



## In memory

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts salute the flag while Al Gundersen plays taps to close a Memorial Day service. The Sandy VFW Post No. 4273 and Auxiliary honored the 42 veterans buried in the Firhill Cemetery on Monday. The color guard used a new flag pole dedicated to the memory of Ernest Sladky.

## High school offers outdoor program

Students from Sandy High School have served as counselors for outdoor school programs in Multnomah County for over 20 years. Last week they got a chance to share their knowledge of the outdoors with 60 sixth graders from Kelso School.

It was the second year Sandy High School students have taken Kelso School students on tours of the new nature trail, which is located behind Pop Rannow Stadium.

Sixth graders learned about food chains and aquatic life at the pond, identified plants on the trail, analyzed soil and examined nearly a dozen animal skins.

Sandy High School's counselors aren't naturally adept at serving as guides just because they live in a rural area.

Zel Gernhart, chairman of the science and math department, said during plant identification study biology students often bring in samples common in landscaped yards. The names of plants and trees that grow naturally in the area are more elusive.

The nature trail — which doubles as an exercise trail — offers a true-to-life laboratory where students can see and learn about an area "in transition" 60 years after it was logged.

Sandy High School students serve as outdoor counselors for the Multnomah County Education Service District for a couple of reasons, according to Gernhart, who recruits students.

For starters, many of the outdoor camps are in Clackamas County. But Gernhart said the Multnomah County ESD has also had good luck with Sandy students.

"Most of our kids come back with better than average ratings," Gernhart said.

Students who choose to participate in the program attend a three-hour



Kelso School students examine the animal furs during an outdoor school program on the Sandy High nature trail.

introductory class in the spring. Later they attend a weekend training camp with other potential counselors.

Gernhart said classroom performance is hardly ever an indicator of whether or not a student will be a good counselor. He has had outstanding students and below-average students turn out to be good counselors.

"I think the kids themselves have to decide whether or not they'll be good. It's demanding. Some of them don't pan out."

For the students who make the commitment, the next step is a week at camp with sixth graders from schools in Multnomah County.

All sixth graders from Multnomah

County, including the Portland School District, participate in the outdoor program. Clackamas County does not have a similar program.

Many districts cut outdoor school programs because of budgetary constraints, Gernhart said.

Sandy High School offered the program following a request for it, Gernhart said. The idea was originally nixed because no one would pay to bus students from Kelso School to the Sandy High School field.

Last year Gernhart and Randy Hutchinson, chairman of the health and physical education department,

arranged it so Kelso School students could ride a bus that was already traveling back to the bus barn, which is near the trailhead.

The bus travels back to Kelso School to take students home in the afternoon.

Tom Atkins, a sixth grade teacher at Kelso School, said he thinks the students benefitted from the day.

He had them write letters of appreciation to the counselors. "One of the things that came out was that was many of them wanted to be involved in the environmental science program or be counselors," Atkins said.

## VFW members work on telethon benefit

Local members of the Sandy VFW Post No. 4273 and Auxiliary will be working Sunday, May 30, from 10 a.m. to noon on the local broadcast of a nationwide telethon.

Funds will be raised locally to benefit the Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland. The telethon will be broadcast from KGW-TV, channel 8. The national telethon theme is Children's Miracle Network.

Local VFW members first got involved by raising funds for Stacey Denney, whose parents and grandparents are members of the VFW and auxiliary. Denney, who had been a "Doernbecher child" the entire 11 years of her life, died in April from

kidney disease. Local VFW and auxiliary members will help man the telephones and tabulate pledges Sunday. They will also present a check for the funds they have collected, along with other checks mailed to them from VFW posts throughout the state.

According to Chris Stadstad, auxiliary treasurer, the local VFW post has issued a "challenge" to other VFW posts to participate in the fund raising. Issuing a challenge is a new idea, and Stadstad said she thinks other posts will respond.

The national telethon starts at 6 p.m. on May 30 and ends at 4 p.m. on May 31. People wishing to pledge a donation should call 220-1599.

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## In brief

### Foreign students should apply now

Sandy Union High School is taking applications from foreign exchange student agencies listed in the National Association of Secondary School Principals' publication, "Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs 1986-87."

Applications will be received until June 1, with final selection to be made by June 15. Applications should

be submitted to the counseling center at the high school.

### Hood View registration set

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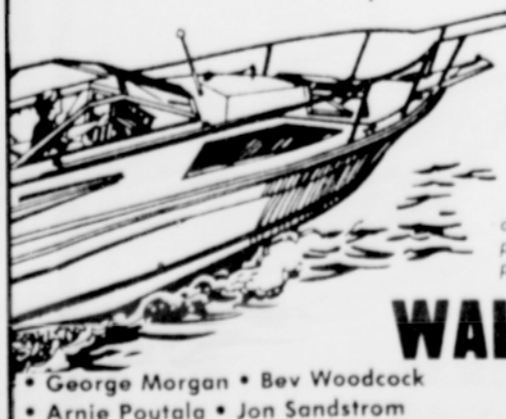
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