

Keeping posted:

Foster home open house slated Sunday

Thursday, Dec. 13 members.
 Cottrell School Board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building at the school.
 Rebekah Lodge meets at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 8 p.m.
 The Golden Age Club potluck will be at noon at the Sandy Senior Center.
 Sandy Elementary School's Christmas program begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Grades gym.
 Firwood School's annual Christmas program, "Santa Claus in the Land of Oz," begins at 7:30 p.m. at the school.
Friday, Dec. 14
 Sandy Post 4273 of the VFW and the auxiliary will have a potluck dinner for all members.
 Sandy Christian Women's Club meets at 11:45 a.m. at the Adventist Center.
Saturday, Dec. 15
 Post 4273 of the VFW is having a benefit dance and auction for the Gilliland family. The public is invited to the event which runs from 3 to 8 p.m.
 Clackamas County Chapter of the Oregon Council of the Blind meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Rainbow Lodge at Oral Hull Park. For more information, call president Marie Webb at 668-7587.
Monday, Dec. 17
 Rainbow Girls meet at the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.
 Sandy City Council meets at City Hall at 7:30 p.m.
 Sandy Union High School's Christmas concert is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gym.
Tuesday, Dec. 18
 Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce meets at noon at TJ's Fireside Dining.
 Sandy Upper Grades Christmas presentation is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.
Wednesday, Dec. 19
 The Clackamas County Bookmobile will be at Sentry Market in Rhododendron from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and at the Brightwood Store from 1:15 to 3 p.m.
 The Sandy TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meet at 9 a.m. at the Community Action Center; and at 6:45 p.m. in the community room at Independent Bank of Sandy. For more information on the morning club, call Shirley Reed at 668-5338. For more information on the evening club, call Ginny Rada at 668-7348.
 The Cottrell Christmas program, "Christmas Around the World," begins at 7:30 p.m. in the West Building gym.
Thursday, Dec. 20
 6:30 p.m. at the Community Presbyterian Church.
 A "canned food assembly," the culmination of the canned food drive is scheduled at Sandy High School. The food will be turned over to the Sandy Kiwanis Club at 10:30 a.m. in the gym by the SUHS Key Club. To donate, contact Zel Gernhardt, advisor, or Paul Graybeal, Key Club president, or call the principal's office.
 The Welches School Christmas program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gym.
 The Bull Run School's Christmas program will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.
 The Boring Grade School's Christmas program will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Grade building.



Staff photo

NEW OWNERS of Patti-Jo's women's apparel shop in Sandy are Patricia Allen (right) and husband Rex Allen of Estacada. Manager is daughter Sally Jo Miller of Gresham (left). The store, formerly known as Foxy Bottoms, recently was purchased from Donna French of Sandy. The new proprietors are closing out inventory to make room for new lines of coordinated sportswear. The shop is located in Sandy's Frontier Building in Heritage Square, with operating hours 9 a.m. — 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturday.

Senior Center News

The Sandy Senior Center would like to remind everyone of the fuel assistance program. For an appointment, call between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The number is 668-5569.
 On Thursday, Dec. 20, the center will have its December birthday party. Anyone celebrating a birthday is invited to join in the festivities. The center will also be visited by theatrical artist John Topa who will give Christmas readings.
 Also, Thursday, the Clackamas County Health Department will sponsor a
 Keep Well Clinic between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. You may call the center for an appointment at 668-5569.
Activities for the Week of Dec. 13 to Dec. 20
Thursday, Dec. 13
 12 noon Golden Age potluck
 1:30 to 3 p.m. Mt. Hood Christmas Party
Friday, Dec. 14
 12 noon Loaves and Fishes
Monday, Dec. 17
 10:30 a.m. Exercise class
 12 noon Loaves and Fishes
 1 p.m. Cards
Tuesday, Dec. 18
 7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 9 a.m. SSC Advisory
 12 noon Loaves and Fishes
 1 p.m. Blood pressure
 1 p.m. Bowling
 1 to 4 p.m. Arts and crafts
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Mountain chess tourney set

The 1979 Dr. Chess Invitational Chess Tournament will be hosted by the award-winning Forest Inn at Alder Creek, Wednesday, Dec. 19.
 "This tournament is of international scope and I'm going to roll out the red carpet for these players," said Rick Estes, owner of the 1980 Travel-Holiday magazine award-winning restaurant.
 The tournament is sponsored by the Mt. Hood Chess Club and will feature an international field of players from Europe, Canada, the eastern United States and local players.
 "This is a chance for some of our local players to taste the arena of international competition without the expense of travelling great distances. At the same time, it is designed to be a 'fun' tourney without the intense pressure found in world-class chess," said Cal Bertram, organizer of the annual tournament. "It is more informal and that's how we like it here on the mountain."
 Pat Foley, president of the Mt. Hood club, said, "I like the concept because we can play some good chess, sip some good wine, nibble at some good food and, most importantly, socialize with some top-ranking chess players in an atmosphere of light competition. We could never do that at a regular chess tournament. It's unique."
 Prizes for the tournament will also be informal. Hand-crafted solid maple and walnut chess boards, made by local furniture maker Ken Coulling, will be given to first and second places along with a trophy for first.
 The entry fee will be divided for third through fifth places.
 "All the players will come out winners because we'll have a real good time," said Bertram.

Teacher grievance denied

by BRAD LABRIE
 High school board members denied a grievance filed by a teacher who was suspended for a day and docked pay for not supplying the office with proof of a teacher's certificate by Oct. 15. The action came during Monday night's regular monthly school board meeting.
 Sandy Union High School metals teacher Mike Wright filed the grievance in order to get back the day's pay he lost. He estimated the loss at \$71 and he also noted that it cost him approximately \$39 to make a special trip to Corvallis to pick the certificate up.
 He was suspended without pay on Oct. 15 by Superintendent Jack Peters. The board denied the grievance on a 4-0 vote, on the grounds of supporting the superintendent on the procedure. Board member Pete Griffin was absent.
 Peters told the board that he asked for certificates from four teachers on Friday, Oct. 12. He received two certificates that day after two of the teachers went right home to get them and he received a third certification on Monday, Oct. 15 from the third teacher.
 However, he suspended Wright on Monday when he did not produce his certificate. Peters said he was acting within the law and he was protecting the school district in that the district would have been docked teacher's pay for each teacher working without a certificate on that day.
 Wright countered that he was actually certified on Sept. 28 at the office of the Teacher's Standards and Practices Committee (TSPC) in Corvallis and that the district would not have been docked his pay.
 Peters said that it did not matter if he was actually certified on that day or not but by law the certificate had to be in the school's office.
 The metals teacher said he did "everything humanly possible to get the certificate on time." Wright said he had filed the necessary paperwork on time for the certification but because of the limited staff at TSPC he did not get his certificate in the mail on time.
 He also noted that the high school office supplied him with incomplete forms to apply for the certificate.
 Peters said it was not the responsibility of the school to make sure the teachers had the right forms.
 "I felt that the best interest of the school district was to suspend Wright," Peters said. "I felt at that point it was best to have those suspensions on the book."
 All four board members supported Peters.
 In other business, the board:
 — Received an up-date from Principal John McMahan on the alternative school proposal. McMahan said the program should be used by anyone who needs it.
 "It is not a drug rehabilitation program...not just for drop-outs," he said, but could be used for gifted or any students needing an alternative.
 McMahan also said he "finds the Sandy Ridge site a tremendous site" after an inspection last week. "The site can handle 100 students, the cost factor is most minimal and it is next to a farm, which has tremendous possibilities." He said the school board should consider that site if the elementary district had no plans for that building after Kelso School opens.

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