

Keeping Posted

Friday
Aug. 11

The women's ministry of the Sandy Assembly of God Church is holding its annual "Country Store" from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church's basement at 3980 SE Highway 26. New and used items will be offered for sale, as well as cookies. Free coffee will be provided. The sale will continue through 5 p.m. Saturday.

Saturday
Aug. 12

The Sandy Union High School class of 1973 is holding its five-year reunion at the Hoodland Women's Club in Wemme. A potluck supper is planned for 7 p.m., with entertainment scheduled to begin at 9. Adults will be charged admission but children will be admitted free. For more information call Karyn Moon Dyal at 668-5274 or Debbie Gunderson Stone at 668-7789.

The Sandy Union High School class of '58 will hold its 20th reunion. The class will meet at the school at 2:30 p.m. again at Oral Hull Park at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday
Aug. 13

The annual Montana Picnic will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Blue Lake Park, areas 9 and 10. For more information call Mary Mitchell at 668-6325 or Art Rykken at 668-3602.

Monday
Aug. 14

The Clackamas County Library's bookmobile will be at the Cottrell School from 12:15 to 2 p.m.; at the Carver School from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; and at the Western Farms store in Boring from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Sandy High School Board meets at the school at 7:30 p.m. for its August monthly meeting.

Tuesday
Aug. 15

The annual meeting of the Senior Center advisory committee will begin at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Community Center.

The school board meeting for Sandy Elementary School district No. 46 will begin at 8 p.m. in the library of the upper grades building.

The Sandy Kaffee Klatsch will open at 7:30 p.m. with refreshments

and coffee. The Christian women's discussion group will begin at 7:45. For more information call 630-4902 or 668-6215.

A citizens "how-to" session called "How to Take Part in Future Planning Decisions," sponsored by the county planning department, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 in the Public Works complex in Oregon City. The City of Sandy's levy election is also scheduled for Tuesday.

Wednesday
Aug. 16

The Barlow Trail Retired Teachers' Association is holding a potluck picnic at Meinig Park at noon.

Friday
Aug. 18

The Sandy Christian Women's monthly brunch will be held at 9:30 a.m. at TJ's restaurant. Featured guests are Trish Lenihan, a country-western style musician, and Caroline Johnson, a Portland-area nutritionist. Babysitting is available at the Assembly of God church. Necessary reservations may be made by calling 668-6157.

Woman reports lost guide dog

Alice Bankston has lost her dog. She has also lost her "eyes."

Mrs. Bankston is blind, and without her seeing-eye dog, Ursula, she is having trouble finding her way around the area outside her trailer at Oral Hull Park. She also misses the dog.

"It's an awful feeling," Mrs. Bankston said. "She's not just a pet dog, she's a companion. She's with me all the time."

Ursula disappeared Aug. 1 from the park. Mrs. Bankston was ill and let the five-year-old German shepherd out for a run with a neighbor's dog. The neighbor's dog returned, but Ursula hasn't been seen or heard from since.

Several explorer scouts and other volunteers combed the lower level of Oral Hull Park in case the dog had gotten hung up by one of her collars, but they discovered nothing. Mrs. Bankston fears that something may have happened to Ursula.

"There has been lots of shooting around here," she

said. "It's possible that she wandered onto someone's property and got shot."

Ursula should be easy to identify, according to her owner. She wears two collars; one with a bell and the other with her license. Mrs. Bankston's name and address and a seeing eye insignia. She also has the number 404 tattooed on one of her ears identifying her as an official seeing eye dog.

The 60-pound shepherd is cream colored, with a dark mane, nose and ears.

Ursula is timid and doesn't respond to strangers. She has been trained to respond only to her owners voice. Anyone seeing the dog should contact Mrs. Bankston at 668-5798. "I'm 80 years old and I'm the oldest person they (Seeing Eye Dog Council) have ever accepted for a first dog," she said. "I've applied for a new dog, but it's double hard for an older person to get used to a new dog."

"She always came back when I let her out, but this day she didn't," Mrs. Bankston sighed.



Alice Bankston and Ursula

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State makes sure that parents remember kids' shots

by KAYE BARTON

There are many reasons why parents neglect to have their children immunized against dangerous childhood diseases. Most often, they are busy and it is inconvenient for them to do so. Parents may assume that threatening diseases have been eradicated, or they may simply postpone the chore for months or even years.

Now the state legislature

has given them one good overriding reason for seeing to the task: unless they provide proof that their children have been immunized according to a medically-recommended schedule, the youngsters won't be admitted to school.

The law went into effect in October of 1977. Under the new legislation all children five through 14 years of age who are entering Oregon schools for the first time must be fully immunized.

This involves vaccinations according to current recommendations against polio, measles, rubella,

diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. The law does not require a vaccination against mumps but officials recommend it.

Before they are admitted to school the students must provide proof, in the form of a signed statement from a physician or health department representative, that they've had their "shots".

There are few exceptions to the strict requirement. One modification will allow new residents of Oregon 30 days to transfer their medical records from out of state. At the end of that period they will be required

to furnish proof of compliance with the law.

Other exceptions allow for medical or religious reasons for avoiding vaccinations. But, unless the child's doctor advises against a particular vaccine or unless the parents' religion forbids it, the shots will be as much a part of the back-to-school routine as the traditional shopping spree.

Health care professionals in the Sandy area are conducting an active campaign to ensure that children receive the necessary immunizations. A "well child" clinic is scheduled for Thursday, August 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The clinic, sponsored by the county health department, will be held at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sandy.

Health department volunteer Caroline Eskridge reported that the August session is booked up. "We hate to turn anyone away," she said, "but it's necessary for us to make advance appointments, and all our time slots have been filled."

