

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

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15th anniversary an achievement

The 15th anniversary of the Mountain Festival is a milestone of considerable significance. The festival drew 44,000 last year, which is quite a contrast from its humble beginnings along a footpath in Meinig Park in 1974.

For that first one-day affair, artists chopped down a few ferns and set up shop.

Pictures of pioneer picnics indicate that Meinig Park was recognized for its beauty years ago, but the physical improvements to the park have added greatly to its ability to serve Sandy residents. Shelters, two outdoor theaters, a bridge and a playground have been added in the past 15 years, making the park a popular area year-round.

But the development of Meinig Park, located so near the city center, is only one important aspect.

Scholarships, programs for youth, camping trips, landscaping and even health care have been paid for out of the proceeds of the food booths, which are operated by non-profit organizations.

The exception is Zych's Elephant Ears, which was an early — and popular — participant in the festival.

The Mountain Festival committee, financed through a variety of methods related to the festival, has used its resources wisely. It has continued to make improvements to the park or add new events.

By keeping the event in the park popular, the artists clamor to get in. A festival, like a community, can either move forward or backward.

In our opinion the festival has continued to move forward, always building on its success.

The Mountain Festival has succeeded not just because of the Mountain Festival committee, but also because of the many civic organizations that operate the food booths, make improvements to the park and give scholarships.

But it would not be possible without the top draw, the two-day festival in the park.

Those folks in the green vests — Mountain Festival committee members — deserve a word of congratulations.

In addition to scholarships and the development of the park, the committee has given Sandy an identity. It seems that everyone gets together to participate in the Mountain Festival.



Corbett's small-town festival a big hit

You know you're at a small town festival when the master of ceremonies, in extolling the virtues of the parade grand marshals, forgets himself and calls one of them "mom."

Bill Quinn did that Monday at the Corbett July 4 Fun Festival. Ever since the event began 18 years ago, Quinn, who is among the most silver-tongued of Corbett citizens, has been the master of ceremonies. This year he was doing his usual slick job, his voice booming out across the high school football field. He described the virtues of parade grand marshal Aaron and Jo Quinn, as though they were strangers and not his parents.

"Aaron is an elder in the church," he said. "Jo delivers Meals on Wheels." And then he slipped up and called her "mom."

Nobody noticed. Everybody in Corbett knew she was his mom. It's that kind of place.

It's the kind of place where Roger Mackness and Cliff Graff can put on their stagged pants hiked up with logger's suspenders, clap old felt hats on their heads and sit around all afternoon talking about an old hoisting engine as though it was a woman.

"Sexy ain't it?" says Mackness, watching a great, rust-colored wheel



churn circles in the air and listening to her huff and chuff. They were babying the engine as a

old Buick with 159,000 miles to its name. "The way it works is this," he said, waving a fist full of dollars and indicating a chart. "At four o'clock we're going to fire her up, put the pedal to the metal and see how long it takes before the engine blows up. What you do is bet on the number of minutes and seconds it takes."

(As it turned out, it took three minutes and 36 seconds.)

Across the football field the Corbett volunteer firefighters tucked the "injured" president of their association, Hunter Jones, into a smelly and smushed Toyota once driven by slob who left food and bones and crud in the car. Then they slammed the doors shut, hauled out their Jaws of Life tool and can-opened Jones out

mid-air, walked out of the craft. Just for fun, the firefighters peeled the top off the Toyota.

The only people who didn't get to watch were the ones doing time in the Corbett Territorial Jail where Sheriff U. Ben Kott issued warrants for crimes such as being too short.

The other creature in a cage was Lulu, the beef on the hoof that was raffled off before the fireworks display. In Corbett, prizes tend to come as do-it-yourself projects — fur and feathers and all. There was also a drawing for a log truck full of firewood, still in log form.

There are no wimps in Corbett, apparently. Tony Jacobs was there. He's the one who survived the fiery car crash that claimed most of his skin as well as his fingers. He was wearing a gaudy Hawaiian shirt and saying hello to all the people who had helped him through his recovery.

"They made me a Community Hero, you know," he said proudly. Because they know how those things are in Corbett, they also made his wife, Pam, a Community Hero.

Little kids waved flags. A child went by clutching both cotton candy and a kitten. The water in the dunk tank looked slimmer than ever. Kiwanians barbecued a flock of turkeys.

It was a Fourth of July like always in Corbett. And just as good as ever.

LETTERS

VFW, Auxiliary say thanks

The members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4273 and Auxiliary wish to thank Mayor Deane Wesslink and the City Council for proclaiming the month of May Buddy Poppy Month and the days of May 20 and 21 as Buddy Poppy Days.

Again this year our program was very successful.

We would like to thank Cub Scout Pack 663 for its help, and all the people of Sandy and the outlying area for their generous donations.

