



Photo by Sue Newlands.

Up, up and away

Youngsters participating in the Sandy Public Library's summer reading program couldn't send messages in a bottle to follow the theme of "Captain Book," so they sent messages by balloon instead. The reading program is offered to keep

youngsters interested in reading through the summer. For those too young to read, librarians hope to showing reading as a fun and interesting activity. There has been a summer reading program in Sandy for about 10 years.

Keeping Posted

Sonshine Patch school theme

"Growing God's Way in the Sonshine Patch" is the theme of the 11th annual Community Vacation Bible Camp, which will be Monday, Aug. 24, through Friday, Aug. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mount Hood Free Evangelical Church in Welches.

The camp is for children 4 years old through the sixth grade. There will be crafts, songs, Bible lessons, Bible theater, puppets, creative recreation and more.

There is no cost. Children should take a sack lunch each day. Transportation is not provided but the church will help coordinate car pools.

A special Parents Night will be held Friday, Aug. 28, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call the church office at 622-4079; Marilyn Peterson at

622-4435, evenings; or Meredith Clossner, camp director, at 622-4537.

Lions Club plans Fun Day

The Sandy Lions Club will hold its annual Fun Day on Sunday, Aug. 9, at noon at the Oral Hull Park. The event is a fund-raiser for the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind.

There will be live music, games and prizes.

Price of the barbecue chicken dinner will be \$4 for adults, \$2 for children under the age of 12.

Bible school to begin soon

The Sandy Seventh-day Adventist Church will hold vacation Bible school Sunday, Aug. 9, through Fri-

day, Aug. 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 17150 University Ave.

"We're really excited about the surprise visitors who will be coming to vacation Bible school several evenings," said Sharon Peil, leader.

Children from the age of 4 to 12 are invited. There will be stories, games, crafts and mystery prizes.

Bull Run tour set Aug. 18

The World Forestry Center will sponsor a tour of the Bull Run watershed on Tuesday, Aug. 18, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The watershed, managed by the Forest Service, is the city of Portland's primary water source.

Forest service representatives will lead participants through the watershed explaining how the system operates. They will discuss numerous management programs.

Stops include tours of blowdown sites and a leisurely lunch at Bull Run Lake.

Cost of the tour is \$16 for Forestry Center members and \$18.50 for others. Box lunches are available for \$5 from the Forestry Center or participants may pack a lunch.

To register, contact the Forestry Center at 4022 S.W. Canyon Road, Portland, 97221. Or call 228-1367.

Jehovah's Witness hosts speaker

Maurice O'Collaghan, a traveling overseer of the Watchtower Bible Society of the Jehovah Witness, will be visiting Sandy in August.

He will speak on Sunday, Aug. 9, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Aug. 16, at 1:30 p.m. at the Kingdom Hall, 14665 S.E. Bluff Road.

His discourse is entitled, "What it means to be a spiritual man."

In brief

Bicentennial posters sold

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, the Benj. Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association is offering a full color reproduction of the Howard Chandler painting of that historic event.

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the original document.

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Proceeds will go to the Bicentennial Commissions in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Utah.

Local man on honor roll

John O. Marosi of Sandy has been

named to the dean's list for the spring semester at Norwich University in Northfield, Vt.

To earn the honor a student must have a 3.0 grade point average or better.

Agencies warn of fire danger

Residents and visitors to Oregon and Washington are being urged to

be careful with fire in the forests this summer as the Pacific Northwest moves into the warm, dry months of August and September.

Administrators of six public land management agencies in the two states have issued their annual "Fire Awareness Time" message in an effort to keep wildfires from starting on forests and rangelands.

An unusually warm spring coupled with a below-normal snowpack has brought an early wildfire season.

Climbing on Hood not recommended now

A warning against climbing Mount Hood has been issued by the Zigzag Ranger District on the Mount Hood National Forest due to hazardous conditions that exist above the 9,500-foot level of the mountain.

Extreme rockfall danger, lack of snow, development of water ice and widening crevasses are all contributing to the recommendation not to climb.

The end of the climbing season has arrived three or four weeks earlier than in past years. A mild winter and spring are the major reasons for the early deterioration of climbing conditions.

Rocks the size of cars have been observed falling off the upper portion of the mountain. A continuous shower of basketball-sized rocks is typical after sunrise on the south side route above crater rock.

"The U.S. Forest Service has no authority to keep people off the mountain. We can only issue warnings against climbing," said Bruce Haynes, district climbing ranger. "The recommendation not to climb, and the rockfall hazard warning does not include the area for summer skiing on the Palmer snowfield. The

snowfield is in a safe area where rockfall is not possible.

"We recommend that climbers put their Mount Hood climbs on hold until snow and weather patterns produce safer climbing conditions," said Haynes.

"Usually the best time to plan a climb of the mountain is during the months of April through June."

Most climbing injuries and deaths on Mount Hood result from inexperienced and ill-equipped climbers getting hit by falling rocks or ice; falling down steep slopes or into crevasses; or becoming disoriented due to poor weather conditions. Even the slightest climbing injury can result in tragedy due to the cold temperatures, high winds and rapidly changing weather on the mountain.

Inexperienced climbers without proper equipment are common, according to Haynes. "It's amazing that more people are not injured or killed on the mountain because so many people who are totally unprepared attempt to climb," he said.

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