

Senior Center News

Next Tuesday, Jan. 6, will be a busy day at the Sandy Senior Center. Alice Gustafson of Mount Hood Community College will present an informative lecture on self defense for senior citizens. The talk will begin at 12:30 p.m.

The center's music group will meet at the center that evening at 7 p.m. With the recent addition of a leader, the group is making great strides. Everyone is welcome.

The center will host the Clackamas County Senior Law Project next Thursday, Jan. 8.

Activities for the Week of Jan. 1 through Jan 8

Thursday, Jan. 1
The center will be closed

Friday, Jan. 2
9 a.m. to 12 noon Drop In
9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts
12 noon Loaves and Fishes

Monday, Jan. 5
9 a.m. to 12 noon Drop In
9:30 a.m. Exercise
10:30 a.m. Therapy Pool
12 noon Loaves and Fishes
1 p.m. Cards

Tuesday, Jan. 6
9 a.m. to 12 noon Drop In
9:30 a.m. Planning and Evaluation Meeting

11 a.m. Blood Pressure Clinic
12 noon Loaves and Fishes
12:30 p.m. Defense for Seniors — Mount Hood Community College guest speaker
12:30 p.m. Bowling
1 p.m. Ceramics
7 p.m. Music Practice

Wednesday, Jan. 7
9 a.m. to 12 noon Drop In
12 noon Loaves and Fishes

Thursday, Jan. 8
9 a.m. to 12 noon Drop In
9 a.m. Exercise
9 a.m. to 12 noon Senior Law Project
10 a.m. Humanities Class
12 noon Golden Age Club Potluck

Volunteers sought for tax assistance

Volunteers are needed to help others with their tax returns as representatives of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), according to Virgie Ruiz, coordinator of the program in Oregon.

The VITA program, co-sponsored by Internal Revenue Service and the Oregon Department of Revenue, is designed to meet the needs of lower-income, handicapped, non-English speaking, and elderly individuals by providing volunteers to assist them in preparing their simple in-

come tax returns.

VITA volunteers participate in a four-day training class, explained Ruiz, where they are taught the fundamentals of preparing federal forms 1040A, simple 1040's and state forms 40S, 40 and 70R. Volunteers who have successfully completed this course are asked to spend an average of two hours providing free tax help from approximately Feb. 1 to April 15.

Assistance is offered at various community locations, including schools,

churches, senior citizen centers, libraries, and many other locations throughout the state.

Generally, volunteers include members of these community organizations, college students, members of professional business organizations, or retired individuals with some tax and/or accounting background. This year as in years past, the Oregon Society of CPA's is providing their support for the program by furnishing instructors, quality reviewers, and preparers.

"We are looking for people

who want to help and who like a challenge," Ruiz said. "Individuals who have prepared their own returns in the past, who can meet and deal with a variety of people, and take pride in complete and accurate work are candidates for the VITA program."

"One exciting thing about the program," said Ruiz, "is that our volunteers come back year after year. Nearly half of our volunteer force are returnees, which goes to show that there must be something in it for them. VITA is interesting and rewarding work."

The VITA program has been growing steadily in Oregon. In 1980, VITA volunteers assisted in preparing over 4,000 federal returns and many more for the state. "We anticipate there will be more than ever a need for VITA in 1981," Ruiz added. "We are very much in need of some willing, hard-working volunteers in locations throughout Oregon." Persons interested in being a VITA volunteer may contact the VITA staff at the IRS office in Portland or call 221-6565 or toll-free 1-800-452-1980.

Keeping posted

Mental health meeting set

Sunday, Jan. 4
Auditions for the Sandy Community Players' production, "The Curious Savage," will be held at 2 p.m. in the Sandy Community Theatre. Callbacks will be at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 5
Sandy City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at Sandy City Hall. Rainbow Girls meet at the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Clackamas County Mental Health Center will hold a public board meeting at 7 p.m. in Education Hall on the Marylhurst campus.

Dr. Byron Fujita will present the annual program evaluation report and Gordon Osborne from the State Mental Health Division will address the proposed 1981-82 budget for mental health.

Tuesday, Jan. 6
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its weekly luncheon meeting at noon at TJ's Fireside Dining.