A special thanks to the many business that participated. They were:

Hal Blake-Clearview Window Cleaning, Dover Pacific Co., Toney's Farm Market, Shorty's Corner, Mountain Motor, Deane's Auto Repair, Mount Hood Dental Clinic, Suburban Ford, Sandy 7-Eleven, Sandy Arco, Mike's Secondhand Store, Sandy Mobile, Mar Hood Equipment and Mitchell RV, E.W. Eldridge Inc., Baert's Metals, Russell Tire, Cascade Screw Machine Products, Action Auto,

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Sandy Trading Post, Sandy Fast Print, Clackamas County Bank, Mountain Video, Atkins and Associates/Our Town Insurance, Cascade Springs Dental Clinic, Mount Hood Cleaners, Bruce Cook, Jo Jo's New York Style Pizza, Sandy Machine and Auto Parts, Les Schwab

Tire, Tollgate Inn, Sandy Office Supply, Sandy Shoe Repair, Jim's Big Apple, Something Blue, Taco Time, Oja Lumber Co., Quality Tank and Construction Co., Eugene Madison, Bandito's, Country Carousel, Janz Berryland, Mountain Sports Outfitters, Sandy Funeral Home, Luigi's, Portland General Electric, Mount Hood Dairy Queen,

Ron Norquist, Sandy Animal Clinic, St. Paul Press, Town and Country Realtors, The Elusive Trout, Andano's Pizza, Our Gang, Jody's Steak House, Joe's Donut Shop, Sandy Decor, Sandy Chiropractic Clinic, Sandy Chainsaw, Coast to Coast, Al's Barber Shop/Larry Wollam, Sandy Travel Service, Sears, Sandy Furniture, Sandy Lock and Safe, Sandy Country Florist, Sandy SENTRY,

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Pioneer Cafe, Oregon Ark Motel, Country Corner Gift Shop, Mount Hood Deli, Hoodland Video, Mike's Candy Basket, Brightwood Radiator, Colorcraft Body and Paint, Log Building Products, Rippling River Resort, Whistle Stop, Rainbow Trout Farm,

Shamrock Motel, Diana Bata, Sarah's Salon, The Store Natural Foods and Cafe, Brightwood Store, Alpine Hut, Zig Zag Inn, Chalet Swiss and Salazar's.

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Buddy Poppy drive

LETTERS

Soap Box Derby entrants winners

Young people are in the news often these days. Unfortunately, all too frequently these news items concern themselves with the ills of the actions of some members of the younger generation.

However, it is encouraging to recognize that goodness still prevails among the young and that these future civic and business leaders indeed are involving themselves in programs and activities in preparation for their future responsibilities.

One such activity is the Sandy Soap Box Derby, a part of an American tradition dating back 50 years. Over those five decades, our nation and our nation's people have been part of massive changes in society, in the economy, in our total patterns of living.

Some things don't change, though. Oh sure, designs of Soap Box Derby racers have become sleeker and more technical since the crates of the 1930s, but those changes are the result of one of our greatest

assets... the undying inquisitiveness of America's youth.

Young boys and girls yearn to know what makes something tick. They have ideas — and good ideas — about designing to make something work better. Basically, these are principles behind the Soap Box Derby program.

In basements and garages, and in back yards around our community, youngsters have been spending months putting their ideas to work. How can a car be built to have the least wind resistance? How should the weight be distributed to get the most benefit in a gravity run? Those are the questions facing these young builders and they are learning the answers as their racers are honed for the competition.

In a sense, the builders are "winners" long before their racers are put to the test on the track. They are winners because they made a decision to become involved in a worthwhile educational program and they have had the determination to stick to that project. They have learned many things along the way concerning technical aspects of Derby racers.

Most importantly, however, they have learned that good things don't come easily. They have learned to establish a goal and to work hard at meeting that objective. These are among the valuable lessons the Soap Box Derby provides contestants.

Sharon M. and Kent W. Cox
Board members
Sandy Soap Box Derby
Sandy

Garden Club says thanks

Several people deserve credit for their help in making the triangle on the west end of Sandy an attractive area.

The Kiwanis Club of Sandy donated money that we used to purchase flowers and bark dust.

The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce also donated money, which we used to purchase bark dust. And Gale Meier gave a donation of bark dust.

Porter's Nursery, Morton Spence, and Barbara Sims at Van Hise Nursery donated plants.

The triangle has been vandalized frequently. The latest episode resulted in nearly \$100 in damages. We hope that anyone who observes vandalism to the triangle will report it immediately to the Sandy police.

We hope you enjoy the color in the triangle. Thank you to all who contributed.

Kathy Cook, president
Sandy Garden Club

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Letter writers may also wish to include a title or office held if it is appropriate considering the subject matter of the letter.

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