

Boardman Postal Employees receive commendations

By Joyce Hensley

Boardman postal employees are a healthy bunch. Post Master, Ed Baker and senior clerk, Carolyn Skoubo, took turns presenting each other with letters of commendations and attendance pins sent from the Field Division of the United States Postal Service in Portland for an unusually large

amount of sick leave hours they have accumulated.

Baker, a thirty-one year employee for the Postal Service, received a commendation and an attendance pin for accumulating 1,500 hours, equalling a little over nine months, sick leave time, and Skoubo, a thirty-five year, part-time employee, was commended for accumulating 1,000 hours of sick leave, or a little

over six month accumulative time.

"The sick leave is used as a benefit to the employee," said Baker. "If you become ill, you are protected."

"It was very common for postal employees to abuse this benefit, so the postal service has become more conscientious as to monitoring employees sicknesses," he added.

Morrow County receives money from common school fund

The Division of State Lands has issued a check to county public schools from the Common School Fund. The amount represents a contribution of approximately \$13.79 per public school student. Morrow County received \$30,006.43 for its

2175 students.

The Common School Fund is a constitutional trust managed by the State Land Board through the division. Created when Oregon joined the Union, the Fund comprises pro-

ceeds earned from management of federal lands granted to the state at that time. Interest earnings from the principal are distributed to the counties every six months based on their number of public school students.

For the period ending December 31, 1987, the total distribution to Oregon schools was \$8,656,339. This amount is the semi-annual interest earned from the Fund's invested assets which currently total \$178 million.

Interest earnings have more than tripled from \$4.3 million in fiscal year 1977 to over \$16 million in fiscal year 1987. The increase is the result of a 1968 constitutional amendment which redefined the Land Board's management role from one of passive ownership to one allowing active development and conservation of state-owned natural resources. As resultant policies come to fruition, each county's portion of those interest earnings will increase.

Operation Graduation plans are underway

Riverside parents met Monday to discuss plans for an all night Senior party which is scheduled for graduation night, Thursday, May 26, to help assure a safe alcohol and drug free celebration. Operation graduation was begun by concerned parents in 1979 after a graduation night in which 12 kids were slaughtered on the highways in one commencement weekend. "Tragic at any time, death and injuries are especially heart-breaking when they occur during graduation season, a time when young people and their families and friends are looking forward to bright futures and happy lives," commented Sharon Barrick, Riverside High School Counselor. "The school supports the idea wholeheartedly and is working with these parents to help make sure that this

graduation night has a happy ending."

Plans are underway to reserve the Pendleton Round-Up Athletic Club, a facility that features an olympic pool, saunas, jacuzzis, courts, video and game rooms as well as space for dancing and the special entertainment being planned.

Parents and public who wish to make a contribution are invited to send donations or items suitable for donations for door prizes to Operation Graduation, PO Box 140 Boardman, OR 97818.

Inquiries regarding Operation Graduation may be made with Al Gordanier, Dewena Bates, or Sharon Barrick, Riverside High School. The parent task force for Operation Graduation will meet again, Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in the Dodge City Banquet Room.

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Irrigon Tales & Tackle shop opens

By Joyce Hensley

A gunsmithing shop with the intriguing name of Tales & Tackle has opened recently in Irrigon.

"When people come in to buy tackle, they tell tall tales and short tales," laughed Eric Dicks, 25, owner of the new combination gun shop and sporting goods store located on Main Street.

Even though his healthy looking six-foot six-inch frame does not reveal the fact, the gunsmith is disabled. Dicks, who's former occupation was in construction, says, "A ninety pound piece of steel fell on my head, crushing my neck and lower back."

With a touch of humor he added, "it was just a half hour before quitting time on a Friday, too."

After six years of being laid up, he decided to go back to school and learn gunsmithing. Dicks, with his wife, Debbie, and their oldest daughter, Tana, who is now five, moved from Irrigon to Grants Pass, where he attended the Rogue Community College. "That was a major adventure," he said.

Not having attended school for several years previously, he is pretty proud of his Associate Degree of



Eric Dicks

Science. "I graduated Phi Theta Kappa with a 3.4 grade point in Machine Technology and Gunsmithing," said Dicks.

The small, busy, nook-like establishment with bars on the windows also provides advice and assistance if needed.

