

## RHS graduates sixty students

By Mindy Nix

For the class of '88 the big day, May 26, had finally arrived. Sixty students graduated in the Riverside Gymnasium last Thursday. The class motto was "Today we follow, Tomorrow we lead."

Out of the 60 graduates only Theresa Nielson was unable to attend. Nielson was admitted to the hospital Thursday evening with severe abdominal pains.

Honorary speakers for the class included Jesus Garcia, Colleen Hensley, Jeff Marchek and Terri Meyers. Invocation and Benediction were performed by Wendy Ledbetter, senior class president. A slide show by the seniors had "before" and "after" pictures of the graduates.

Many scholarships and awards were presented by Mr. Dante Daltoso. A list will be in next week's Gazette-Times.

A non-alcoholic party, "Operation Graduation" was held at the Pendleton Roundup Court Club after graduation. The party was sponsored by parents and community members.



photo by Mindy Nix

RHS grads prepare for Procession

## Local students graduate from BMCC

Over 200 degrees, certificates and high school diplomas will be awarded at the twenty-sixth Blue Mountain Community College Commencement set for June 10.

BMCC offers a number of two-year degrees in addition to several certificate programs which typically take one year of college study to complete. Additionally, a high school diploma program is offered through the college's Basic Skills Department. Listed below are the area graduates:

Boardman-Brian Sheadel, Associate of Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

Heppner-Kimberly Ann George, Adult High School Diploma; William Kevin Hughes, Associate of Science Degree in Production Agriculture; Jodi Dawn Mattison, Certificate in Dental Assisting; Staci L. Toll, Certificate in Bookkeeping.

Irrigon-Steven M. Daulton, Associate of Science Degree in Nursing; Ramona Lynn Franke, Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts; Leticia R. Rodriguez, Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts; Meredith Eunice Young, Adult High School Diploma.

## Rodeo team captures trophy

Morrow County High School boy's rodeo team again took high honors at the high school rodeo in Burns May 21 and 22 with 64 points. Girl's team trophy was won by Redmond with 74 points.

Boy's All Around honors were won by David Clark for Morrow County with 28 points. Reserve honors were won by Mike Mahoney with 25 1/2 points.

Penny Conforth captured All Around title for the girls with 37 1/2 points. Reserve All Around was won by Vickie Mays of Myrtle Point with 36 points.

David was first in saddle bronc, first in bareback riding and third in steer wrestling.

Mike placed first in calf roping, second in steer wrestling and tied for fourth and fifth in boys cow cutting.

## Daltoso places in Citizen Bee

By Mindy Nix

On May 21, the Oregon State Citizen Bee Competition was held in the State Capitol Building in Salem.

Vince Daltoso, a junior at Riverside High School was awarded third place in the Citizen Bee Regional Competition, \$350 and a book titled "Where Rolls the Oregon". Vince had the opportunity to compete in the State Competition, and he took home third place and a \$500 check. Vince plans to save his money for college and invest it.

The Citizen Bee is a National Competition sponsored by the Close-Up Foundation, which is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization that provides co-curricular educational programs on history, government, and citizenship. Questions are asked covering such topics as American political and cultural history, government, geography, economics and current issues. The contestants take turns answering the questions one at a time, and when incorrect answer is given, the contestant is out for the remainder of the contest.

First place in the competition was taken by Shawn Monette of South Salem, and second place went to Chris Topmiller of Huntington.

## Tolar nominated distinguished principal

By Joyce Hensley

Michael (Mick) Tolar, Boardman, was selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Principal award for the Eastern Region of the Oregon Elementary School Principals Association.

Tolar, Principal at A.C. Houghton Elementary for twenty-five years was selected because of his students interest, community support, ability to motivate others and service and achievements above and beyond what is expected in the usual school program.

"I know how much kids appreciate extra activities," said Tolar. "I also want the teachers to have the same good feelings I have when I do something for the students."

A reading program called the B.E.A.R. Program (Be Enthusiastic About Reading) was started by Tolar five years ago, and has initiated similar programs in the Umatilla and Hermiston schools.

The B.E.A.R. Program rewards the students for good behavior and for reading a specified amount of material geared to each reading level during a specified length of time.

BEAR DAY is celebrated by the primary students, while BEAR NIGHT is enjoyed by the upper grades. Throwing sleeping bags down in the gym for the night, running in the halls during a short supervised period (allowed only this one night), entertainment by the teachers, plus drawings for donated prizes, are a real treat for the eligible A.C. Houghton students.

