

One new, one familiar face at HES



Pam Dowdy



Wendy Appleton

There is a new face at Heppner Elementary this year and a familiar face has returned.

Wendy Appleton has been hired as the new music teacher at Heppner Elementary School and Heppner High School and Pam Dowdy, who taught at HES previously, returns as a fifth and sixth grade teacher.

Pam Dowdy, 35, grew up in Port Orford on the southern Oregon coast. She graduated from Pacific High School at Port Orford and attended college at Western Oregon University at Monmouth, graduating in December of 1987 with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Her husband, Mark, was already teaching language arts at Heppner High School when she received her teaching degree. Dowdy was hired full time for her first teaching position at Heppner Elementary School in the fall of 1987.

She taught here for six years before the family moved to Brookings where Mark was hired. Their son, Jefferson, now five years old and in kindergarten at Heppner Elementary School, was born in the spring of 1996. That fall she was hired for a teaching position at Central Linn, a 2A school in Halsey, which is located between Albany and Eugene. She spent five years teaching third through sixth grade at Central Linn. Their son Josh, three, was born in 1998.

Upon returning to Heppner, the Dowdys bought a house by the dam. Ironically, they have the same phone number and the same post office box number that they had when they lived in Heppner previously. "We ended up with the same PO box and the same phone number and we just moved to the other side of the cemetery," jokes Dowdy.

She says that the family has been busy fixing up their house and yard.

"It's nice to slow down and have more family time," she says. "It's nice not to commute. Everyone's been so friendly and I'm happy to work with such a quality staff."

At Heppner Elementary, Dowdy teaches mainly math, but also teaches a reading class, a science class and a PE class.

Wendy Appleton, 52, was raised in Rhode Island and came to Oregon when she was in high school. When she was 14 years old the family moved to Grants Pass and the following year they moved to Lemoore California. They returned to Oregon, moving to Sheridan, where she graduated from high school in 1967. She attended Western Oregon University at Monmouth, graduating in 1972 with a bachelor of science degree in music education.

Appleton got her first teaching job at LaGrande that year. She taught elementary

music at three area grade schools. After teaching there a year, she moved to Cove where she taught music, PE and English in a K-12 program.

After her marriage, she took a hiatus from teaching, raising her husband's three children and then adding two more kids to the family. In addition to taking care of a busy family, Appleton enrolled at Eastern Oregon University and added elementary certification to her qualifications. When her youngest child was in the third grade, Appleton returned to teaching, first teaching at Elgin Elementary School and then teaching K-12.

A highlight of her teaching career was in 1992 when she was awarded the Kyotaru Fellowship, whereby she traveled to Japan, visiting classrooms at schools in several cities. At some schools she visited elementary classrooms and others, she spent more time in music classes. "That was exciting," says Appleton. "I loved it."

In 1999 she resigned her position at Elgin to take a position as director of a Christian school at LaGrande. The school unfortunately closed, which enabled her to consider the position at Heppner, which she discovered through a friend, Robin Jones of Heppner. The two are not only friends, but both are horse judges. While judging a show, Jones told Appleton of the vacancy in Heppner. At first Appleton didn't think her husband wouldn't go for the idea, but he said, "go for it" and she did. After that, the whole process was pretty quick. She called the district and drove down for an interview the same day. The next day, she was offered the position and accepted. She arrived in Heppner August 22.

While the new job is exciting for Appleton, it was also hard to leave her home town since 1972, her friends and church. Her husband, Arnold, will join her in Heppner after the holidays. He has a Christmas business, making pine cone wreaths, swags and bases for floral arrangements. After he constructs the bases, the florist shops fill in with pine cones, candles, flowers, etc. He sells all over the Eastern Oregon area and Walla Walla and the Tri-Cities area.

The Appletons' children are all grown. Their youngest, John, 23, attends school at Eastern Oregon University; Penny, 25, graduated from Texas A&M in animal science and is working on a cutting horse ranch; Kendra, 28, LaGrande, has two children and is a homemaker; Phillip is married with three children and lives in Vancouver; and Michael is married with two children and lives in Pendleton.

Appleton has been involved in horse 4-H for quite

some time and enjoys showing, breeding and judging horses, particularly quarter horses. She also loves baseball and was a Little League and Babe Ruth umpire for 17 years. She plays the flute and french horn and recently began playing french horn with the Willow Creek Symphony.

