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## Sandy Portrait



The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce has selected Sandy High School Superintendent Kent Heaton as the 1987 citizen of the year.

## Heaton the citizen of year

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The Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce's citizen of the year is a high school superintendent now, but he was not a model high school student.

Kent Heaton said he had a "rebellious streak" and was often called into Superintendent Theodore Grimsrud's office to account for the latest prank that had been committed in Lisbon, North Dakota.

But Heaton surprised Grimsrud, whom he remembers as wearing starched white shirts.

After serving a stint in Korea, Heaton attended North Dakota State College. By the time he graduated, Grimsrud was state Superintendent of Public Instruction, and was handing out diplomas at Heaton's graduation.

Grimsrud was surprised to see the former troublemaker make good. Heaton can still remember his words: "Kent Heaton? I'll be damned."

Heaton's high school experience left him with a belief that all people are capable and have potential, and he worries about the students who are not in the mainstream. "Are we reaching them? Are we really understanding them?"

The Sandy High School board is pleased with

some of the programs he has set up to reach such students.

Monday night the board announced the results of its annual evaluation and found Heaton "excellent" to "outstanding" in all areas, said Jeanne Doty, chairwoman of the board.

Heaton, who has worked in Sandy since August 1986, was pleased about earning the chamber honor, which is voted upon by members of the chamber board.

"I was really taken aback," he said of the award that was presented Saturday night at the chamber's annual banquet. "It choked me up a little."

Heaton said he has always liked the community of Sandy, and has wanted to live here for some time. Now that he lives and works here, he plans to continue to be involved.

In addition to belonging to several professional organizations, Heaton is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Sandy and Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Heaton's wife, Marilyn, is principal at Boring Upper Grade School, and they have eight grown children and 13 grandchildren.

Heaton, who grew up on a farm, said he has had several career opportunities, from working for the federal Department of Justice to atten-

ding medical school or entering the private sector. But something about education held his attention.

"It's an interesting thing to be in because you are shaping the lives of a lot of people," he said.

Every person in life has had an experience with the educational system. "I've been fortunate," Heaton said. "I'd like to make that opportunity available to a lot of other kids."

Heaton has spent 31 years teaching, attending classes and working as an administrator. He has a master's degree from Portland State University and a doctorate from Brigham Young University.

His dissertation was a study program for underachievers. When he worked for Clackamas Community College, Heaton used the theme of his dissertation as the basis for a program to help college students who did not do well in high school.

Part of the program dealt with the basics. People cannot survive in the world today without good reading and math skills, he said. But attitude was also part of it.

School counselors training at CCC helped implement the program, part of which had to do

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## City Hall plans prompt debate

### Business leaders divided over expansion proposals

The Sandy City Council heard from a dozen business people Monday night, and they seemed equally divided over which of two City Hall expansion proposals would be best.

More than 45 people crowded into the council chambers to hear the debate. But the council held off on a final decision in the matter.

The City Council is considering expansion because of a lack of privacy and space in the police station, and because of high usage of the library, among other reasons.

An independent task force studied the issue and recommended expanding the present City Hall. The expansion would cost \$480,000, and included in the proposal is money to purchase the Boitano property when it becomes available. The Boitano property is next to Meinig Park, and city councilors have said the property would be a valuable addition to the park.

But City Councilor Jim Duff has been promoting a "minority report" that calls for the city to spend \$360,000 to purchase and remodel a former clothing store downtown. That building is owned by Gresham resident Gordon Stone. The library and police station would be moved downtown under the plan.

Roger Atkins said most downtown businesses support the concept of moving the library and police station downtown. Such a move would help to revitalize the core area, he said.

Pete Carlson agreed. "I can't understand the logic of not wanting to locate in a place that is visible," Carlson said.

Mike Czajka, speaking on behalf of the management of the Clackamas County Bank, which is located across the street from the Stone building, said locating the police station downtown would give police a more visible presence.

Members of the task force countered by saying they had looked at the issue in depth and the expansion of the current site was the best option.

By operating out of two buildings, the city will pay more for utilities and lose effectiveness in managing employees, said Marilyn Rowell, a member of the task force. "In the long run, I don't think it's going to be cheaper (to remodel a second building)," Rowell said.

Rowell pointed out that the city would gain only about 1,200 square feet of space by purchasing another building instead of expanding.

Howard Berger, a member of the task force, read a letter written by Phil Jonsrud, another member of the task force, which said it would not be "credible" for the city to leave only a small staff at the current City Hall.

By having the police station located at City Hall, the city prevents vandalism at City Hall and in Meinig Park, he wrote.

At a time when schools are having a hard time gaining funding, taxpayers would not approve the purchase of prime commercial real estate downtown, taking it off the tax rolls, Jonsrud wrote.

