

The Sandy Post

Editorial & Opinion

Scott Newton, editor
Kimberly Nelson, advertising representativeGiving to Heidi
may save her life

Heidi Setterlund needs help.

The 13-year-old East County girl suffers from leukemia. Her mother, a 34-year-old widow, has no medical insurance. In order for Heidi to have a life-saving bone marrow transplant, she needs a \$100,000 deposit.

Fund-raising efforts thus far have raised about \$20,000 — a sizeable chunk of money for a community to give but far short of the necessary amount.

Heidi currently is in Oakland, Calif., for additional tests. She had been scheduled for a bone marrow transplant in a Los Angeles hospital where the procedure would be performed free of charge to the Setterlunds.

But Heidi's doctors said she could die before the transplant. Her condition, while temporarily in remission, has worsened and her white blood cell count is low. The transplant must be performed as soon as possible.

In the procedure, bone marrow from Heidi's 11-year-old brother, Steven, would be transplanted to Heidi, thereby allowing her to have additional chemotherapy treatments.

Heidi is now scheduled for the transplant in Seattle's Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in mid-August. But without the \$100,000 deposit, the center will not perform the procedure. The amount is the average cost of a bone marrow transplant.

"They have to have \$80,000 (more) just to walk through the door," Linda Riba said. "We have a 13-year-old girl who is going to die if we don't get that money."

Sandy residents have been generous in giving to those in need, but we must ask people to dig even deeper into their pockets to help raise the additional amount.

There are several fund-raisers scheduled for Heidi Setterlund in the coming weeks. The act of giving is good for the heart and soul. And in the case of Heidi Setterlund, it could also save a girl's life.

Dig deep. Then give.

Letters to the editor

Former fire chief
thanks committee

I was astounded to learn that I had been selected as the person that this year's Mountain Festival would be dedicated to. Though I feel there are other members of the community who are much more deserving of this honor, nevertheless, I am extremely proud to have been selected. I consider it a great honor, one which I will always remember and treasure.

The article in the Mountain Festival program, while making me blush a little, was very much appreciated. As it stated, much has been accomplished during my tenure as Sandy's fire chief; but at the same time, it recognized that there are many other people who are responsible for the successes we have enjoyed and who are equally deserving of the recognition that has been bestowed on me. As such I am pleased to accept this great honor in the name of those volunteers, career personnel (most of whom are also volunteers) and board of directors who have worked so hard to make the Sandy community a safe place in which to live, work and raise our children.

The success of the Sandy fire department is largely based on volunteerism and I am most proud to

have had a chance to help mold that part of the organization. I attribute most of my success to being able to recognize the value of volunteers and to having an appreciation of what volunteerism can mean to a community. In the Mountain Festival organization, I see volunteerism demonstrated to the ultimate degree. Few organizations can match the volunteer effort that it takes to make the Mountain Festival the huge success that it is year after year. All of you are to be congratulated and can feel justly proud of your accomplishments.

I dearly wish that I could have been with you Sunday night to share that deep feeling of "thank God it's over for another year, but wasn't it great!!!!" Commitments of my present occupation dictated that I be on the road that evening. However, my thoughts were with you as you enjoyed a moment of earned relaxation. I wish to convey my thanks to all members of the committee for this great honor and offer my sincere congratulations for another great job this year.

Bob Rathke
Sandy

Barlow Trail shoot
considered a success

The eighth annual Barlow Trails Long Rifles black powder shoot was held Saturday and Sunday past at the Wamboldt Range on Veneer Lane. The trail walk winners were Jay Bacon, men's division, Bev Harris, women's division, Chris Hutchings, junior division and Ford Kendall, peewee division. Other events included a knife and hawk trail, pistol trail, team shoot and beer shoot. There were 119 participants in all categories.

The ever-popular trader's row featured a variety of goods by Gresham Gun Works, Things by John, Nan Masiak, and M-W Knives.

