



Weigel Development Co. workers strip the shingles from the storefront of the Piedmont Plaza on Grange Avenue in Molalla. The work is part of a \$2 million remodeling job.

Sentry Market in Molalla undergoes \$2 million remodeling, expansion

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MOLALLA — A \$2 million remodeling project under way at the Piedmont Plaza on Grange Avenue represents the largest single remodeling project in the city's history, said Shirley Lyons, president of the Molalla Area Chamber of Commerce.

The expansion will add more floor space to the Sentry Market and also provide space for smaller independent retailers under the same roof. The job should be completed by this fall.

Dick Weigel, manager of Weigel Development Co. of Portland, said the expansion is expected to show local shoppers that they do not need to drive to larger stores in bigger cities to enjoy the convenience of finding most of what they need in one store.

Instead of attracting a larger share of residents who already shop locally, Weigel said the store's strategy would be to capture the business of local people who purchase groceries and household goods while working in Portland.

The Sentry Market in Molalla is one of four Sentry stores owned by McPike Marketing Corp. The others are in West Linn, Estacada and Milwaukie, which is headquarters for the home office.

The construction will increase the floor space of the Sentry Market

from 12,000 square feet to more than 19,500 square feet, including more than 50 percent more room in sales floor space. It will include an advanced refrigeration and heating system and a walk-in beverage cooler for customers, according to project specifications.

When the remodeling is completed, the Molalla store will have the largest floor space in the McPike chain.

The various food departments also will be more distinct, Weigel said, and will include a specialty fish department that will offer a larger selection of seafood and cooking instructions.

The department also will provide service for special-order items for fish and for other meats.

A delicatessen also will be added

to the store. Room for small shops, such as shoe repair, video rental, health food and dry cleaning stores, will be included in the remodeling. Weigel said he is negotiating with businesses interested in renting space in the building.

McPike, the store's third owner, purchased it in September 1980 from Edward Charapata. Ideal Food Marts Inc. sold the store to Charapata in 1976 after operating it since it was built in 1961.

McPike, which topped the \$11 million mark in sales in 1986, uses United Grocers Inc. of Milwaukie as its major wholesaler. The Sentry chain of 51 independently owned stores stretches from Northern California to Washington.

Colton teacher's most important lesson is respect

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COLTON — There are a lot of things Bertha Mansker likes about her job as a math and foreign language teacher at Colton High School.

And there are a lot of things other people like about the way she does her job.

The Oregon Small Schools Association made its appreciation of Mansker's work official when it recently chose her as the 1987 Small Schools Teacher of the Year.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Verne Duncan gave the award to Mansker in a ceremony at the school last week.

Mansker, 47, who has taught at the Colton school for 18 years, said the award was an honor but that honors were not why she is still teaching.

"If it weren't for the students, we wouldn't want to be here," she said.

She emphasized that mutual respect was the most important concept she teaches all her students. "I try to see them as people rather than something to pour information into. My philosophy is to concentrate on what the student experiences during the learning process."

"If, during my career, I have caused harm to a student's psyche, to the person, then I have not succeeded. I have done something wrong," she said.

Mansker teaches algebra, calculus and beginning and advanced Spanish language courses. She has been instrumental in organizing college credit courses in those areas for her advanced students.

Colton High School Principal Gary M. Zosel said Mansker is a "bridge builder" who helps solve organizational, staff and student problems at the school.

"Her teaching is directed toward student excellence in that she has high expectations of students," he said. "In all activities, students are kept on task in a warm, businesslike manner."

Mansker was nominated by Zosel for the honor and was chosen as a finalist by an association committee. She then submitted to the committee

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— Bertha Mansker

a report detailing her philosophy of teaching. Based on that report and checks with co-workers, the committee chose Mansker for the award from among hundreds of teachers nominated.

The Oregon Small Schools Association represents all schools in the state with student populations of 1,000 or fewer.

"It is especially meaningful to have former students come back and tell you that you have had a positive effect on their lives," Mansker said. "It's rewarding when they are successful, but I feel equal pride for the strugglers that have come back and said, 'I'm well and happy, and doing just fine.'"

"That relationship developed over the years with students is so valuable."

Mansker will be among finalists for a statewide, all-level teacher of the year award that will be given in November by the state Department of Education.

Having spent 25 years teaching after graduating from Duke University in 1958, she said she has noticed some changes in the youngsters since she began her teaching career in Florida.

The most disconcerting to her is that today's teen-agers do not seem to have as much mutual respect for each other as earlier generations of students did.

"This is something that really alarms me. I see younger ones who don't seem to have compassion for others. I try to give them a sense of community — something to somehow let them know we are in this together."

Mansker also emphasizes to her students that each day "the slate is wiped clean. I ask them not to think of themselves as a 'C' student or a 'B' student or anything that places

limits on what they might accomplish. Time and experience have convinced me that people often do live up to the expectations that others have of them."

"I let my students know that I believe in them, that they have worth."

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