

## Park increases diversity of events for families

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son, and "Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree" is a Walt Disney classic about the famous honey-craving bear.

Beginning June 28, special programs and ranger-led hikes for families will be offered at 2 p.m. every Sunday. Among the topics covered will be bicycling, edible plants, firefighting, kayaking, Northwest Indians, orienteering and stream exploration.

In addition, five-hour Sandy River raft trips will be offered on weekends in June. The trips will be led by Kauper, and the cost is \$12 per person.

The county's parks division is hoping the diversity of this year's family package will increase the level of participation over last year.

"They're good programs," Kauper said of the activities geared toward the family. "That's the only one where we haven't had as much attendance as we'd like."

Attendance at the park last summer increased 60 percent over the same period in 1985, and Kauper said attendance so far this year was "real good. Right up there with last year's."

"We've been real impressed with the public interest in (Kauper's) programs," said Charles Ciecko, county parks supervisor.

The schedule of park activities for June includes:

• 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 5: Campfire program. "Sense of Wonder," Oxbow Park Amphitheater.

• 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6: Evening program. Bird-watching walk, Oxbow Park Amphitheater. Nature walk with naturalist Kate Williams, who will identify bird calls, explain territorial and feeding behavior, and provide other information on birds.

• 9 a.m. Sunday, June 7: Sandy River raft trip. Meet at River Trails Canoe & Raft Rentals, 336 E. Columbia Highway, Troutdale. Trips include transportation from River Trails, equipment rental, paddling instruction and water safety instruction. Reservations required.

• 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 12: Campfire program. "Margin of Error" and "Uncalculated Risk," Oxbow Park Amphitheater. Water safety films with discussion of actual drownings, including those on the Sandy River.

## Sandy rafting trips offered by county

Rafting trips down the Sandy River will be offered beginning Sunday, June 7, by the Multnomah County Parks Services Division as part of the nature activity program at Oxbow Park.

The trips also will be offered June 13-14, June 18, and June 20-21. The cost is \$12, and participants will paddle their own four-person rafts.

Beginners and families are welcome to participate in the daylong trips through the Sandy River Gorge from Oxbow Park to Lewis and Clark State Park.

Deb Kauper, Oxbow Park naturalist, will be the guide for the trips. Rafters should pack in waterproof containers a lunch, something to

• 9 a.m. Saturday, June 13, and Sunday, June 14: Sandy River raft trip. Meet at River Trails Canoe & Raft Rentals, 336 E. Columbia Highway, Troutdale.

• 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 13: Campfire program. "Night Hike," Oxbow Park Amphitheater. A nighttime hike through the forested areas of the park.

• 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 17: Children's program. "Babies and Beasts," Group Picnic Area A.

• 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18: Nature crafts. Elderberry necklaces and leaf prints. Group Picnic Area A.

• 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 19: Campfire program. "Whitewater Primer," Oxbow Park Amphitheater. A film on the fast-growing sport of white-water kayaking.

• 9 a.m. Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21: Sandy River raft trips. Meet at River Trails Canoe & Raft Rentals, 336 E. Columbia Highway, Troutdale.

• 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 20: Campfire program "The Lorax," Oxbow Park Amphitheater. Dr. Seuss film about Truffula trees.

• 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 24: Children's program. "Exploration of Uncharted Territory," Group Picnic Area A.

• 2 p.m. Thursday, June 25: Nature crafts. "Pioneer Candles," Group Picnic Area A. Features candle dipping and observations of the production of beeswax.

• 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 26: Campfire program. "Winnie the Pooh and the Honey Tree," Oxbow Park Amphitheater.

• 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27: Campfire program. Oxbow Park Amphitheater. Smokey Bear will bring his fire safety message to Oxbow Park.

• 2 p.m. Sunday, June 28: For the family. "Smokey and the Fire Truck," old children's playground. Youngsters will have the chance to meet Smokey Bear, operate a fire hose and hear an important fire safety message.

In addition to the free public programs, Kauper will design special programs for organizations and youth groups at a cost determined by the scope of the activity. More information on the park's summer schedule and services offered can be obtained by contacting Kauper at Oxbow Park or by calling the county's parks division office.

drink, and a camera, binoculars or field guides.

Required dress for the outing includes a swimsuit under comfortable clothing, and shoes that can get wet — no bare feet or thongs will be allowed.

Depending on the weather, rafters should have a sweater and wind-resistant jacket if it is cool, and sun protection if it is hot.

Other equipment, including life jackets, will be provided. Participants also will receive water safety and boating instruction.

Reservations can be made or additional information obtained by contacting Kauper at Oxbow Park.