Colts lose to Stanfield

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Colts gave up too many big plays, losing to visiting Stanfield, 26-6, on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The Colts play Knerr Construction of Hermiston on Wednesday, Oct. 10, in Heppner in their next action.

Stanfield took an 8-0 lead in the first quarter on a 50-yard run and kicked the extra point. The Colts came back to score on a Dalton Wellman six-yard run, but the kick hit the crossbar.

The score stayed that way through halftime. Stanfield scored late in the third quarter on a 60-yard run. Stanfield added another touchdown on a three-yard run and scored with 19 seconds left on a 75 yard fumble return.

Correction: In the Colts' 30-15 win over Columbia Auto Body, Matt McCabe scored three touchdowns, not four as stated. Lane Bailey scored that touchdown.

Statistics
Stanfield: 8 0 6 12 - 26
Heppner: 0 6 0 0 - 6

First Quarter
Stanfield: 50 yard run (kick good) 4:13.
Second Quarter
Heppner: Dalton Wellman six yard run (kick failed) 7:00.
Third Quarter
Stanfield: 60 yard run (kick failed) 1:22.
Fourth Quarter
Stanfield: three yard run (kick failed) 5:50, 75 yard fumble return (kick failed) :19.

School Calendar

Ione Schools announces its October schedule of events:

Oct. 8-12-Homecoming Week.
Thursday, Oct. 11-hearing screenings, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 12-middle school volleyball vs. Echo, at Ione, 2 p.m.; high school volleyball vs. Echo at Ione; high school football vs. Echo at Ione, 7 p.m.; homecoming dance, 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 13-middle school volleyball vs. Helix at Ione, 11 a.m.; high school volleyball vs. Helix at Ione, 1 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 15-JV football at Sherman County, 5 p.m.;

Tuesday, Oct. 16-high school volleyball at Wheeler, 5 p.m.;

Thursday, Oct. 18-student picture retakes, 8 a.m.; fall sports pictures, 2:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19-middle school football/volleyball at Arlington, 3:30 p.m.; high school volleyball at Arlington, 5 p.m.; high school football at Arlington, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20-high school volleyball tournament at Dufur, 9 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 22-JV football vs. Stanfield at Ione, 6 p.m.


Tuesday, Oct. 23-high school volleyball at Echo, 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 26-middle school football/volleyball at Condon, 2 p.m.; high school football at Prescott, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 27-seventh grade volleyball tournament at Ione, 9 a.m.

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Musical journey of Lewis & Clark Trail set in Heppner

Local students and residents are in for a "musical and historical treat" next Friday, October 19 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School gym when professional actor and musician Daniel Slosberg of Los Angeles, California, will be in Heppner to perform his one man show, "Pierre Cruzatte - A Musical Journey on the Lewis and Clark Trail".

Cruzatte was the main boatman and musician of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Slosberg, who dresses

in character and acts out the story of Cruzatte, has been playing the fiddle since age five. As a former teacher, Slosberg "loves to bring history to life" in the music, song and dance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in schools and communities around the U.S. He is in Heppner at the invitation of local fiddle teacher, Peg Willis.

The Cruzatte show will begin at 1 p.m. and will last for about an hour. Admission is \$1 for children and students and \$2 for adults. Everyone is invited to attend.

Oregon East Symphony kicks off 16th season

Eastern Oregon's oldest and largest community orchestra will present the first concert of its 16th consecutive season on Saturday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Pendleton's Vert Auditorium at Dorion and Fifth streets.

Special guest conductor for the season opener will be Bradley Thachuk, associate conductor of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, who has recently conducted orchestras in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal and Canada.

The highlight of the evening will be when master violinist and OES

concertmaster Lisa Robertson joins world-renowned cellist and OES conductor Dr. Kenneth Woods in a performance of Brahms' Concerto for Violin and Cello. Also on the evening's program are Beethoven's Symphony Number One and the prelude to Wagner's Die Meistersinger.

Season tickets for the full seven-concert season are available by calling 276-0320. Individual concert tickets can be purchased in Pendleton at Armchair Books, 39 SW Dorion, the OES offices, 424 South Main, and at the door on the evening of the concert.

Ponies drop game to Pendleton

By Rick Paullus

Too many big plays and a big running back spelled defeat for the Heppner Ponies as they lost to the

Pendleton Bucks, 24-12, in Pendleton on Thursday, Oct. 4. The Ponies also coughed up the football four times with one returned for a touchdown. Their record falls to 2-1-1. They will next host Pilot Rock on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 3 p.m.

