



January 1995 is target date...

Ground breaking for emergency ser

Alex Paul
Editor

An exciting day for Sweet

That was the consensus Wednesday afternoon during a ground breaking ceremony for the emergency services building.

Members of the public watched Mayor Craig Fentiman, Don Perkins, chairman of the Sweet Rural Fire District and Dave Warden, chairman of the Sweet Ambulance District, tossed ceremonial first shovels of dirt.

"The partnership of the three groups has made this a reality for the community," said City Manager Dan Dean. "The community has wanted this for 15 years and it's exciting to see it come to fruition."

Former Fire Chief Jerry Wooley was all smiles. Wooley spent 36 years with the Fire Department, the last 10 as Volunteer Chief.

"I didn't think this would happen in my lifetime, but I'm really glad to be here today to see it come true," Wooley said. "I'm very excited because this is something that's been needed for many years. I tried years ago but didn't succeed."

Wooley joked that he hoped the

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construction company would "get working on the reviewing stand for all of us old retired guys." He added that recently retired Fire Marshal Keith Gabriel has been appointed to set up and take down lawn chairs for the unofficial "supervisors."

Gabriel spent 27 years with the department.

"This is fantastic, wonderful, marvelous," he said. "This is one of many positive things which are happening here."

The fact that three government groups united for a common cause also means savings for the taxpayers they serve, said Mayor Craig Fentiman.

"It's what government needs to do, to combine its efforts," Fentiman said. "I'm impressed, we've set a precedent. By securing the Community Development

Block Grant (\$600,000) and spreading the bond over many persons \$500,000 for five years) we are going to benefit a lot of people at minimal cost."

Volunteer Fireman Erv Reynolds pointed to the old Fire Hall. He noted that it had served the community well for five decades and the new emergency services building will do the same.

The support of the community for the project was gratifying according to Fire Chief Joe Mengore.

"It's been a long time coming, everyone is excited about this," Mengore said. "It's nice to see the hopes and dreams of people come true."

The community's support for the project was recognized by the project's architects, GLAs Architectural Group.

"I've been around this project since the '70s," said Reid Anderson. "I helped design the first set of plans that we've revamped for this project. It's evident the community really wants this building in place."

John Hyland of John Hyland Construction has been chosen as the project's general contractor. His company was founded in 1978 and operates out of the Eugene-Springfield area. It has 60 employees and specializes in

buildings of schools, hospitals, commercial buildings.

He said breaking ground is a preparation v

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Happy days...

It was a momentous occasion for the three agencies involved in the development of a new emergency services building. Ground breaking for the \$1.1 million facility was held Wednesday. From left: Dave Redden, chairman of the Sweet Home Ambulance District; Don Hopkins, chairman of the Sweet Home Rural Fire District and Sweet Home Mayor Craig Fertman. Members of the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors served refreshments for the event. More photos and story can be found on Page 9 of this issue. Photo by Alex Paul.

School Board meets in executive

Committee OKs LBCC budget for 1995-'96

ALBANY—After a lengthy discussion Wednesday evening of the college's options after its bond levy request failed by a four percent margin May 17, the Linn Benton Community College Budget Committee approved the college's proposed budget for the 1994-'95 fiscal year.

The general fund portion of the 1994-'95 budget is \$23.7 million. General fund resources which include the beginning balance, property taxes, tuition, and state funding, pay for most of the day-to-day operations of the college.

In his budget message, LBCC President Jon Canahan spoke about the major reduction of programs and services taken by the college in 1991-'92. He anticipates similar reductions for the 1995-'96 fiscal year. The 1991 reductions eliminated the equivalent of 34 positions, saving \$709,000 that fiscal year and an estimated \$800,000 for each of the next two fiscal years. By making the reductions up front at the onset of Measure 5 and by prudent fiscal management of resources, the college was able to balance the budget for the next three fiscal years without further major reductions, Canahan said.

If the college is to continue offering quality programs and services in the future, it is necessary to plan now for major reductions to be implemented during 1995-'96, Canahan said. He pointed out that a modified hiring freeze process was started in January 1994. That process, which involves reviewing programs and services

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Fast Facts

What: Emergency Services Building

Structure type: 12,000 square feet, one level, five equipment bays, four offices, training room, kitchen, living quarters, hose tower

Location: Long Street east of current facility

Partners: City of Sweet Home, Sweet Home Ambulance District, Sweet Home Rural Fire District. Total yearly budget of \$660,000.

Areas served: 1,000 square miles Sweet Home Ambulance District; 66 square mile of Fire District and 6 square miles within the city limits.

Cost: \$1.1 million

Financing: \$600,000 Community Development Block Grant and \$500,000 five-year bond

Staffing: 53 volunteers, plus seven paid staff members

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