Eskridge suggested that parents take their children to the Clackamas Health Clinic at 1425 So. Kaen Road in Oregon City, where they can receive free or low cost immunizations. The Oregon

City clinic is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m.

Another public health clinic is held in Gresham each Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at 1620 NE Second Ave.

And the Clackamas County public health department has scheduled another well child clinic in Sandy on September 14. This will not benefit children affected by the first-day-of-school deadline, but pre-school children or new state residents can still take advantage of it.

Two local physicians, Dr. Matthew Sah and Dr. E. D. Leavitt, will give children vaccinations without requiring an advance appointment. Parents are advised to compare their children's health records with the schedule below to determine if shots are necessary, and to bring immunization records with them when they come to the clinics or to a doctor's office.

Dr. Sah heartily supports the new law and the publicity it has generated. "We sometimes think modern medical science has conquered these diseases," he said, "but I still see people with the killers and the cripples we think have been eradicated."

The immunization

schedule recommended by the health department for a two-month-old baby is one DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis — or whooping cough — and Tetanus) immunization and one polio immunization. At three to four months, a baby should receive an additional DPT immunization and one of polio, and at six months the third DPT immunization is recommended.

At 12-15 months measles, rubella and mumps immunizations are given, and at 18 months the child should receive "boosters" of DPT and polio vaccine.

Between the ages of four and six years before starting school, the child should receive another "booster" each of DPT and polio. This will total 5 DPT vaccinations and six polio. At this point, if the child has not received measles, rubella and mumps immunizations, they should be given.

After this basic early protection is given, a tetanus-diphtheria (Td) "booster" should be given routinely every ten years and should be repeated after a dirty puncture wound is incurred, especially if it has been five years or more since the previous "Td" vaccination.

Courts punishing traffic no-shows

Oregon courts are apparently taking a stern attitude with traffic violators who fail to show up for scheduled appearances on traffic cases, or who fail to pay traffic fines.

Statistics released Friday by the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division reveal that in the first half of this year, 10,906 drivers had their licenses suspended for failing to appear at scheduled court appearances. The suspensions stay in effect until drivers appear in court.

The division reported another 3,534 suspensions for failure to pay fines for traffic infractions, or comply with terms under which fines were suspended. These suspensions are recommended by judges and again, stay in effect until the fine is paid.

Jay Rupp, head of DMV's Driver Services Section, said the 87 percent increase in suspensions for failure to appear and 35 percent increase in suspensions for failure to pay fines reflect "a growing acceptance of license suspension as a way to get traffic violators to court."

Rupp said that until recently, the \$5 fee paid by courts to DMV to suspend a license for failure to appear caused many courts to forego the suspension procedure. "It usually took an authorization by the county commission, and there was always the possibility that someone could move out of the state — and the county would lose the \$5."

"Now it appears that courts have become convinced that it pays to use suspension and that not many people are moving out of state," Rupp continued. He pointed out that once suspended, it also costs a driver to get a license reinstated by DMV so the scofflaw may wind up paying the fine, court costs and the reinstatement fee.

Rupp pointed to another figure — the number of drivers suspended for failing to comply with the state's

financial responsibility law — as proof that inflation continues to put the bite on the pocketbook of Oregon drivers.

"Whenever money gets tight, we see an increase in the number of licenses suspended for not maintaining auto insurance when required by law."

He noted that these suspensions rose from 12,464 for the first six months of 1977 to 13,630 this year, a seven percent increase. Suspensions for drivers involved in uninsured traffic accidents increased from 3,584 in the first half of 1977 to 4,022 for the same period of this year.

In all, the division received 328,234 notices of conviction for traffic offenses from Oregon courts. That figure compares with 306,656 for the comparable 1977 period.

Sandy man killed on Highway 26

A Sandy man was killed Friday in a rear-end collision on Highway 26 east of here Friday, Clackamas County sheriff's deputies reported.

Gordon Earl Clauson, 47, of 22411 SE 442nd Ave., was a passenger in a car driven by his wife, Gene. Deputies said they were waiting in the eastbound left lane to turn across the highway into the Los Amigos restaurant driveway when the accident occurred.

Deputies said Paul Bill Webber of Rhododendron, who was driving east in the left lane did not see the Clausons' car in time and attempted to veer to the right around it. Webber's car struck the Clausons' car in the right rear corner and spun it around, deputies said.

A witness who attempted to give Clauson first aid said he had no pulse. Clauson was pronounced dead on arrival at Gresham Community Hospital.

Mrs. Clauson and Webber were treated for injuries and released. Neither was cited in the accident.

Women's club sets brunch

The Sandy Christian Women's Club monthly brunch will be held Friday Aug. 18 at 9:30 a.m. in TJ's Restaurant.

Trish Lenihan, a country-western style recording artist, will be the guest speaker and soloist. Lenihan grew up on a North Dakota ranch and is a former rodeo

queen and teacher.

Caroline Johnson of Gresham will present a special feature on cooking with mushrooms. Johnson is the community food and nutrition coordinator for Portland Action Committees Together (PACT) serving the southeast Portland area.

Babysitting is provided at

the Assembly of God Church for children ages six and under. Reservations for the brunch are necessary and may be arranged by calling Charlene Opperman at 668-6157.

Opperman asked that women who make reservations and are unable to use them call and cancel by noon Thursday Aug. 17.



A SANDY man was killed Friday night on S.E. Highway 26 when this vehicle, driven by his wife, was struck from the rear by another car. Gordon Earl Clauson, 47, was pronounced dead on arrival at Gresham Community Hospital. The driver of the other vehicle was Paul Webber. Gene suffered minor injuries.

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