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Rep. Bellamy tells Cardinals to watch time

State Representative Billy Bellamy gave the commencement address at Ione High School's graduation Saturday.

Graduates marched into the gymnasium to the march "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Ione band.

Glen Krebs gave the invocation and Kit Pettyjohn led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Starr presented the salutatorian address telling his graduating classmates to "Step into the future with confidence and hold on to the

memories that we will cherish forever."

Ione's band played the "Concord March."

Larry Snider presented the valedictory address. He said the future holds, "One adventure after another. We no longer will have a set schedule to follow. We will have to depend on ourselves. Competition will be heavy for some occupations. We will have to become organized because we will have to run the world someday."

Bellamy then presented his address.

He said he was surprised the Class of 1980 asked him to speak at the commencement because he talked to them earlier this year and, "Usually after an hour, no one wants to listen to me anymore."

Bellamy said graduating senior Martha McElligott told him to make his speech short because most of the graduates will be 18 soon and they will be able to vote.

He congratulated the parents who paid about \$30,000 in property and other taxes to get the graduates this far. He then congratulated the students.

Bellamy said the students at Ione have accomplished something by graduating from high school.

"It is said but 30 percent of the students do not graduate in Oregon," he said.

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Heppner High School graduates Tim Hedman (left) and Jackie Gentry look eager for the event as they march into the gym for the last time as students. John Sporseen (far right) gives a smiling approval.

Heppner gym packed for graduation

Heppner High School's gymnasium was packed last Thursday for the graduation ceremony.

The band played the processional to open the program as the seniors, dressed in their blue caps and gowns, marched into the gym.

Geri Grieb then presented the invocation.

Salutatorian Dale Holland told his classmates to "Give it all you got" as he reminisced about his high school football experience and the embarrassing mistakes he made as a freshman.

"No matter how often you fall back, keep at it," he advised.

Jim Ackley's Band then played an original song Ackley wrote for the Class of 1980 called "Welcome to a New Decade." His song told the graduates to "Walk like a winner, 'til the judgment day comes."

Valedictorian Alice Abrams said this new decade brings about new challenges that must be met with courage, faith and cooperation. She said the United States needs to act upon its observations, meet the challenges, face its problems and attempt to overcome them now.

Senior Class President Chris Zita presented gifts to honored guests George Koffler and Dennis Toney and class advisors John Sporseen and Michelle Portmann and principal Jim Bier.

Counselor Michelle Portmann was the guest speaker who presented the commencement address.

She came to Heppner four years ago, along with the graduating class, so she said she has a special relationship with them.

Portmann spoke about the students and some of the humorous things that have happened over the years.

She told the graduates to "Weave your own tapestry because you are unique. You are important. Strive for excellence. You will be unhappy if you do not strive for all that is possible for you."

Morrow County School Superintendent Matt Doherty presented the graduating class to school board member Irv Rauch, who presented the diplomas to the 54 graduates while Michelle Portmann called their names.

Jo Lynn Daly presented the benediction and the band played the recessional as the grads marched out.

National Honor Society members of the graduation class are Alice Abrams, Geri Grieb, Todd Harrison, Paula Heinrichs, Dale Holland, Sandra Hudson, Larry Palmer, Jim Parker, Todd Sherer, Jojean Stevens, Marie Van Schoiack and Ron Young. Chris Zita was the class president, Dan Nix the vice president, Van Schoiack the secretary, Curt Day the treasurer and Harrison the representative.

Commission favors feedlot

Morrow County Planning Commission recently approved a J.R. Simplot plan to build a \$6.5 million feedlot nine miles southwest of Boardman.

The county court was scheduled to give final approval for the project at a meeting yesterday (May 28) at the Annex Building in Irrigon.

The 30,000 head of cattle feedlot will be the largest in

Oregon. It will be a "closed containment feedlot" with the cattle living on 50 acres of concrete slabs, one head for every 20 square feet.

Water will be sprayed on the cement to force solid and liquid waste into small ditches. When the waste is collected, solid material will be mixed with cattle feed and liquid waste will be used for irrigation.

Some members of the County Planning Commission were worried that the feedlot would have an offensive odor like some feedlots in the Hermiston area.

But Simplot representative Tom Olson assured the commission the feedlot near Boardman will be like a smaller one in Caldwell, Idaho. Members of Morrow County Court and the county planning commission visited Caldwell about a month ago and found the experimental plant there to be fairly odorless.

The conditional use granted by the commission is for 300 acres, 50 which will house the cattle. J.R. Simplot cannot add to the 30,000 stalls without first receiving permission from the planning commission.

Also on the 300 acres will be a reservoir, a mill that will recycle water, a silage pit, a drainage pit and a potato pit. Potato waste from Simplot's Hermiston plant will be used for cattle feed. That storage pit will be 400 feet long and 200 feet wide and it will store enough feed for the cattle to last 30 days.

Cattle manure will be separated into solid and liquid forms with the solid waste mixed into the cattle feed and the liquid portion used for irrigation to alfalfa that is near the feed lot. That alfalfa will also be used as cattle feed.

Despite approving the conditional use for the feedlot, some planning commission members had a warning for J.R. Simplot.

