served as interim superintendent for the district during the 1984-85 school year.

"I want to get going on it," says McDonough, excitement firing his bright blue eyes. "I will be going over to the district as frequently as I can between now and June 30... becoming familiar with as much as I can about the district."

McDonough currently is assistant to the superintendent and director of special services in the Canby Elementary School District. During his three-year tenure, he worked with teachers and administrators to develop a Special Olympics program for handicapped children. He has seen a special social studies series on Oregon history put in place for fourth-graders. And he is particularly proud of a pilot drug and alcohol awareness program that drew attention from first lady Nancy Reagan. The program teachers youngsters how to say no to pressure from peers.

Although McDonough is eager to get started in Boring, he has no intention of making whirlwind changes in the district.

"I stress various heavily having a plan before you start performing actions," he says.

His penchant for being organized shows up in his neatly arranged office with its uncluttered tables and walls. About the only frivolous item on them is an oversized construction-paper shamrock addressed to "the only Irishman we know."

But McDonough is not lacking in humor. His hobbies, he responds when asked, include jogging and volunteering in organizations such as Boy Scouts and Little League, "mostly family kinds of things. I don't race cars and I'm not a rock star."

He is a father. He and his wife, Gloria, have three sons: Louis, 11; O'Ryan, 5; and Brandon, 2.

"I'm a parent myself, and I feel a certain responsibility to know what's going on in the schools myself," says



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One of his goals is to keep people in Boring involved in their schools. He hopes to organize a parents advisory group such as the one he now works with in Canby. He also would like to keep in touch with parents via a newsletter.

"Not just an announcement network but information about what the schools are doing in various areas," he says.

"I would like to the community to formulate their opinions and judgments about the school on an informed basis," he adds.

Already, McDonough has heard rumors about people in Boring — all of them good.

"I've heard there's tremendous support for the school there. I just want to improve and continue that kind of support," he says.

The staff at Boring already has rallied behind him, treating him to a rousing welcoming reception.

"I was excited. I have never been through a welcoming like that before. Ever," he says firmly.

He finds the community just as enchanting. An avid cross country skier, he has driven through Boring many times on his way to Mount Hood.

"I've always been impressed with the country flavor," he says, adding the area is "one the prettiest I've ever seen."

He will be leaving a district of about 2,000 students for one with fewer than 500 students. He seems to like the idea.

"I've never been of the adage that bigger is better," he says. In fact, the nature, size and chemistry of a small community "allows you to do some things you probably wouldn't be able to do in a larger system."

He doesn't even mind being called a Boring superintendent.

"I've been called worse," he quips.



Pathfinders Nathan Wilson, Serena Masters and Clifford Davis work on a decoupage exhibit.

Parents group in Damascus expands its kindergarten

Located in the Naas Building of the Boring School District, Damascus Parents Preschool and Kindergarten has been serving the surrounding area for 12 years.

After several years of being a state-certified kindergarten only, Damascus Parents Kindergarten last year added a preschool program for 3- and 4-year-olds.

This year, because of the

kindergarten programs being added in Damascus and Orient schools, Damascus Parents Kindergarten program is expanding to better serve the Estacada, Eagle Creek, Sandy and Cottrell areas. Registration is now open.

Forms may be picked up in the classroom at the Naas Building or obtained through the mail by calling one of the following numbers: 663-6610, 658-8684, 666-2618 or 658-6150.

Damascus parents to host night for Dads, Grandpas

The Damascus Parents Kindergarten is hosting a "Dad, Uncle and Grandpa Night" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 in the Naas Building at Boring Grade School.

Ice cream sundaes, songs and

school work will all be a part of the festivities. This activity is to include family members who are sometimes "left out" when it comes to a child's achievements and activities.

Oral Hull tabs Morgan

George Morgan of Sandy was re-elected as president of the Oral Hull Foundation's board of directors at the annual board elections meeting.

The meeting was held Saturday at Oral Hull Park.