Wednesday, Jan. 7
The Sandy Planning Commission will hold a meet to discuss requests for zone changes and amendments to

the text of the zoning ordinance at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at Sandy City Hall.

Sandy Area Merchants meet at 7 a.m. at TJ's Fireside Dining.

The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center, and at 6:45 p.m. in the community room at the Independent Bank of Sandy.

Thursday, Jan. 8
Rebekah Lodge will meet at the I.O.O.F. Hall at 8 p.m. The Sandy Golden Age Club will hold its semi-monthly potluck at the Sandy Senior Center at noon.

IRS mails tax packets

Approximately 1.2 million Oregon taxpayers will receive a holiday package from Uncle Sam in the mail before the first of the year — their annual federal tax return forms and instructions. The Internal Revenue Service will be sending either a 1040 or 1040A tax form package to the addresses shown on last year's returns. The type of form depends on how the taxpayer filed the previous year.

"Taxpayers are urged to file earlier this year," said Ralph B. Short, director of IRS in Oregon. "The earlier they are filed, the faster the tax returns can be processed and the refund checks mailed back. People wise enough to file early get a head start

over those who file later and have longer waits for their refunds."

While employees may not get their W-2 Forms, Annual Wage and Tax Statements, until the end of January, in many cases they can begin organizing their records and completing parts of the return now, said Short. Often, employers use a

paycheck stub which summarizes tax information for the employee on every payday, accumulating the amounts of wages paid and taxes withheld for the year.

Persons who are required to estimate their taxes may be able to waive the final installment, normally due on Jan. 16, if they file their returns and pay the tax due by Feb. 2.

Obituaries

Valarie Penuel

Funeral services for Valarie Penuel, an area resident for nearly 45 years, will be held today, Dec. 31, in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home at 11 a.m. Burial will be private at Cliffside Cemetery.

Born and raised in Texas, she married James J. Penuel there on Aug. 20, 1922. They lived in Oklahoma where they began their family and worked in farming. They moved to the Sandy-Boring area in 1936 to make their permanent home.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1964. She attended the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Penuel died at her home Monday, Dec. 29. She was 84.

She is survived by her four children, Hershel B. Staggs and Dorothy Jones, both of Boring; James Penuel, Jr. of Minnesota and John Penuel of Gresham; 12 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Susie Jones

Funeral services for Boring area resident Susie Jones were held Monday in the chapel of Sandy Funeral Home. She died in Gresham last Wednesday, Dec. 24. She was 80.

Born Susie Alice Raymond on Feb. 12, 1900, in Rogers, Ark., she was raised in Oklahoma. She married Marion E. Jones in 1917.

They lived in Oklahoma until 1941 when they moved to Boring. Her husband died in 1971.

She was a member of Gospel of Our Savior Community Church in Boring.

Survivors include two sons, Harvey of Boring, and Earl of Portland; four daughters, Lawana Seiber and Joyce Linhart, both of Boring, and Betty Culp and Ruby Culp, both of Sandy; 26 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Vault interment was at Cliffside Cemetery in Sandy.

Holly Meng

Funeral services for Holly Ann Meng, infant daughter of Jerry and Sherrie Meng of Zigzag, were held Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Scott Church Cemetery in Hillsboro.

She died Friday, Dec. 26, in Portland.

She is survived by her parents; two brothers, Christopher James and Daniel Jacob, at home in Zigzag; grandparents, W. Gordon and Barbara Mann, Jr. of Portland and Jack and Donna Meng of Gresham; great-grandparents, Elizabeth Mann of Hillsboro, James and Grace Johnson of Salem, Mary Dungan of Santa Barbara, Calif., Edward Zuk of Gresham and Jean Meng of Vancouver, Wash.

Couple attends confab

Two Sandy residents were among approximately 1,000 area residents who attended a two-day convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Woodburn this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray King of Sandy attended the gathering, held at the Witnesses' convention facilities. The convention featured the

keynote address, "Our Refugee Amid Increasing Dangers," delivered by traveling Watchtower representative William C. Baxter.

He emphasized the need to remain firm for Christian principles in an increasingly violent world.

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