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## Festival expands with downtown booths

by DAN DILLON

The Sandy Mountain Festival will have a new look this year as it begins to spread from Meinig Park throughout the downtown area.

Monday evening, the Sandy City Council endorsed the idea of

establishing wine and food concessions under a tent on the grassy area just west of Decker's Store.

Don Wilson, vice president of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce, is heading the project which he hopes will appeal to families with a variety of wine and food concessions. The

area will be roped to keep minors from the wine area, but still allow them to enjoy the other activities.

Wilson told the council that area wineries, including Wasson Brothers, Big Fir and Hood River are being invited to participate in a tasting room. Local restaurants are also being

asked to participate in the four-day event, July 7-10 of festival week.

Festival chairman Darrell Dempster welcomes the move. "We're 100 percent in favor of it," he said "It's something that will spread the festival throughout the community and something of high

quality that will add to the festival." The city council endorsed the idea pending a review of the security plan by Police Chief Fred Punzel.

A second new activity is also in the works for the Mountain Festival. The Royal Rosarians of Portland are celebrating their 75th anniversary

with this year's Portland Rose Festival. To commemorate that event, they are planting a special diamond jubilee rose in festival communities.

Monday, the council OK'd a plan to plant a special rose on city property.

In other action, the Sandy City Council:

—Scheduled a May 2 remonstrance hearing for property owners affected by the creation of Local Improvement District 6—the site of Heritage Square parking lot.

The council accepted City Engineer Greg DiLoreto's report establishing assessments for each affected property owner. Cost of the project is \$66,199.75.

## Board races draw slate of candidates

A full slate of candidates in area school board races will await candidates when they go to the polls May 17.

In the Sandy Union High School district, incumbent board chairman Wayne Johnson has decided not to seek re-election. He has been battling illness for several months. Dan MacDonald, appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ralph "Pete" Griffin, will seek a full four-year term.

Incumbent Sharron Cox is seeking re-election to her seat on the Sandy Elementary District board of directors.

Candidates who filed for the May 17 election are:

Sandy Union High School—Position 1, 4-year term: Dan MacDonald, 14401 Shalimar Ave.; Dwayne Vedder, 18906 Langensand Road.

Position 4, 4-year term: Janet Albers, 15035 SE 377th Ave.; Jeanne Doty, 18270 SE 362nd Drive; Gary Holland, 11350 SE Bull Run Road.

Sandy Elementary District—Position 4, 4-year term: Debra Hoard, 39360 Barker Court; Sharron Cox, 23665 SE McCabe Road.

Welches School District—Position 5, 4-year term: Maryanne Hill, 29304 E Blossom Trail, Government Camp; Sandra Japely, 64753 E Broken Bridge Lane, Rhododendron; Sharron Njust, 69450 E River Trail, Welches.

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### WEATHER

Extended Forecast: Unsettled Friday through Sunday with showers at times. Highs, 60s. Lows, 40s.  
Precipitation: April Total: 1.00 inches; 0.47 inches above normal.  
1983 Total: 21.81 inches; 6.64 inches above normal.

## Pioneer's donation boosts museum

by DAN DILLON

For more than 60 years Frieda Whitlock has shared in the history of the mountain area.

Sunday the Sandy resident gave a little piece of it back.

Fourteen years ago she was putting in the lawn at her South Bluff Road home when she came across something a little different.

"I was raking pretty deep for rocks and it just came up," Frieda explained. "I knew it was man-made and I knew the pioneers didn't make it."

She'd turned up an old Indian tool used to skin the bark from cedar trees, but she wasn't sure of its value.

"I didn't really know what I had. I've been using it for a doorstop in the laundry room for 13 years," she said.

Three months ago she heard about a show-and-tell session at the quarterly meeting of the Sandy Pioneer Association. Members were to bring childhood items or pioneer reminders, spend a few minutes after the traditional potluck feed and remember the past, talking about the old days.