"With all the laws in this state and all the requirements in this state, the first time you do cause any environmental problems—you'll probably have to shut down because everybody, including God, is going to be watching you," said planning commission member Dave Secl.

During the planning commission's discussion of the feedlot, Morrow County Commissioner Dorothy Krebs questioned Olson about some concerns of county residents about the feedlot project.

She said some local ranchers expressed concern that Simplot is planning on using 100 tons of hay a day at its feedlot. They are afraid Simplot will tie up the hay in the area and sources will dry up.

Olson assured the commission that Simplot will not take all of the hay.

"We have a good relationship with the farmers in the Caldwell area, and expect the same at the one in Boardman," Olson said.

Olson added that Simplot does not contract with growers for feed because of high interest rates and lack of storage facilities.

Commission member Gene Trumbull said it is ironic farmers are complaining about Simplot taking all the hay in the area because in earlier meetings, some farmers wanted Simplot to buy the hay locally.

The planning commission did not decide on housing for the Simplot employees who work at the feedlot. Housing has been planned to be built downwind from the feedlot.

"That's confidence," Olson said.

Krebs also expressed concern that Simplot may use Portland sludge on its land, if one of two firms in north Morrow County win the bidding for the sludge.

Krebs said the Knapton-Rydell plan is to ship the Portland sludge on barges to a spot west of Boardman so they will not have to go through the Port of Morrow. The sludge would then be put on State Industrial Park land.



Billy Bellamy

4 students speak at Riverside graduation

By Frances Rose Wilson

At the graduation exercises at Riverside High School in Boardman last Friday night, four honor students, chosen by their classmates, were the speakers.

Lori Witt, who was treasurer of the National Honor Society, encouraged her classmates to be the best they can be in all their endeavors.

Stacy Coleman spoke on self confidence stating, "They can because they think they can." Coleman was president of his class.

Kristie Baker, student body secretary, chose to speak on the subject, "Life is a field," with many new fields yet to be sown.

Joe Daltoso, who served as student body president, spoke concerning leadership saying, "We must lead ourselves before we can direct the paths of other."

A slide presentation of the many activities of the senior class was shown by Tracy Johnson.

Presentation of awards was made by Principal Dan Daltoso. He stated that the Oregon Scholar awards for grade point and outstanding achievement went to less than five percent of Oregon students but to more than five percent

award was signed by Governor Vic Atiyeh and went to Lori Witt, Joseph Daltoso, Wesley Haws, and Carol Ann Donovan.

The Carl Troedson awards have been presented as a legacy from a former Morrow County resident who was the son of Swedish immigrants and grew up in Morrow County many years ago on a ranch some seven miles south of the present coal-fired plant.

He worked on his father's farm and had an appreciation for education. Proceeds from the interest of his estate amounted to \$14,000 this year with 70 percent going to Morrow County high school seniors. The awards were in the amount of \$700 each and went to Carol Ann Donovan, Mari Evans, Gary Gordianer, James Mills and Curtis Viall.

Awards also went to students from Ione and Heppner.

A scholarship from Eastern Oregon College, in the amount of \$300 went to Lori Witt.

From the University of Portland for scholastic achievement a full-tuition scholarship was presented to Joseph Daltoso.

An all tuition paid scholarship from Bell and Howell for scholastic aptitude went to Wesley Haws.

The Pendleton Woolen Mills gave an award to Lori Witt, who excelled in the "make it with wool" contest.

The Morrow County school award went to Stacy Coleman.

The Grande Rhonde Symphony award went to James Mills.

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Reed Ringer

Western Heritage has new manager

Western Heritage Savings and Loan in Heppner has a new branch manager.

Reed Ringer has taken the place of the departing John Van Winkle, who has been promoted to special projects coordinator for the Hermiston branch of Western Heritage.

Ringer attended high school in Milton Freewater and graduated from Pacific University in Forest Grove in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He has been working for Western Heritage since his graduation.

He has worked in the Hermiston office since 1977 and was the assistant manager there before coming to Heppner two weeks ago.

His wife, Phyllis, is also a

Pacific graduate. They have an eight-month-old son, Ryan. Elvora has a degree in social services and has worked for the Head Start program in Pendleton. She presently works in personnel at J.R. Simplot in Boardman.

The Ringers live in Umatilla but are looking for a place to move in Heppner.

Reed Ringer is an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoys softball. While in college, he wrestled at 142 pounds and was the Northwest Conference champion at that weight class his junior and senior years. He wrestled in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championships both of those years.



Debbie Paustian

Local girl wins business scholarship

A 1980 graduate of Heppner High School has been awarded a full-tuition scholarship from the Modern Business College at Kennewick, Wash.

Debbie Paustian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Paustian of Heppner, will be taking executive and legal secretary courses at the college.

Paustian has been an honor roll student, active in Girls Athletic Boosters, dance team and a class representative in high school. She was selected from high school senior scho-

larship applicants throughout the Tri Cities and north-eastern Oregon.

"We are pleased to award our scholarship to Debbie," said Carol Arsenault, Modern Business College director. "She is an outstanding senior and we are confident she will be an outstanding Modern Business College secretarial graduate."

Sandra Hudson, also of Heppner High, was a runner-up candidate for the scholarship.