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Past president, Howard Berger; current president, Duncan Bergeron; Marie Webb; first president, Duane Knapp, and original board members Harold Edes and Richard Wesselink of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind gathered last week to plant a time capsule next to a new dormitory at the park.

## Oral Hull construction begins

by DAN DILLON

When Oral and Albert Hull donated 22 acres near Sandy for use by the blind some 20 years ago, there was little at the site beyond an old farmhouse.

Next spring when a new 5,000-square-foot dormitory is completed, members of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind expect to have something very special.

"It will be one of the best recreational centers in the United States for the blind," said Marie Webb. "We expect people to come from far and wide."

Currently the original farmhouse, which has been remodeled, is used as housing for blind visitors to the park. Eventually, it will be the home of an assistant

caretaker.

The new dormitory—named for Evangeline Philbin, an early benefactor of the foundation—will provide housing for 48 guests and include a 784-square-foot recreation room to complement the other attractions already offered at Oral Hull Park.

The Rainbow Lodge, dedicated in 1975 by then Gov. Bob Straub, houses a large dining area, a kitchen and library with books printed in Braille. A lounge features a large stone fireplace, an organ and a piano.

A picnic shelter was dedicated in 1981. A shelter near the garden for the blind can handle meetings and get-togethers for groups of 50 people.

The park is being developed to offer recreational opportunities for blind persons of all ages.

Last week, members of the foundation's original board of trustees, the foundation's first and current president, and friends of the foundation gathered to bury a metal time capsule, donated by Baert's Metal Products of Sandy.

Placed in the capsule, located near the new Philbin Hall, are memorabilia including photographs, a short history of the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind, articles about the formation of the foundation that appeared in issues of The Post and a piece written by the current president, Duncan Bergeron of West Linn.

Philbin Hall will be adjacent to the Rainbow Lodge and will be connected by breezeway. Architect for the project is Lang Bates of Lake Oswego. Contractors are Jack and Bruce Rowland of Sandy.

## Keeping posted:

# School Christmas programs planned

**Thursday, Dec. 10**  
The Christmas party of Dover Extension Study Group will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Boswell, 21421 SE Firwood Road. Boswell and Linda Thoreson will help members make padded picture frames. Members are reminded to bring donations of canned food and wrapped Christmas gifts for Kiwanis baskets, as well as material for making the frames.

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

**Tuesday, Dec. 15**  
The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce meets for its regular noon luncheon meeting at the Tollgate Inn.  
Cedar Ridge School will hold its annual vocal and instrumental music concert at 7:30 p.m. in the school's gymnasium.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**  
The Sandy TOPS Club meets at 9 a.m. in the Sandy Community Action Center on Pioneer Boulevard.  
Auditions for the Sandy

Community Players' production, "Tribute," will be held for two male roles, ages 20 and 50, at 7 p.m. at the Sandy Community Theater.  
Firwood Neighbors Inc. will meet at 7 p.m. at Firwood School in B Building.  
Cottrell School presents its Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. in the main school auditorium.

**Thursday, Dec. 17**  
Auditions continue for "Tribute," with tryouts for four women's roles, ages 20-50, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sandy Community

Theater. Call-backs for men will begin at 7:30 p.m.  
The Firwood School musical, "A Charlie Brown Christmas," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.  
Kelso School will present its Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.  
Sandy Elementary School's Christmas program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.  
Welches Grade School's Christmas Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
A Rummage and Bake Sale will be held at the V.F.W. Hall on Proctor Boulevard. Proceeds will go to cancer aid and research.

The Sandy High School vocal music department will host the first Madrigal Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the school commons. The menu will feature chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf and broccoli with cheese sauce. Cost is \$6.95 per plate, \$12.95 per couple and \$3.95 for kids under 12 and senior citizens. Reservations are available by calling the school, 668-8011, ext. 235.

**Monday, Dec. 14**  
An academic conference day will be held at Sandy High School from noon to 4:30 p.m., and from 5 to 8 p.m. Opportunities will be provided for parent visits with teachers, counselors, support staff and administrators.

The Sandy Union High School Board of Education meets in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 50-51 at the school.

The Cottrell School Board meets at 8 p.m. in the East Building, Room 3. The board will discuss West Building heating, repairs to the activity bus and maintenance of the wrestling program.

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## Woman indicted in traffic death

A Boring woman, involved in the Nov. 7 traffic accident which killed a Clackamas County Sheriff's deputy, was arraigned last Monday on a grand jury indictment of second-degree manslaughter.

Gay L. May, 19, has been charged in connection with the death of Jimmy L. Shoop, 35, who was a deputy for three years.

May was driving a car that collided with Shoop's patrol car at the intersec-

tion of SE Orient Drive and Kelso Road. The deputy was on his way to assist a state trooper at another fatal accident on Orient Drive.

Shoop was on duty but not dispatched to help the trooper, who was his wife. She was the first officer to arrive at the scene of his death.

The District Attorney's office is seeking a manslaughter charge because May was intoxicated at the time of the accident and she apparently ran a stop sign, said D. Eric Woodard, deputy district attorney.

"According to the statutes, second-degree manslaughter results when we have a criminal homicide that is committed recklessly," Woodard said. "And when the suspect ignores a serious risk that she is aware of that could cause a significant amount of danger, death or

injury."

May had a blood-alcohol level of between 0.125 and 0.130, based on tests run by the Oregon State Police Crime Lab, Woodard said. Persons are considered under the influence when blood-alcohol reaches a level of 0.100.

The penalty associated with a second-degree manslaughter charge is a maximum of 10 years imprisonment and/or a fine of \$25,000.

## New board elected by local chamber

The Sandy Chamber of Commerce Tuesday elected new board members and discussed ways they might balance their budget, despite cash shortfalls.

The Chamber budget committee is singing the blues these days, citing depletion of funds after an active year that included the group's first paid executive secretary to house their new office at Pioneer and Meinig Avenue.

To compound problems, the Chamber admits that some financially strapped local businesses might have trouble paying dues this next year.

Faced with the task of balancing the budget while maintaining an active Chamber calendar are newly elected board members Elaine Decker, Arnie Poutala and Len Paola.

They replace outgoing board members George Morgan, Roy Bunting and Bill Sundin.

Other continuing board members are Dick Busby, Chuck Jones, Vicki Ward, Marge Hoffman, Kathleen Eldridge and Ed Storey.

The budget committee recently cut some \$2,700 from its approximately \$12,000 budget, according to outgoing President Dick Busby. That cut, however, probably won't be enough with anticipated cash shortfall, he said.

To remedy the situation, a special committee headed by outgoing Vice President Chuck Jones is considering possible fund-raising the Chamber might use to raise new operating funds.

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