Intramural sports, a learning festival, health fair, and science fair are a few of the extra activities provided at A.C. Houghton.

Grandparents Day, Senior Citizen Luncheon, the annual Read-A-Thon, Dress Up Day, and contests during the year are encouraged by Tolar.

Community service involvement by the school includes picking up litter during Clean-Up Irrigon Week, distributing the school newsletter throughout Irrigon, opening the school to 4-H, Bluebirds, adult basketball, volleyball and aerobics.

Donating to the Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon, and the City Library fund from the annual Read-A-Thon program have also been endorsed by Tolar.

His personal participation in civic affairs includes the Irrigon Chamber of Commerce, Riverside High School Booster Club, Irrigon Youth Soccer (director), past chairman and vice chairman of the Board of Directors of Columbia View Community Church, Little League, the Lions Club and a volunteer for Riverside High School football.

Tolar is a member of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, Oregon Elementary School Principals Association, Eastern Region-Oregon Elementary School Principals Association, Umatilla-Morrow Elementary School Principals Association, and is a charter member of the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators.

He has held the office of president, vice-president, and secretary in both the Umatilla-Morrow Elementary

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## Goldschmidt visits Boardman on Children's Agenda Tour



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Gov. Neil Goldschmidt (L) visits with school children on his trip to Boardman.

By Joyce Hensley

Youth employment was high on the list of concerns expressed to Governor Neil Goldschmidt last week during his stop in Boardman on his Oregon Children's Agenda Tour.

"We are a farm community and we do not have jobs," said Barbara Hayes, from the Impact Team, Heppner.

Complaints about the restrictive laws, insurance rates, lack of proper skills and education were heard by the Governor and the overflowing crowd at Dodge City Restaurant.

Dana Burke, a representative from Lamb-Weston, indicted that state regulations and paper work are deterrents to hiring minors.

Bob Mueller, owner of Boardman

Farms affirmed the complaints. "They require more supervision," he said. "If they make mistakes, we get sued."

"We should have legal advice up here from the Department of Labor," said Goldschmidt.

The lack of skills was also an issue brought up. Said Burke, "half of the applicants cannot fill out an application properly and they have no math skills."

Lisa Middledorf, executive assistant for the Port of Morrow, had similar concerns. "I give spelling tests to my job applicants...the results are very poor."

The drop-out rate, although low in Morrow county, 6.7% compared to the state average of 27.3%, was also brought up.

According to a survey of 183

Riverside High School students, the number one reason for students dropping out in the area is drugs.

Drugs was also a concern of representatives of the southern end of the county. "We don't have the turn over (in population) but we do have similar problems with drugs," said Barbara Hayes.

The governor recognized the drug problem. "The people who are making the drugs will be going away (to jail) for a long time, but there is not enough bed space for minor offenses."

The Governor promised to bring up many of these issues before the next legislature. "There is no money in the current budget," he said. "We'll try to rearrange next years budget."

## Students donate \$1000 to Irrigon Library Fund

By Joyce Hensley

A.C. Houghton students have donated \$1,000 to the City of Irrigon from this year's annual Read-A-Thon program to be used to relocate the library and to install restrooms at the City Park.

Erica Hoffnagel, Robbie Vandecar and Joey Hiatt, presented the check to Mayor Don Eppenbach.

The students have donated through past Read-A-Thons \$5,000 to the Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon. They have also donated towards a fund to raise money to enable a local boy to have surgery.

The Read-A-Thon program was originated by media specialist, Gregory Hanson, several years ago.

## Nix places third in journalism contest

By Joyce Hensley

Mindy Nix, 16, a Riverside High School correspondent for the Gazette-Times, has been named third place winner in the Amnesty International U.S.A. Journalism contest with her article, "Plight of the Homeless Found Troubling".

Mindy went to 'Hobo Town' in The Dalles with her journalism instructor, Kevin Fry, where she interviewed individuals living in hobo-like conditions.

The article was subsequently printed in the Riverside High School paper, The Riverside Review, and also submitted to the Portland jour-

nalism contest.

Mindy was commended on her library research and personal interviewing. She received twenty-five dollars.

She is a sophomore at Riverside High School and intends to pursue a journalism career.



Mindy Nix

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