

Sunken solarium featured

Remodeling gives restaurant new look

by CHRISTINE BIERMAN

Even Dennis the Menace, Dairy Queen's advertising ambassador, might not recognize the recently remodeled Mount Hood Dairy Queen in Sandy.

The Dairy Queen restaurant at 17400 Beers Avenue is applying the finishing touches to an \$80,000 remodeling job that overhauled the serving and seating areas.

The crowning jewel of the project is a sunken solarium at the restaurant's west end.

"That solarium down there, people just love it," Bob Peters observed. He and his wife, Jan, have owned Mount Hood Dairy Queen since opening it in March 1976.

The solarium came first, in early November, followed by the interior work, shutting down the restaurant Dec. 9-12.

The project enlarged the restaurant's seating area by 50 percent, from 48 to 72 seats, Bob said. Total square footage is about 2,000 now, he said.

The restaurant replaced its hard, orange and yellow booths and tables with oak tables topped with sage green covers, and mauve-padded

benches and wooden chairs.

"I hated that plastic," said Jan, whose preference for a "country" atmosphere is evident throughout the project. She chose the colors, furnishings, fixtures, floor and flower-patterned wallpaper.

She calls the overall effect "restful" and in tune with the appearance of many Portland-area restaurants they visited recently.

"We just figured it was time to do something. You've got to keep up," Bob said. The Mount Hood Dairy Queen predates its competition, such as McDonald's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Taco Times and a number of pizza outlets.

"Every place that opens has an effect," Bob said.

He expects that the remodeling will invite more business, especially during Dairy Queen's peak months of July and August. Higher sales may warrant hiring more summer help than the usual 22 to 24 people, Bob said.

"This time of the year, it's really hard to tell (about the effect). Things are slow anyway," Bob said. Thirteen people work there now under the supervision of manager Ruby Langlois.

But the increased seating area already has aided employment at the restaurant, Jan said. Dairy Queen has laid off fewer workers this winter than previously.

The cedar paneling on the upper walls and the original ceiling are all that remain from the old seating area.

Patrons can choose now from 10 four-person booths or 10 tables seating two or four persons each.

The area is accented by oak paneling, brass railing, cream wallpaper border strips, frosted glass chandeliers and hanging plants. Jan said she will add vases of dried flowers to each table soon. The plants, landscaping and gingerbread also are undone.

Loyal customers Vicki Picking and Victor Ulmen like different aspects of the new look. Picking said she loves the colors while Ulmen enjoys the wood additions.

"The wood effect they put in here gives it a more homey atmosphere," Ulmen said.

Peters patronized KLM Construction, Sandy, Legend Wood Products, Damascus, and Cascade Restaurant Supply, Vancouver, Wash., during the renovation. A Portland business



Photo by Christine Bierman
Manager Ruby Langlois (right) serves long-time customers Vicki Picking and Victor Ulmen in the new surroundings at Mount Hood Dairy Queen in Sandy. A remodeling project there is nearly done.

did the booths.

"I try to do as much (business) locally as I can," Bob said. "Some things you can't."

Most of their customers live local-

ly, he reasons, so they do most of their buying and business here.

The renovation included a new storeroom but left untouched the kitchen and restrooms. Their

makeover will come later.

"We want to get food out faster and hotter. With more seating, we'll have to do that," Jan said about remodeling the kitchen.

Hot, new idea has numerous uses

In addition, paper is recycled

Company literature describes the Heat Log as a "hot new idea." Skip Hornick of Sandy, production and sales coordinator, said he thinks the new company has a good chance of making it.

The Heat Log is made of recycled paper and cleaned, recycled hydrolic oil. It replaces kindling and has advantages over other brands of logs in that it can be used in closed wood stoves and fire places without causing wax or chemical buildup.

Hornick, who is marketing the Heat Log in a territory from Gresham east to, eventually, as far as Idaho, does not have a fire place, but he has used the product to start charcoal for cookouts. It doesn't leave a "gassy smell," he said.

Hornick also said the logs have been popular with outdoor enthusiasts, who use them to start camp fires. He has one friend he uses a "starter chunk" to make coffee to drink while fishing.

Suggested retail price for a

Heat Log is from \$2.79 to \$2.99. Individual starter chunks are sold three for \$1.

Ten starter chunks would be equivalent to one log, and a starter chunk will burn for about 30 minutes, according to Hornick.

Locally, the Heat Logs are available at Jim's Big Apple and Holt's Shopping Center.

Hornick thinks the company has more going for it than a good product. In addition to using recycled materials, the Heat Log is packaged by United Cerebra Palsy workers.

The Portland company shreds confidential paper for the city of Gresham, and is available to do the same for other businesses or governmental agencies. Heat Log will also pick up old newspapers and other office or home paper waste. For free paper pickup, call 295-6323.

For more information about the Heat Log, call Hornick at 668-3943.



