

Heroes honored

Hastings Police Chief Mike McMenomy accepts the "Unsung Hero Award" from Channel 14 on behalf of the Hastings Police Department during a reception Monday at the Green Mill Restaurant.

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Sale will benefit several organizations

Education foundation will get about \$5,000 as part of donations

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Several organizations, including the Hastings Public Schools Foundation, will benefit from the recent vehicle sale at Westview Center.

Hastings Chrysler conducted the sale from Aug. 24 until Sept. 5 at Westview Center after moving its vehicles temporarily from its permanent

location on Highway 55.

"We have done sales before at the Westview Center where we moved all of our cars out there," said Doug Erickson of Hastings Chrysler.

However, this sale was different.

For every car sold during the sale, Hastings Chrysler donated \$50 to the Hastings Public Schools Foundation. When combined with other fundraising efforts during the nearly two-week sale, the Hastings Public Schools Foundation will receive a check for about \$5,000, according to Erickson.

Other fundraisers held dur-

ing the sale included car washes and hot dogs sold from a lunch trailer. As a result of that part of the event, several organizations will receive a total of between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Among those organizations are Boy Scout troops, Pine Harbor Christian Academy, as well as Hastings High School's cheerleaders, swim team and choir program.

"We kind of had everything connected," Erickson said. "It worked very well."

Erickson praised the Hastings City Council (which granted a special permit) and the businesses at Westview

Center for their cooperation during the sale.

"We certainly feel thankful for the opportunity to be up there," he said. "Over the years Hastings has been good to us. We've really worked to keep a good relationship with the city. We feel good about what happened."

Erickson said the event was such a success that he will try to conduct another sale at the site next summer.

"What we are trying to do is show that doing business locally has more benefits than going out of town to get something," he said.