A special thanks goes to the proprietors of Calamity Jane's Restaurant for contributing a dinner or two to the top shooter.

Attendance by both spectators and participants was higher than expected due to relocation of the event to the club's home range on Veneer Lane. Wynn Theis, BTLR president, said "The summer shoot was a success due to the hard work of many club members. Plans are being made for the next summer shoot to be even better."

Jay Bacon
Newsletter editor
Barlow Trail Long Rifles

VFW Post appreciates
Gresham Elks' help

The Sandy VFW Post 4273 and Auxiliary would like to publicly express its thanks to the Gresham Elks Club. The Gresham Elks Club has raised hundreds of dollars for the Sandy Veterans Memorial Statue. We really appreciate it.

This exemplifies the regional and

community spirit. Where putting up the Veterans Memorial Statue is concern, this spirit continues to be positive.

Bruce E. Cook
Chairman, Sandy VFW
Veterans Memorial Fund



State of the state

Drunk driving law reduces accidents

by GOV. VIC ATIYEH

Traveling Interstate 5 in nighttime holiday traffic, I spotted an orange pickup truck weaving dangerously between lanes.

Rather than driving directly to Salem, I called the state police and followed the motorist to his home in Lake Grove.

I did not risk trying to arrest the motorist myself, of course, but I did wait until police arrived to make the arrest.

In some states, a governor calling state police to report errant motorists might be considered unusual.

But not in Oregon, where we take highway safety so seriously that our laws against driving under the influence of intoxicants (DUI) now are among the nation's toughest.

Oregon is enjoying a six-year decline in traffic fatalities. We owe at least part of this trend to growing awareness of our tough laws.

Consider: Oregon is one of only two states where police arrest motorists with a blood alcohol content of .08. (The Na-

tional Transportation Safety Board reports that accidents rise rapidly at this level.)

Oregon is the only state where juveniles ages 13-18 who violate alcohol or drug laws lose their licenses until age 17 or for a year, whichever is longer. (During 1984, more than 950 Oregon juveniles lost driving privileges under this law.)

Oregonians convicted of DUI lose their driving privileges for a year or more and must spend at least 48 hours in jail or 80 hours in community service. (A recent study showed that the share of alcohol-related traffic fatalities fell from 52 percent to 37 percent during the last six months of 1984.)

Is there other evidence that these and other laws against drunken driving are working?

Absolutely. While traffic fatalities in neighboring states are rising, we are managing to keep our highway death toll under reasonable control.

Since 1979, miles traveled in Oregon have risen more than 9 percent — but our death rate per 100-million miles has fallen more

than 22 percent.

For the first six months of this year, Oregon's 223 traffic fatalities represented a 9 percent reduction from the first half of 1984. And last year's fatalities were not much above those of 1983, when we recorded a 29-year low.

Some of the most encouraging news is that alcohol- and drug-related juvenile offenses last year were down significantly from 1982: For example, arrests of juveniles for open container dropped 45 percent, for all drug violations, 22 percent, and for DUI, 17 percent.

However, we are about to enter one of the most dangerous driving times of the year — the month of August.

Last August, 73 people died in 65 separate accidents on Oregon roads. That was 25 more than during an average month last year.

But each of us can do something — besides supporting our effective safe-driving laws — to make our highways safer for ourselves and our families.

To begin with, we can wear seat belts (conclusive evidence shows that seat belts are saving thousands of lives) and not exceed legal speed

limits (the 55 mph limit is saving lives and reducing the severity of injuries, especially in smaller cars).

Even if we are law-abiding drivers who never abuse alcohol or drugs, it is important to remember that prescription drugs (such as mild tranquilizers Librium and Valium) can be deadly when mixed with alcohol.

Remember, too, that we do intoxicated people a favor by driving them home, by calling a cab, by letting them sleep over or by calling the police.

If you see an intoxicated motorist on the highway, as I did, you can do everyone a favor by calling the police toll-free at 1-800-452-7888 (or on CB channel 9).

