



Sandy senior Kim Schwenk works pruning Christmas trees at the high school's Forestry Lab.

Ag classes tailored to area

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Students in agricultural classes at Sandy High School are participating in a program that has been tailored to match the needs of farmers in the local area. As part of the new program, students grow Christmas trees, berries and landscaping plants.

Alan L'Hommedieu, instructor, said agricultural classes in the past have touched on areas of local interest, but he said he hopes to place even more emphasis on that course of study.

A high school agricultural advisory committee, made up of local nursery owners and farmers, has approved changes in the agricultural sequence, L'Hommedieu said.

"We are de-emphasizing animal science. It is not as important, job-wise, in our area."

Animal sciences will still be included in the curriculum, along with other subjects such as forest management, mechanics, farm safety, agricultural business economics and leadership training, which is gained through Future Farmers of America speech competitions.

But a majority of course time will be spent on agriculture as it is practiced locally, L'Hommedieu said.

The advanced class recently spent a day topping and pruning Christmas trees and cutting brush at the Forestry Lab, an 80-acre woodlot located on Coalman Road. Salvageable Christmas trees are growing on about an acre and a half at the forest lab. In a year or two those trees will be harvested as a fund-raiser for the FFA, and then the woodlot will be managed for timber, L'Hommedieu said.

The advanced class has a two-class period block on time in which students work on projects, but a good portion of class time is spent on the bus riding to and from the Forestry Lab.

Instead of spending time driving back and forth, L'Hommedieu plans to develop about two acres located west of Pop Rannow Stadium. At that site, students will grow a few rows of strawberries and raspberries, and raise landscaping plants and Christmas trees.

The school district also has a greenhouse. L'Hommedieu hopes to make better use of it by having students grow starts of vegetables,

flowers and landscaping plants. The starts will later be transplanted to the two-acre "school farm."

Students will learn to conduct tests of different kinds of fertilizers and learn propagation techniques, among other skills.

L'Hommedieu's students have already enjoyed some success this year, having placed first in a district soils competition.

In a soils competition, students identify the best uses for different kinds of soil.

The change in focus comes at a time when L'Hommedieu has a number of students who excel in the field of animal sciences. A number of the students in his advanced class have done well in showing livestock, he said. Although they will be encouraged to continue to participate in 4-H livestock programs, L'Hommedieu said he believes the number of jobs is limited in cattle and other livestock industries.

L'Hommedieu also said many Sandy High School students either live on a small farm or will eventually own a few acres. With that in mind, he said it makes sense to teach students how to manage small farming operations.

Since Sandy and the Mount Hood corridor is a suburban area as well as a rural area, L'Hommedieu also intends to focus on landscaping skills.

L'Hommedieu said he will put together a booklet for the students of all the skills they learn in agriculture at Sandy High School. The students will be able to use that as a reference when applying for jobs as landscapers, in the nursery industry or on berry farms.

L'Hommedieu currently teaches three classes for freshmen and the advanced agriculture class. Eventually he hopes to teach freshman classes, an agriculture II class and the advanced class.

L'Hommedieu, who has taught at Sandy High School for nine years, is in his first year as agriculture teacher. He previously taught forestry classes, but the forestry program was dropped in the spring of 1986 because of low student enrollment. Last year he taught mathematics and personal finance.

L'Hommedieu has a bachelor of science degree in natural resources management (forestry, wildlife and fisheries) from Humboldt State University and teaching credentials in agriculture from California State University.

Keeping Posted

Benefit planned for Erin Fenwick

Volunteers from the Sandy Mountain Festival committee, the Kiwanis Club of Sandy and Immanuel Lutheran Church will serve breakfast Saturday from 7 a.m. till noon at the church, 39901 Pleasant St.

The breakfast is to raise funds to aid in the payment of medical expenses for Erin Fenwick, age 14. Fenwick, who has been active in Sandy Community Players and high school drama, recently underwent emergency surgery for an abdominal inflammation.

Her parents, Herb and Ann Fenwick, are known for their involvement with the Sandy Mountain Festival.

Members of the local branch of the Aid Association for Lutherans hope to raise \$4,000.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$12 for a family. They are available at Hairline Coiffures, U.S. National Bank, Clackamas County Bank, Sandy Safeway, Mountain Video, The Movie Place, Marcus Realty, Sandy Sentry, Shorty's Corner and Sandy Office Supply.

Door prizes will be awarded.

Tables available for craft bazaar

Firwood School will hold its annual Mountain Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The annual bazaar is a fund-raiser for the Firwood Parent-Teacher Club.

Tables are available to rent for \$10 per table. To reserve a table, call Barbara Payette at 668-8517.

Church hosts fitness day

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host a Fitness Fun Day Saturday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. It will be held at the church building, 16317 S.E. Bluff Road.

All women 18 years old or older are invited. Participants should dress casually. Various exercise options will be discussed.

A skit will be presented and refreshments served.

Criminal justice topic of meeting

The Mount Hood Republican Women will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at noon at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House, 1555 E. Burnside St. in Gresham. The meeting is open to both men and women.

"The Breakdown of the Criminal Justice System and Its Effect Upon Our Society" will be discussed by former Portland Police Bureau Lieutenant Myron Warren.

Myron "Pop" Warren retired from the police bureau in 1973 after 36 years of service. He was assigned to the burglary division at the time of his retirement.

The Mount Hood Republican Women meet monthly September through May on the second Wednesday of each month.

Obituary

James Bradford

James Louis Bradford, who worked for seven years in food services at Sandy High School, died at his home in Sandy on Oct. 28. He was 65.

He was born in Los Angeles on Sept. 13, 1922. Mr. Bradford was raised in the Los Angeles area where he received his education. He then moved to the Northwest to live in Stevenson, Wash.

On June 22, 1951, he was married to Esther Green in Stevenson. While living in Washington and Oregon, Mr. Bradford worked as a truck driver and as a maintenance electrician in the canning industry. For seven years, prior to retirement, he worked

in food services at Sandy High School.

After retiring in 1984, he and his wife remained at their home in Sandy. He enjoyed was picnicking at Westmoreland and Meinig parks, and attending rodeos and circuses. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and telling stories to them.

He is survived by his wife, Esther; two daughters, Patricia Kiser of Portland and Toni Jimenez of Aloha; a son, Jesse Bradford of Florida; a brother, Burt Bradford of California; a sister, Rose Miles in Texas; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were Nov. 2 in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home. Interment followed at Sandy Ridge Cemetery.

School lunches

Bull Run School Nov. 9-13

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, buttered broccoli, muffin, pears and milk.

Tuesday: Chili on bun topped with cheese, celery with peanut butter, fruited Jell-O and milk.

Thursday: Beef Ravioli, cole slaw, bread and butter, applesauce and milk.

Friday: Turkey rice soup, cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, apple and milk.

Sandy Elementary District

Monday: Corn dog, french fries, vegetable sticks and dip, fruit crisp and milk.

Tuesday: Beef ravioli with meat sauce, vegetable salad, fruit Jell-O, garlic bread and milk.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, green beans, applesauce, cinnamon bun and milk.

Friday: Fish sticks with tartar sauce, buttered corn, apple cake, bread and butter and milk.

Welches School

Monday: Hot dog, peas, chilled

fruit, french fries and milk.

Tuesday: Western chili, tossed salad, fruit medley, corn bread and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, sliced peaches, garlic bread and milk.

Friday: Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, apricots, peanut butter cookie and milk.

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