

Teacher says Spanish can be fun

by SCOTT NEWTON

Cedar Ridge teacher Terry Hardie believes foreign languages help students understand their own language better, as well as other cultures, and eventually can help people find jobs.

"The last thing is that foreign languages are fun," said Hardie. "They really are."

"That might even be the most important thing. It's got to be fun or they won't be willing to do all the hard work that learning a language requires."

Randi Leuthold, Cedar Ridge principal, called Hardie a "super teacher, super dedicated."

Challenge exams that allow students to test out of classes at Sandy High School back Leuthold's statement. About 110 students took 130 of SUHS's challenge exams in the spring, with 19 successfully passing tests.

At the time Dennis Crow, assistant principal at SUHS, said it was "amazing" that Cedar Ridge had seven students test out of Spanish I. In no other subject was the success rate even half as high.

Hardie said part of the reason for that is due to the fact she works well with Jim Saxton, chairman of SUHS's communications department. She said the classes she teaches are coordinated with the high school's in a way that students are easily assimilated into the advanced courses.

Hardie has a bachelor of arts



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degree in English and a master of arts degree in curriculum and instruction, both from the University of Oregon.

She taught for a year before joining the staff at Cedar Ridge, where she'll begin her eighth year. Hardie began teaching the school's Spanish curriculum three years ago, when the program was instituted. She also teaches language arts, which includes reading, writing and composition, and literature.

A year of high school Spanish is broken down into a two-year program at Cedar Ridge. Seventh or eighth graders may take the first level. Only eighth graders who've taken the first year may enroll in the higher-level class.

The recent defeat of the grade school budget has Hardie concerned that Spanish may be seen

as expendable. While language arts classes can be expanded in size but not dropped, she thinks the Spanish program is "vulnerable."

She said, "I think that's a real mistake. I think foreign languages belong in the school system as much as any of the so-called basics."

Seeing foreign words labeled and moved about in sentences helps students understand English, she believes. She said she's known of students who have done better in language arts after having taken Spanish.

"Part of it is that they were never interested in English," Hardie said. "In Spanish you catch their interest because of the novelty of it. Then you slip in the grammar to keep it (the learning) going."

South America and Spanish cultures are discussed, and Hardie said she can't help but include discussions of how things vary around the world.

They occasionally eat Mexican food and "try to be authentic," as well as watch films and invite guest speakers in.

"My limited experience we drag out occasionally," she said. Her experience includes a week-long trip to Mexico, two years of Spanish in high school and three years' worth in college, which includes refresher courses.

The study of foreign languages has a tangible end, in Hardie's opinion. "It's their key to bucks in the future," Hardie said.

Benefits could range from high-

tech business transactions to communicating with migrant workers. Much is lost by people who work through translators, she said, pointing out that only a few of the hostages in Iran knew Persian.

Hardie took an intensive, four-week class in Japanese at Portland State University this summer and was surprised that about 50 students signed up.

"That gives you an idea of how many people are getting involved in learning languages," she said.

Hardie said it's becoming more important to know another language when applying for entrance to colleges, especially those of some note.

At Cedar Ridge the Spanish taught is that used in Mexico, not the Castilian version common in Spain. However, the differences are discussed.

Classes average about 35 students.

Hardie was born and raised in Eugene, and decided in high school to pursue a career in education.

She thinks most people believe in education, but called the defeat of Sandy Elementary's budget "heartbreaking." She said, "I understand a lot of the no votes are from people who can't fight back any other way."

"It seems like they're making a statement that they don't want higher taxes at the expense of the kids."

She believes the cutbacks will show up later. "The kids need these skills."

At Welches School

Knife wielded on budget

The Welches school board Monday cut \$31,000 from this year's budget proposal. The cuts come on the heels of the third levy

request defeat for the district.

The latest cuts bring the total amount subtracted from the district's original request to nearly \$94,000.

"We have already cut in to some good programs," said Gary Dietterich, building principal at Welches.

"Any more is starting to really dig into the basics." The district's new superintendent Dan Barker agreed.

