Deputy clerk retires after 28 years

Alice Booth, deputy clerk at Cottrell School, is retiring after 28 years of paying bills and keeping board notes.

School Superintendent Kathleen Hieb said Booth will be missed.

"She knows the job backward and forward," Hieb said. "You could say the Oregon budget laws grew up around her. They weren't even in existence when she started."

Booth started at the school in 1959, working four days a month. She began working full time about 15 years ago.

"When you come in full time, you pick up extra chores like putting Band-Aids on kids," she said.

Reports required by the state and federal government have made the job more complicated, she said. But she also said she thinks a newly installed computer will help save some time in the office.

When she took the job, the school had about 50 students and the payroll included four teachers, a janitor and herself. Now the school has 225 students and 24 full- and part-time employees.

"I've loved it here," Booth said. "I've had two really great bosses, two good superintendents."

Booth worked under Jean Lundy, the school's first superintendent, until 1983, when Hieb was hired.

Booth said she feels lucky to have worked in a district with good board members and financial stability. She pointed out that the school, which has operated on a tax base since 1980, has seen only two financial measures defeated at the polls in the time she has worked there.

One levy vote failed because a softball team was out playing on a nice night and the team members never got around to voting. Their votes would have carried the election, she said.

Alice Booth watched the Oregon budget laws grow up around her.

Booth has four children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. With six grandsons playing baseball and a "constant picnic in the backyard," Booth's life is hectic at times.

"I want to spend some time with the grandkids," she said. "They're growing up fast."

Booth and her husband, Wilbur, raise raspberries on a farm that will soon be a century old. She said her plans for retirement primarily include taking time to watch lots of baseball.

Judy Lenchitsky, who resigned from the board of directors to apply for the job, has been hired as deputy clerk. Booth will continue working through at least June 30. Lenchitsky will begin June 15.

In brief

Safe boating classes planned

The Portland Power Squadron is trying to determine the amount of interest for boating safety classes in Sandy. People interested in taking classes the second week in September should contact Lesley Choate in the evening at 663-5593.

A fee might be charged to cover the cost of materials for the class.

Willey elected vice president

Jill Willey has been elected an assistant vice president of the Benj. Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association, according to Dale Weight, chairman of the board and chief executive officer.

Willey is the manager of the association's Sandy office. An employee since 1978, she has also served as an assistant branch manager, supervisor and teller.

Jill Willey

She attended Mt. Hood Community College and has completed supplemental studies through the Institute of Financial Education and the American Institute of Banking.

Willey is a member of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce and a vice president of Sandy Toastmasters.

Benj. Franklin is the largest savings and loan with its headquarters in Oregon. It has 85 offices in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah. The Sandy office is located at 17500 Strauss St.

Rebekahs add three members

The Sandy Rebekah Lodge No. 193 initiated three new members on May 28. They were Melisia Gould, Anna Mae Carr and Martha Backler. Thirty-six members were present, including three guests from Centennial Lodge No. 147 of Estacada.

Sandy woman on honor roll

Dixie Cochran, a freshman writing/literature major from Sandy, is on the spring honor roll at George Fox College in Newberg.

To be on the honor roll one must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while taking at least 12 credit hours.

George Fox College is a four-year, Christian liberal arts college founded in 1891 by Quaker pioneer settlers.

Woman named to honor roll

Heidi Jo Beck of Sandy has been named to the president's honor roll at Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho.

To be on the president's honor roll, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry 14 credit hours.

Ricks College is the largest privately owned two-year college in the United States. It is owned and operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Births

Janelle Davis

LeeRoy and Tammy Davis of Gresham welcomed Janelle Leann to the family on April 25. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 21½ inches.

Grandparents are J.R. and Charlotte Davis of Boring, Clayton and Leila Blom of Mt. Hood and John and Shirley Brinser of Milwaukie.

Shane Long

Phillip and Dawn Long of Sandy welcomed Shane Phillip to the family on May 22. He weighed 9 pounds and measured 22 inches long.

He joins a sister, Nina, 4.

Grandparents are Gerald and Betty Long of Sandy, Marie Rieken of Albuquerque, N.M., and John Kelling of Denver.

Christopher Lafferty

Karry and Debra Lafferty of Riverside, Calif., welcomed Christopher Michael to the family on May 5. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches. He is their first child.

Grandparents are Sally Lafferty of Sandy, Richard Lafferty of San Clemente, Calif., and Margaret and Norman Hamilton of Riverside.

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