"Bear hunters need to get their applications in by April 1 for the special spring bear hunts," said Dicks. He advises using a high caliber rifle for bear, "at the very least, a 30-06."

Debbie, who also works in the shop, points out to customers the "rigging" Dicks has on display to show what to use to catch a wall-eye. She also gives advice as to what bait the fish are biting.

Dicks is set up with equipment for the rust preventive procedure of bluing guns. Each step in the procedure, the 150 degree hot degreaser chemical, the hot water vat, the 285 degree bluing solution, the thirty minutes in the rinse bath and the final oil preserving oil bath, "make them look almost like new," he said.

Tales & Tackle will sell guns on consignment or take in trades. "I also custom build guns," said Dicks, showing a 300 Winchester Magnum rifle partially completed.

"People like contests so we are now running a Big Bass Contest," he said. "Later on we'll be running a sturgeon and wall-eye contest."

"Wall-eye fishing is slow now, but it will pick up as soon as the water temperature rises a few degrees," he added.

North Morrow Vector Control Mosquitos and AIDS: The facts

There has been some talk about the possibility of whether AIDS can be transmitted through the bite of a mosquito. A lot of research has been put into this area. Unfortunately, some results were published before the studies were complete... causing an unnecessary scare.

According to Dr. George Craig, director of the Vector Biology Laboratory at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, attributed the "rumor" to a "couple of fanatics in Florida—a few people making alot of noise."

Craig, who is the president of the American Mosquito Control Association and a member of the National Academy of Sciences explained how it is possible for mosquitos to transmit certain viruses and not others. The encephalitis virus, for example, thrives and multiplies in the tissue of the mosquito and is then transmitted through saliva when it bites. On the other hand, the AIDS virus remains in the mosquitos blood, where "the quantity goes steadily down until the blood meal is digested." This process Craig said, can take between 48 and 72 hours, during which the mosquito does not ingest blood. "There is," he emphasized, "no way to get it into the mosquitos salivary gland. It just sits there like a lump of lead in the stomach." He added that, even if the AIDS-infected blood were transmissible, "it takes more viral particles than a mosquito can carry to infect a human—at least 10 times as much.

Craig, who said he has been involved with research in this field for more than 30 years, further explained that there is "no evidence of trans-ovarian transmission of the AIDS virus," despite the fact that the ingested blood protein is used to produce eggs. (Only female mosquitos bite).

"The crowning evidence," Craig stated, "is epidemiological. If AIDS were transmitted by mosquitos, you would expect children to be most commonly affected, since they spend so much time playing outdoors. But only those who are in the sexually active portion of the population are becoming infected. Epidemiology is totally against (mosquito transmission of AIDS)." "You can't say it won't happen, any more than you can say you won't be struck by lightning," Craig said. "But this is throwing kerosene on a burning fire."

Book and Bake sale in Boardman

The Friends of the Boardman Public Library are having their semi-annual book and bake sale Saturday, April 2. The sale will be held in front of Kegler's Sentry Market and Christie's Floral from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come by and pick up some good reading and good food for your Easter dinner.

Prom date chosen

The Junior Prom at Riverside High School will be held in the school gymnasium on April 23. The juniors have selected the following senior girls to be on the court: Jody Coen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Coen of Irrigon; Carmela Garcia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Asuncion Garcia of Boardman; Wendy Ledbetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ledbetter of Boardman; Theresa Neilsen of Irrigon; and Sheila Town, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Town of Boardman. Theme for the prom will be "Stairway to Heaven" and the video music will be provided by Pro-Audio of Prosser, Washington.

Medical Board to meet in Irrigon

The Morrow County Medical Board will meet Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. in Irrigon at the City Hall.



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Easter bake sale held in Irrigon

The Irrigon Watermelon Festival Committee will be holding their annual Easter Bake Sale Saturday, April 2. The bake sale will be held at Rod's Market in Irrigon and run from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. or until the baked goods run out.

The festival committee is asking for much needed baked goods donations for the sale. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods for the sale

may contact Barb Wadekamper at 922-4221 or 922-4175 or drop them off at Brown's Auto and Truck Stop in Irrigon. Donations will also be accepted the day of the sale at Rod's Market.

All proceeds will go towards the Christmas Lighting "Adopt-A-Tree" project the festival committee is hoping to get completed by next Christmas.

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