

2010 OBEA Secondary Teacher of the Year. . .



Bonnie Grote was selected as Secondary Teacher of the Year at the 2010 OBEA Fall Conference held at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon, on October 8. Bonnie Grote received a Bachelor in Business Education and a Masters in Business Education from Oregon State University. She began her teaching career at Madras High School in the fall of 1969, where she taught for four years. She then quit full-time teaching to raise her family of three children and work on the family farm. During that time she substituted in Madras and Culver High Schools. She has taught full-time at Madras High School for the past nine years. During those years she has been an FBLA Advisor; operated the Student Store; a CTE representative; a member of the Buff Learning Team, a member of OBEA, WBEA, and NBEA; a member of Oregon Association of Career and Technical Educators; and has served on the

OBEA Board.

Bonnie credits her high school business teacher with motivating her to become a teacher. She has taught numerous classes over the years: Shorthand, Accounting 1 and 2, Word Processing, Personal Finance, Careers, Marketing, and Computer Applications.

One of her students writes. . . "I have learned, not only what she taught in her classes, but also valuable life lessons which she has shown me through example." "She makes the extra effort to go out into the community and bring in adults to share their experiences." "She is the most skilled teacher I have ever had."

Her principal, Gary Carlton, writes, "I will begin by stating that Bonnie is the epitome of the Master Teacher, the best of the best." "The diversity of her service and dedication in the field of Business Education has been nothing short of exemplary." Bonnie retired from teaching in June 2010, and I am sure she will be missed.