Pendleton scored on two long runs to go up 12-0 in the first and looked like they were going to blow the Ponies out, but the defense stiffened and held the Bucks the rest of the half.

Kyle Carlson had a 35-yard run to help set up a three-yard touchdown by Matt Kenny to cut the lead to 12-6 with 5:00 left in the second quarter. Kenny then intercepted a pass and returned it to the 45 of Pendleton, but the Ponies couldn't score before halftime.

Women's ministry plans presentations

Pendleton Women's Ministry announces its ninth annual fall presentation to the area. Christian speaker Debbie Morris will present "Forgiving the Dead Man Walking" on Thursday, Oct. 25, starting at 6 p.m. at the Vert Auditorium, S.W. 4th and Dorion streets in Pendleton.

Debbie Morris, victim of Robert Willie, the "Dead Man Walking", will tell about her experience of being kidnaped, raped and held as a hostage for 30 hours. "Her story is a testimony of forgiveness and redemption on a road of spiritual, emotional and physical recovery littered with alcohol abuse, depression and panic attacks," according to a news release from the Pendleton Women's Ministry.

The speaker has appeared on numerous talk shows, including "Focus on the Family" with Dr. James Dobson and "Fresh Air" on National Public Radio.

Tickets are \$15 for those who

have preregistered and \$20 at the door if space is available. The event is open to men, women and teens. To register, call Norma Beier at (541) 276-7937 or Marilyn Colcord at (541) 276-7123.

The presentation is co-sponsored by KGTS Positive Life Radio in College Place, Washington.

Statistics
Heppner: 0 6 0 6 - 12
Pendleton: 12 0 12 0 - 24

First Quarter
Pendleton: 41 yard run (run failed) 5:41, 27 yard run (run failed) 3:52.

Second Quarter
Heppner: Matt Kenny three yard run (pass failed) 5:00.

Third Quarter
Pendleton: 55 yard run (run failed) 7:37, 45 yard fumble return (run failed) 6:41.

Fourth Quarter
Heppner: Kenny 28 yard run (pass failed) 7:41.

Work resumes at Depot

All work resumed at the incinerator facility at the Umatilla Chemical Depot on Friday, Oct. 5, following the early morning discovery of a suspicious item.

An Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment from Yakima, Washington, responded to the scene after being alerted by the depot. The item was determined to be a non-explosive device and was turned over to the FBI for further investigation.

Depot Commander Lt. Col. Fred Pellissier said, "We have a very important job on the depot. Events like this only add another element to what all of us have to do. This behavior will not be treated lightly."

Depot officials notified local law enforcement officials and the Oregon State Police of the incident. Emergency management officials in Morrow, Umatilla and Benton counties were also notified, as well as the Hermiston 911 Center and states of Oregon and Washington Emergency Operations Centers in Salem and Tacoma.

At no time was there a danger to depot and incineration facility employees, the public or the environment, according to a news release. There are no chemical munitions currently stored in the incineration facility, which is scheduled to begin chemical incineration operations in February 2003.

The depot remains at heightened security levels, according to the release.

Ione JV pulls out win over Condon

Ione's junior varsity team managed to pull out a victory over Condon in three games, defeating the Blue Devils, 15-10, 4-15, 15-13, on October 4.

Emily Key was quick at getting to the ball and made several saves during the match. She scored eight points, delivered one ace serve, controlled five passes, three hits and four set assists. Eva Chitty was the leading point producer for Ione with nine points. Chitty also had seven passes and five hits. Barbara Holland added seven points, two aces, three passes and six hits and blocked one hit. Tracy Griffith scored six points, delivered six hits and controlled seven passes.

Sara Peck scored two points and hammered four hits for her Cardinal teammates. Kim Morris scored one point. Caitlin Orem scored one point, delivered five hits, two passes and five set assists. Macarena Esposito served 100 percent and handled five passes. Jamie VandenBrink contributed five passes and one hit. Missy Baker also serve 100 percent for her team and controlled five passes. Katie Hams delivered two set assists and slammed over three hits.

First Christian guest speaker

The First Christian Church, Heppner, will have a guest speaker who will speak on creation science on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Ted Driggers from "Answers In Genesis" will present a message

about creationism as a science. A question and answer time will follow. Dr. Driggers will also have a book and video table set up with materials from "Answers In Genesis." A free will offering will be taken.

The public is welcome to attend.

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