## Columbia High graduation ceremonies on tap

By **SUNNY STAUTZ**

Correspondent, The Oregonian

**TROUTDALE** — About 150 Columbia High School seniors are scheduled to walk across the school's gym floor and pick a diploma this year, but it will be on a week night rather than a weekend.

Graduation is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday to accommodate parent, student and staff requests that the two Reynolds School District high schools not hold graduation on the same day.

Last fall, a group told the school board they wanted to be able to attend both graduations and the board adjusted the schedule. Reynolds High seniors will graduate Friday night.

Senior counselor Dennis Bryson said the class of 1987 had a large number of volunteers who have been recognized for their work in the community. He said those volunteers include Tammy Boyum, recog-

nized by the Gresham Kiwanianne Club for her work with the Troutdale Police Explorer Post; Michelle Wolff for her work with Camp Fire; and Jenny Riley, for her work with the Multnomah County animal shelter.

In addition, the class has earned a combined total of \$102,000 in scholarships. The three largest scholarship winners are Erik Scheele, \$5,000 to Pepperdine University and \$2,000 National Merit Scholarship; Heather Knudsen, \$4,000 Presidential Scholarship to Oregon State University; and Roger Budge, \$4,000 Presidential Scholarship to Willamette University.

Two additional scholarships, the \$4,000 Reynolds Metals Co. Scholarship and the \$500 Cy Butterfield Scholarship, will be announced at graduation.

Butterfield, Columbia's first principal, who retired two years ago, will

present the scholarship the faculty created in his honor.

While Columbia does not recognize valedictorian and salutatorian, two students have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average through high school. They are Scheele and Knudsen.

Columbia has three Oregon Scholars, senior students whose grade point average and scholastic aptitude test scores were in the top 5 percent of the state. They are Scheele, Knudsen and Budge.

Scheele, Knudsen and Budge, along with Brad Filbert, also will receive Presidential Academic Fitness awards. The awards are given to students who earn a 3.5 or better grade point average, score above the 80th percentile in math and English on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and complete 12 or more units of college preparatory classes. Scheele is also a National Merit finalist.

Student speakers at graduation will be Scheele, Joel Alexander and Tracy Swayze.

## In the military

### Mike Mansker

Mike Mansker, Navy constructionman apprentice, is a member of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40, which was honored with the Pelletier award for 1986.

The award is given by the Society of American Military Engineers to the Navy's most outstanding construction battalion.

Mansker is a 1983 graduate of Aim High School and the son of Thomas E. and Pamela J. Mansker, 1425 N.E. 192nd Ave.

### Donald E. Burton

Staff Sgt. Donald E. Burton of the Air Force has been named outstanding non-commissioned officer of the first quarter of 1987.

Burton is an in-flight passenger specialist at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. The Air Force said selection was based on exemplary performance of duty, knowledge of the job, leadership, self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Burton is the son of Karen Krones, 13132 N.E. Schuyler St.

### Douglas C. Swanson

Douglas C. Swanson has graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. He is the son of Delbert C. Swanson, 602 N.E. 71st Ave., and Sharel R. Psocinos, 3239 S.E. 151st Ave. He is a 1986 graduate of Madison High School.

### Julie A. Lewis

Pvt. Julie A. Lewis of the U.S. Army has reached West Germany for duty with the 2nd Support Battalion. She is a 1986 graduate of Centennial High School and the daughter of Eugene C. and Linda L. Gonzales, 14505 S.E. Morrison St.

### Angela M. Baton

Airman Angela M. Baton has reached Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., for duty. She is a 1985 graduate of David Douglas High School and the daughter of Mary Ann Baton, 2372 S.E. 141st Ave.

### Eugene L. Sanders

Pfc. Eugene L. Sanders of the U.S. Army has reached Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for duty as a telecommunications specialist. He is a 1985 graduate of Brighton High School, Colo., and son of Duane A. Sanders and stepson of Diane L. Sanders, 16222 S.E. Tibbetts St.

### Robert G. Coomler

Petty Officer 3rd Class Robert G. Coomler of the U.S. Navy is a member of Naval Construction Battalion 40, based at Port Hueneme, Calif., which was given the Pelletier award for 1986.

The award is given by the Society of American Military Engineers to the Navy's most outstanding construction battalion.

Coomler is a 1984 graduate of Gresham High School.

### Reed professor to talk

The Eastrose Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will sponsor a talk entitled "Liberal Protestantism in Modern America" at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 7, in the fellowship hall, 1133 N.E. 181st Ave.

Richard W. Fox, a professor at Reed College, will be the speaker. A cultural historian, Fox is the author of "Reinhold Niebuhr, A Biography."

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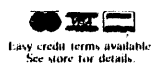
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