Photo by Scott Newton
Skip Hornick is marketing Heat Logs from Gresham east.

By pellet gun Several businesses have windows shot

Several businesses had windows shot out by someone with a pellet gun Saturday night and early Sunday morning, according to Sandy police reports.

Two windows were shot at Sandy Sentry, one at 12:30 a.m. and the other at 3:15 a.m. A window was also shot at Jim's Big Apple, Marcus Realty and a private residence on Bluff Road. Some of the businesses listed an estimated loss of from \$200 to \$300 from the damaged windows.

On Jan. 6, William Fred Carney, 33, of Sandy, and Michael Ray Haggstrom, 20, were cited for criminal mischief after a fight at a tavern. Haggstrom was also cited for being a

minor in possession of alcohol by consumption.

On Jan. 3, John Joseph McDevitt, 20, of Sandy, was cited for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

On Jan. 5, the Sandy Senior Center reported its storage shed had been broken into sometime between Jan. 2 and Jan. 5. About \$50 worth of tools were stolen, including a wrench and socket set.

On Jan. 2, Kevin Karl Kruse, 21, of Rhododendron, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

On Dec. 30, David Michael Allen, 31, of Estacada was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Tests survey SUHS students' aptitudes

by CHRISTINE BIERMAN

Sandy Union High School students will soon learn the results of experimental tests that could aid their job search, a school official says.

Results of tests taken this fall as part of the new "School-to-Work" program will be released on Jan. 12, says Wec Rumbaugh, SUHS Career Center director.

All seniors and half of the juniors participated in tests determining their job aptitudes and surveying their interests, Rumbaugh says. The other juniors will be tested this spring.

The tests were the first step in the federally-funded "School-to-Work" program, being tested itself at two schools nationwide.

The next step is explaining the results to the test takers Jan. 12.

The third step, what Rumbaugh calls "the rough part of it," is using the results to guide individual students in their career choices.

Finally, students can opt to have test results fed into the job bank computer at the state Employment Divi-

sion office in Oregon City and released only to businesses designated by them. Those doing so may be considered for jobs suited to them and save themselves a long drive and possibly longer lines at the Oregon City office, Rumbaugh said.

Sandy is participating in the program because of his connection with Ivan Wells, an Employment Division employee who runs the "School-to-Work" program that he devised. A North Carolina man wrote the tests.

Molalla High School also is participating.

"We are trying to match students with employers who are offering real jobs to youngsters who have the necessary ability but are still inexperienced," Wells stated in December's Clackamas County Educational Service District newsletter.

At least 19 Portland-area employers, Freightliner and Costco to name a few, are using these tests in hiring and promotion, Rumbaugh says.

The tests taken by juniors in their personal finance classes may help

them plan their senior year curriculum, he says. They will be retested next year.

For the seniors, though, "It's a direct job placement concept," he added. Post-graduation studies show that 80 percent of SUHS alumni work, even if they attend college.

Results of the "School-to-Work" tests indicate whether students are best suited for professional careers, production line work, management posts, skilled trades, clerical jobs, or semi-skilled labor.

Rumbaugh says that the tests broaden, rather than narrow, students' career possibilities. "They

know about so few jobs," he says.

The tests gauged their strengths and weaknesses in cognitive, or thinking, skills, physical coordination, and psychomotor abilities, something "few realize," Rumbaugh said.

Besides helping students see how their talents and interests can mesh into a successful career, the tests may help with job satisfaction, he said.

"It's not just finances. It's the agony that goes with it... to try something you don't have an aptitude for," said Rumbaugh.

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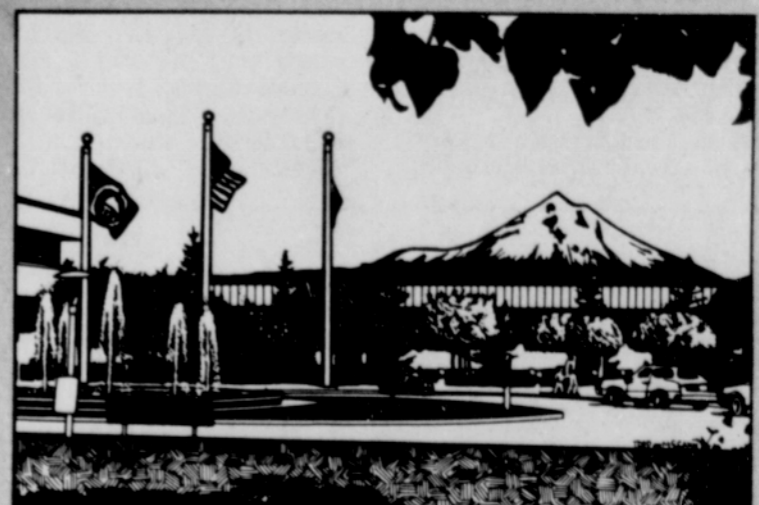
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