"I had never gone to the pioneer meetings," Frieda said Tuesday. "I already was a pioneer; I'm a Santiam Canyon pioneer."

But she went up to the meeting and listened while members explained what it was they'd brought to share with their associates.

"After everybody was done, I said, 'I have something here, I don't know what it is.'" Well, a couple other members did know what Frieda had raked up in her backyard and their excitement relayed its value.

"I really didn't know how important it was," she confessed, "so I was kind of surprised when I took it up there."

Sunday she went back to another Sandy Pioneer Association potluck, this time to donate her Indian artifact to the budding museum housed in the Sandy Community Center.

"I knew they were trying to establish a museum. I thought that was the place for it to go," she said simply.

She figures the Indian tool got in her backyard when the area surrounding it was timbered.

"This was cedar country all over here," she explained.

The country has changed and Frieda has seen a good deal of it happen.

"The first time we came through here—we discovered Sandy—it was the Fourth of July, 1919, and the dust was up to here," she said, holding her hand knee-high.

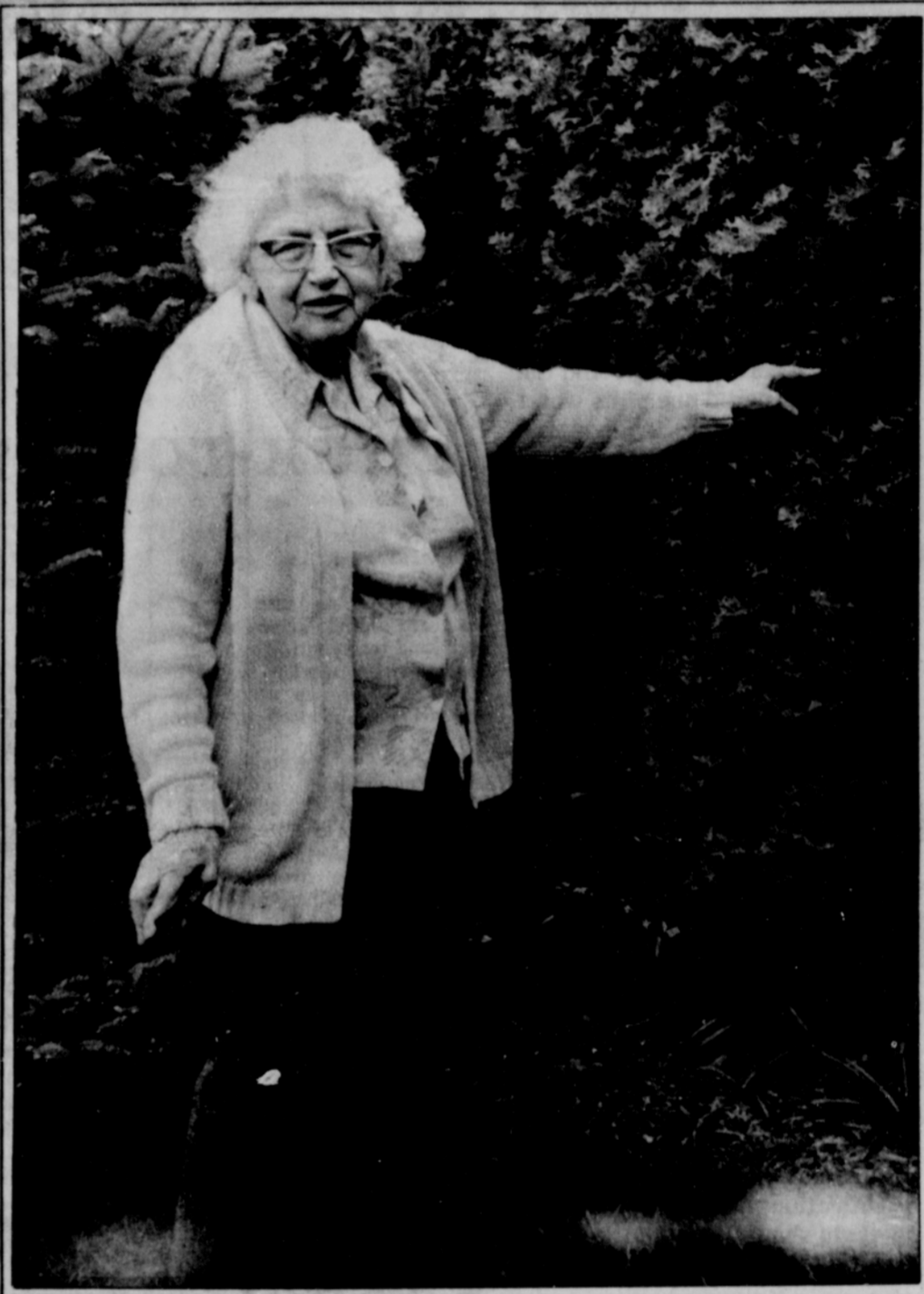
She and her late husband, Lew, were going fishing with friends. They stopped to eat at the old Smith's Cafe before venturing on up the mountain to an old covered bridge across the Salmon River.

