

Construction worker Allen Harty works on new ceiling.

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Minnie O'Leary Singing Circle under way

Bay View School

SANTA CRUZ — Construction of the Minnie O'Leary Singing Circle began Wednesday afternoon with a ground-breaking ceremony at Bay View School.

Superintendent of Schools Dale Kinsley and Bay View Principal Caroline Keller spoke about the project, a memorial for music teacher Minnie O'Leary. Hundreds of county residents, several community groups and the Cowell Foundation contributed \$32,200 for the 150-seat amphitheater. Another \$2,800 is needed.

"The first gift for our 'Help Complete the Circle' drive," said steering committee chairwoman Anne Leonard, "was \$200 from the Santa Cruz Kiwanis." Those wishing to donate may send contributions in care of Principal Caroline Keller, Bay View School, 1231 Bay St., Santa Cruz, 95060.

"The only thing left to cover are trees, grass and an irrigation system," Leonard says. "We plan to organize volunteer labor, if necessary, to get the job done."

The amphitheater will be used by community groups and school children. Funding included \$18,000 from the Cowell Foundation, \$5,000 from friends of the O'Leary family, and \$1,000 each from Omega Nu of Santa Cruz and Clara-Belle Hamilton of Marin County. Donations of \$200 or more were given by the Santa Cruz Medical Clinic, the Women's Auxiliary to the Santa Cruz Medical Society, the Santa Cruz City Council the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors, Bennie R. Cirone and Jerry Juhl.



Tom O'Leary, Caroline Keller, Bob Dewitt and Dale Kinsley all are active on project.