"The original budget presented a quality program, we are at the basics right now," he said.

Patrons will vote on a split A and B ballot Sept.

20. The A ballot is for \$28,909, which is expected to cover the salary and benefits of the school librarian.

The B ballot amount \$52,863. A half-time counselor is among the items specified in the B ballot. Most other items relate to instructional materials and supplies.

The after-school sports, art, and drama programs were cut by 50 percent with the areas to be cut not yet determined.

Other items cut include overhead projectors, musical instruments, some salaries, and some building maintenance.

Applicants sought for budget board

Welches School District is seeking applicants for two three-year positions on the budget committee.

Patrons who are interested in serving on the committee should submit a letter of interest to Superintendent Dan Barker by Sept. 8.

Aims church celebrates anniversary

Aims Community Church celebrates its 50th anniversary this Sunday, Aug. 21, and the public is invited to share in the festivities.

A slide show will be a part of the program which begins at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 44510 Connett Road in Corbett.

Senior Center News:

Seniors enjoy special day at fair

Today is Senior Day at the Clackamas County Fair and members of the Sandy Senior Center will travel to Canby to part in the festivities.

Departure from the local center will be at 3 p.m. with return anticipated at 10 p.m. following the rodeo. Before taking in the rodeo at 7:30 p.m., fair-goers may wish to keep time to the music of the Old Time Fiddlers performing on the main stage at 7 p.m. or enjoy some free ice cream, compliments of the Clackamas County Fair.

Admission is \$1 for those 62 to 74 years of age. Persons over 75 years old are admitted at no charge.

Musical theater buffs will attend a 2 p.m. matinee performance of "The Sound of Music," presented by the East County Arts Alliance, at Mount Hood Community College this Sunday, Aug. 21.

Several members of the combined Sandy/Gresham Senior Drama Class will be featured in the production.

The Sandy Police Department's canine of-

ficer, Moose, and his owner/partner, Carl Faught, will demonstrate the techniques they use as a crime fighting team for members of the center this Tuesday. The program will begin promptly at 12:30 p.m. following the Loaves and Fishes meal.

For more information about programs and services for seniors, call the Sandy Senior Center at 668-5569.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18
9 a.m.: Exercise Class
10 a.m.: Humanities Class
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
3 p.m.: Depart for Clackamas County Fair

FRIDAY, AUG. 19
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
12:30 p.m.: Sing-along and Musical Program

SUNDAY, AUG. 21
1 p.m.: Depart for "The Sound of Music" at MHCC

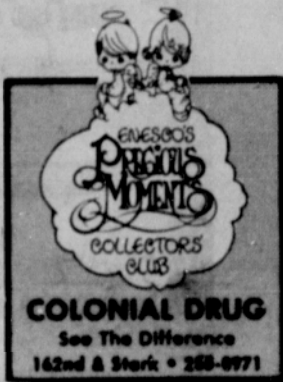
MONDAY, AUG. 22
9 a.m.: Exercise Class
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
1 p.m.: Cards

TUESDAY, AUG. 23
9 a.m. to noon: Foot Care Clinic
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
12:30 p.m.: Police Dog Demonstration
1:15 p.m.: Oil Painting

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 24
10 a.m.: Depart for Lloyd Center Shopping Trip
Noon: Loaves and Fishes
1 p.m.: Band Practice

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2. Thou shalt not take anything too seriously, for a carefree mind is the beginning of a vacation.
3. Thou shalt not let the other tourist get on thy nerves, for thou art paying out good money to have a good time.
4. Remember thy passport so that thou knowest where it is at all times, for a man without a passport is a man without country.
5. Blessed is the person who can make change in any language, for lo, he shall not be cheated.
6. Blessed is the person who can say "Thank You" in any language - and it shall be worth more to him than tips.
7. Thou shalt not worry. He that worrieth hath no pleasure - and few things are ever fatal.
8. Thou shalt not judge the people of a country by one person with whom thou hast had trouble.
9. Thou shalt when in Rome do somewhat as the Romans do; if in difficulty, thou shalt use the American common sense and friendliness.
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