The party planned to sleep under the truck that night, but fortunately one member woke up.

"We'd got on top of one of those sink holes and the truck was sinking down on us. It took us the whole afternoon to dig it out."

Undaunted, they traveled on to Government Camp where "the mosquitoes were so thick, we had to sit in the smoke of the fire to eat."

Two years later, she and Lew were back to settle, purchasing the old fish hatchery in the area near Country Club Road. He still ran a transfer business in town and commuted twice a week, but the mountain was gaining a foothold in the Whitlocks' hearts.



Frieda Whitlock points to the spot in her backyard where she raked up a valuable Indian artifact 13 years ago while putting in her lawn. Sunday she donated the tool, used to bark cedar trees, to the Sandy Pioneer Museum.

Through the years, they operated a building materials store on Salmon River Road, a pair of shingle mills and finally a holly farm near Veneer Lane where they shipped the ornamental plants worldwide as wreaths and corsages.

"According to my husband, nobody could make corsages like I could and he couldn't understand why I couldn't teach those women to make corsages," she said, chuckling. "Some of them wouldn't even come to work on days we made corsages."

The holly farm was "a good business," she said. Now, after years of turning down offers, Frieda is happy to keep the site in the family as

she sells it to her grandson.

Of her four sons—Henry, Bill, Eddie and Bob—three are in the area. "Number 3 boy has wandered," she said. "He's down in Arkansas."

Frieda wandered too, before she found a home in the shadow of Mt. Hood.

Born in Germany, her family moved to Mill City when she was 12 1/2, "so I consider that my home town," she said, explaining her Santiam Canyon pioneer handle.

"I lived there five years and came to Portland to go to school," she said, smiling, "and finally my life got wrapped up in the mountain."

## Boring park's future awaits commission

It will be another week before Clackamas County's Board of Commissioners decide the fate of Deep Creek Park, south of Boring.

After two and a half hours of public testimony last Thursday, the commissioners postponed a decision on the sale of the 76-acre undeveloped park.

Following Commissioner Dale Harlan's suggestion, the commissioners agreed to put off a decision until next Thursday, April 28, at 10 a.m. at the county annex, 906 Main St., Oregon City.

The county has received a bid of \$460,000 from Holbrook Forest Products for the timber and land of the park.

Dan Zinzer, Clackamas County park administrator, proposed the idea of the sale to benefit remaining parks in the county's system. He estimates that the revenues generated by the sale could help run county parks for at least 10 years.

The Friends of Deep Creek Park feel that is a "band-aid" approach to financing and would be a short-term investment. They are also afraid it will set a precedent for other parks when the Deep Creek Park sale funds run out.

They have proposed a five-year trial period during which they would develop nature trails and parking facilities at the park with volunteer help.

Opponents of the sale have found a friend in Commissioner Ralph Groener. He called the sale "myopic."

"You don't just come in and talk about sewers, roads and water availability," he said. "You have that nebulous thing you associate with quality of life."