The REDDI (for Report Every Drunk Driver Immediately) program works.

During the first six months of this year, motorists reported 371 drivers, whom they believed to be intoxicated.

Of those drivers that police were able to locate, more than half were arrested for DUI or charged with other violations.

Commentary

Laws cost Oregon RCA/Sharp plant

by KEVIN R. KELLY

RCA/Sharp, a United States-Japan electronics partnership looking for a site to develop, has settled on Camas, Wash., rather than competing sites in Gresham and Tualatin.

For Oregon, it is kind of like winning the consolation prize. Sure, the new plant is in our back yard and will help the metropolitan area, but it ain't Oregon.

We lost the race.

Hundreds of reasons will be offered as to why the decision swung to Washington. The reasons will range from land prices to housing costs to available labor force. No one, however, will be able to convince me that it didn't boil down to taxes.

The RCA/Sharp facility will employ almost exclusively middle-to-high-income technicians and engineers. In the Beaver state, 10.8 percent of their paychecks would be confiscated up front in state income taxes.

Across the river, those dollars would at least appear for some time in employees' checking accounts. To make matters worse, the current national tax proposal would not allow a deduction for state and local taxes.

Oregon's income tax is the second highest in the United States and the most progressive. That's not exactly an alluring site for high-income employees.

Another interesting comparison surfaced during the interstate contest for this facility. John Anderson,

Washington's economic development director and formerly Oregon's economic development director, played a pivotal role in Washington's victory.

In fact, Washington was not even in the running until John Anderson alerted Gov. Booth Gardner to the potential new facility. Once alerted, Washington reacted smoothly, swiftly and professionally. A very impressive performance by the governor, his development director and the Legislature.

The initial reaction of many Oregonians was to question why we ever let Anderson move in the first place. Why didn't we do more to keep him?

Anderson was the catalyst in Washington but he didn't make all the difference. In a matter of hours, the Washington Legislature responded to Gov. Gardner's request for tax exemptions. In doing so, the state overcame the last hurdle to securing the deal.

Could Oregon have responded as well? Not the Oregon I know.

While we did rescind the unitary method of taxation a year ago, it was neither quick nor painless. A development director in Oregon works with a Legislature prone to distrust businesses not prone to help them.

The whole situation reminds me of last year's debate among local basketball fans about Portland not drafting Michael Jordan. Certainly Sam Bowie played well for Portland. But Michael Jordan became a

superstar almost overnight.

One of the Oregonian sportswriters had the last word on this particular debate. He commented that had Portland drafted Michael Jordan, he wouldn't have been a superstar. He would have been averaging less than 10 points a game and sitting on the bench because he doesn't play Coach Ramsay's style.

Letter to the editor

Many contributed
to make booth work

On behalf of the Scouts and parents of Troop 662, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the fine folks who supported our troop by purchasing and enjoying our barbecued beef sandwiches during the Sandy Mountain Festival.

Thanks also to all of the Scouts and parents who helped to make this event such a success by helping to set up the booth, working the booth and cleaning up afterwards.

Thanks to Stewart and Fran Finkle for helping in so many ways during the past nine years and for loaning and donating equipment for the booth.

Special thanks to Jerry and Betty Britton for the great job they did of

So it is with John Anderson and the RCA/Sharp plant. No matter how professional, imaginative and bright, he would still be operating within Oregon rules.

As far as I can tell, Oregon's rules don't include cutting taxes — only raising them.

Kevin Kelly is an economist with U.S. Bank.

coordinating this project.

The proceeds from the sandwich sales will be used to help defray the costs of summer camp and a 50-mile hike scheduled for the Scouts in August.

We would also like to thank all of the merchants, farmers and other residents of this area who recently contributed funds for the purchase of several tents for the troop.

In addition we would like to thank Ted Armstrong for the help and support he has given Troop 662 during the past eight years.

The help was greatly appreciated.
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