Jonsrud added that the City Hall expansion could be accomplished for considerably less than was stated in the estimate, but that the task force was not given enough time to find where savings could be made.

Berger said it was his opinion that all task force members would agree with Jonsrud's letter.

Bill Herzog disagreed that the city would be taking valuable property off the market by purchasing the Stone building. "How can it be prime real estate if nobody will buy it?" he asked.

The City Council had hoped to decide on an option to present to voters in March. The proposed expansion will be discussed again at the Feb. 1 meeting.

Councilor Mort Spence said he felt rushed to make a decision. The city of Sandy has received a \$100,000 library grant from the state and needs to make a decision on how to spend it.

## 2 hurt in Sandy shooting

Two men were injured in a shooting Tuesday night that probably stemmed from a domestic dispute, according to Fred Punzel, Sandy chief of police.

John David Eldridge, 24, received multiple gunshot wounds and is in stable condition at Portland Adventist Medical Center.

Ralph L. Cejka, 41, received a minor flesh wound, Punzel said.

"The shooting is believed to be the result of a domestic dispute and is under investigation by the Clackamas County homicide team and the Sandy police," he said.

The shooting occurred at 10:15 p.m. at 18140 S.E. Seaman Ave.

## Sandy gets a better newspaper

Readers of The Sandy Post will notice many changes in today's edition.

The Post has a new design, with an easier-to-read headline typeface as well as an improved masthead.

In addition to making The Post readable, the changes will give it a more pleasant appearance and allow more use of color.

Also starting today, The Post is introducing a feature called "Sandy Portrait." This feature, which will appear once a month, will focus on individuals of note in Sandy and its surrounding communities. Those individuals may range from community leaders to neighborhood eccentrics.

The "Portrait" normally will be accompanied by a full-color photograph. Today's "Portrait," which appears above, features Kent Heaton, who was named Sandy's Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. Readers who want to make suggestions for the "Portrait" feature should feel free to contact The Post.

In another effort to improve news coverage, The Post has hired Sandy resident Christine Bierman as a part-time reporter. Bierman will work from The Sandy Post's office and from her home.

The changes should help The Post provide a better newspaper with more coverage of local news.

## INSIDE



## SPORTS:

The Sandy High School girls teams won but the boys lost as they squared off against their Parkrose counterparts on the basketball court Tuesday. For coverage of high school sports, see Page 7.

## R.V. Village hits higher gear

### \$9 million campground prepares for busy summer

The Mount Hood R.V. Village in Welches is gearing up for a busy summer.

Milt Hegstrom, general manager, said the owners will promote the campground in California, Arizona and Florida this spring in an attempt to bring recreational vehicle enthusiasts to the \$9 million, 217-acre park.

R.V. Village is in a "construction phase" at present, with 247 sites open. They plan to have 555 camp sites open by June 1.

John Grey of Portland is the main investor and chairman of the board of R.V. Wonderland Preserve Inc.

Hegstrom is president of the corporation.

Frank and Dottie Hannigan, who began developing the park last spring, are minority stockholders.

Hegstrom said they hope to draw retired travelers with a combination of Northwest beauty and recreational activities.

The Forest Service has provided a list of hiking trails and noted their degree of difficulty. Aerobics and water aerobics will be offered at the pool, which will be next to the 4,000-square-foot health center that is under construction.

Meetings, potluck dinners, games and cards will be offered at the 4,500-square-foot multipurpose room, and square dancing will be among the activities offered at the 5,700-square-foot activity center.

The 4,500-square-foot registration and administrative building, the multipurpose building, an RV service center and a combination service station and convenience store have been completed, along with a laundry mat and 10 comfort stations.

The comfort stations will have showers and restrooms for campers. Hegstrom said the recreational vehicle park may offer as many services as any campground in the country.

Most of the buildings are at the entrance to the park, with campgrounds spread along a 1.2-mile paved road called Cascade Drive.

Campers in Cedar Village can hook up cable television or telephones, while other camping areas will offer only picnic tables, a barbecue pit and quiet.

People who are pulling campers probably will want one of the camping spots in Beaver Valley, which has "pull through" sites.

The camping areas range in size from 31 sites to 112. Recreation vehicle enthusiasts are like a big family, Hegstrom said. R.V. Village will try to accommodate people who want to camp in groups.

Security is also an issue with the people Hegstrom expects as customers and so the village will have 24-hour security.

Cleanliness, friendliness and

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Milt Hegstrom, general manager of Mount Hood R.V. Village, is pictured with a "bull wheel" donated to the park by the Cascade Geographic Society. The wheel was used to pull cable on early ski lifts on Mount Hood.