Zinzer blames part of the problem on state-mandated services that affect county coffers. He told The Post that those regulations cause the shuffling of funds to meet the mandated needs and parks are just one victim.

At the same time budgets are being cut, park reservations are climbing and Zinzer hopes to maintain a skeleton maintenance crew to keep the parks in acceptable condition.

## Recovering alcoholic hopes to change direction of his life

by SCOTT NEWTON

In some ways things haven't been going well for Bill Zachary.

He's unemployed, is being evicted from his apartment in Sandy, and recently spent a couple nights in jail.

"Things really started turning around when I landed in jail," said Zachary, 23.

After drinking three quarts of beer one Saturday night, he and his wife, Mardell, started arguing about some "stupid little thing." During the argument he hit her several times, giving her a black eye and causing "multiple severe bruises."

Mardell called a friend, who called the police. The Sandy police handcuffed him and took him to jail. "When an injury is involved, it's an automatic arrest," Bill said.

"It weren't no fun, let me tell you. Blaming alcohol would be a cop-out," Bill said. "I had a conscious choice whether to drink or not drink. But I felt I wouldn't have done it if I hadn't been drinking."

He added that three quarts of beer doesn't seem like much "to someone who can drink three pitchers (by

himself) and walk away."

His problem with alcohol began 10 years ago, when he was 13 and stole a bottle of vodka and a can of grape juice.

"I didn't like the taste, but I liked the feeling it gave me," Bill said.

He drank when he could at 14 and 15, and drank regularly by the age of 17. It was then he realized it was a problem. He attended Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, but it didn't keep him from playing pool and drinking. He was a favorite at one bar because he'd play pool with his pet cat perched on his shoulder.

He and his roommates in Garibaldi kept a small refrigerator stocked full of beer. He'd wake up in the morning and his roommates would tell him about the things he'd done the night before.

Because of alcohol he said he's lost jobs and friends, and blown relationships.

His goal is to never drink again. "Once I start drinking, I keep drinking," he said.

Circumstances were perhaps at their worst when Bill was in jail in Oregon City. He was with numerous

other people in a large cell, which had a toilet in open view at one end.

He didn't know if Mardell would press charges, and he was even more concerned about losing her.

"I didn't like the person I was anymore than Mardell did," he said. "About 98 percent of the people in there blamed alcohol or drugs either directly or indirectly" for their internment, Bill said. "Mostly alcohol."

He was surprised that most of them weren't bitter. They accepted the blame for being in jail.

Mardell left Sandy the day after the incident and stayed with her mother and sister, who tried to talk her into divorcing Bill, whom she met in Tillamook on a blind date. "And neither one of us believes in blind dates," she joked.

They've been married three and a half years.

Bill got out of jail on a Monday, and the next couple of days were long ones. Mardell's mother doesn't have a telephone, so Bill couldn't call her, and she didn't call him.

A few days later he got a check from the State Accident Insurance

Fund, which provided him a means of paying some of the bills he'd accumulated during his unemployment.

The next day Mardell called and she agreed to give him another chance. "I think he's made the change," Mardell said last week. "I'd go through it all again for him to realize he had a problem he couldn't handle. I came back with a renewed faith in God. I turned it all over to him."

"When I was down there staying with mom (and my sister) I felt empty and alone, even though they were there. I realized the more mom said Bill did the beating, it was the alcohol. The real Bill wouldn't do that."

Bill and Mardell are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and credit Pastor Bernell Clark and his wife, Karen, for helping them through their crisis.

"I don't believe in most of the things I used to do," Bill said. "I'm not a good example of what the church teaches. Most Seventh-day Adventists are good people. I want people to understand that."



Mardell and Bill Zachary

Bill said his faith "definitely" helped him.

Bill and Mardell are both seeking employment. As for Bill, he's been dry for three weeks now.

Bill said the only reason he's willing to share his story is because he hopes he can keep someone else from going through the pain he and Mardell have suffered.