Other officers elected were Ralph Worrall of Portland, first vice president; Kitt Jordan of Portland, second vice president; Evelyn Mathewson of Portland, third vice president; Duncan Bergeron of Suavie Island, treasurer; and Ellen Elford of Portland, secretary.

Elected to three-year terms on the board of directors were James Duff of Sandy, Bob Flagel of Beaverton, Joe Hutchinson of Boring, Lee Hodgdon of Portland, Jack Getzler of Portland, Tom Ciesielski of Portland, Patty Bessant of Portland,

Marge Jacoby of Sandy and Gene Kelley of Portland.

Pathfinders prepare for Fair April 28 in Eugene

Sunday, April 28 will be an exciting day for the Sandy Pathfinder Club. Each club throughout western Oregon and southwest Washington will have a special exhibit depicting an honor taught in that club.

It is all a part of the annual Pathfinder Fair. Sandy Pathfinders have been working hard to complete the work for a decoupage exhibit, according to teacher Judy Ruch.

The members will be starting for the fairgrounds in Eugene about 5 a.m. and will be returning late that

afternoon. This year's theme, "Pathfinders in Service to God," will be carried out in demonstrations throughout the day. Also featured will be drill and marching teams, one of which will be chose to represent Oregon at the North American Pathfinder Camporee near Vail, Colo., in August.

The public is welcome to attend the Lane County Fairground, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vegetarian food concessions will be provided.

Second Wind food drive to benefit clients of Center

A Second Wind food drive program is currently underway in the Sandy area.

A curtailment of USDA grants and continued unemployment have created a need for additional projects to gather food, according to Mary

Reagan, a volunteer for the Sandy Community Action Center.

Barrels for food collection are currently set up at Sandy Sentry, Bowman's Sandy Thriftway, the Community Action Center and at Sandy High School, Sandy Grade School and Cedar Ridge.

Sandy Mountain Festival seeks committee volunteers

The year 1985 is an organizational one for the Sandy Mountain Festival committee. By adopting bylaws that will create a need for more people, the Festival committee needs volunteers in the areas of organizing

the parade, queen's court and float, traffic control, park operations, Bird-cage Theater, public relations and Mountain Days events.

Interested persons may contact Darrell Dempster at 668-4131.

Leathers elected president

For the first time in 54 years, the Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce has a woman for president.

Lila Leathers, 47, was elected to the one-year position at the chamber's April board meeting Tuesday. She begins her term on July 1.

"It's thrilling," Leathers said. "It was a little scary at first. But I've been really excited about it. This is

something I've never dealt with before."

Her primary goals will be bringing jobs to East County and working toward tax reform, she said.

Leathers and her husband, Carl, own and operate Leathers Oil Company, a 26-year-old firm which has its headquarters in Gresham. The firm has 31 gas stations and a truck stop in Oregon.

4-H poster contest set

OREGON CITY — Clackamas County 4-H members are invited to enter the 1985 4-H poster contest.

Members may choose from three suggested themes or develop their own ideas in the open-theme category. Suggested themes are "4-H: Investing in Tomorrow-Today," "4-H for Youth for America" and "Discover the World Through 4-H."

The poster program was begun in 1969 to give 4-H'ers an opportunity to create posters illustrating what 4-H means to them, said Linda Erickson, OSU extension agent. For more information, contact Erickson at 655-8635.

Bike- and Walk-A-Thon set for May

Any person big enough to ride a bicycle or walk is invited to participate in one or both local Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund raisers.

A Bike-A-Thon is being held on Saturday, May 11 and a Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, May 12. Participants who gather pledges for the number of miles they travel will be eligible for various prizes, including t-shirts, calculators, AM-FM clock radios plus gifts donated by Sandy merchants.

Volunteers will be at Cedar Ridge School from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to register and supervise riders, and at the Sandy City Hall parking lot to register walkers. Mayor Deane Wesselink will start both events. Refreshments will be available compliments of Sandy McDonald's.

Money raised through the two events will help support cystic fibrosis research, care and treatment programs in Oregon. Cystic fibrosis is a children's lung and digestive disease that is presently incurable.

For more information contact Ellen Langston, Sandy chairman, at 663-6951.

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