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New teachers join Heppner High staff

Several new teachers, including a former student, walk the halls of Heppner High School this year and a former teacher returns to his position.

Troy Morgan has joined the teaching staff of HHS in the math department. Morgan is teaching eighth through 12th grade math.

Morgan grew up in Portland and came to Heppner via Florida. He said that he went to Florida to visit and ended up staying there for seven years. He received his degree in Florida at Troy State University.

Troy Morgan

Morgan taught for five years in Florida, but he and his wife, Autumn, decided they wanted to get away from hurricanes and tornados and move closer to his family. However, he is a little nervous about being in Heppner because he is afraid it will be "too cold."

In his free time, Morgan enjoys sports related activities including hunting and fishing.

Joe Lindsay

Also new to the HHS staff, but not new to Heppner is Joe Lindsay. Lindsay has taken over the music department at the high school and is also teaching general music at Heppner Elementary.

Lindsay and his wife, LeAnne, have two children, Corey Jo, 2½ and Ryan 1½.

Lindsay, who graduated from Heppner High in 1994 and is proud to have been on the state championship football team, went on to graduate from Oregon State University and received his master's degree from Eastern Oregon University.

Lindsay, who is known locally for his musical performances with his wife, has always liked music and school and enjoys sharing that joy with others. He has taught for two years at Arlington and is excited to work with the program here in Heppner.

Returning to HHS is social studies/math teacher David Melville. Melville worked at HHS for half a year in 2004 before being deployed with the Army National Guard to Afghanistan.

Melville, and his wife, Amanda and their two girls live in Hermiston. His youngest daughter was born during his deployment; however, he was given leave to come home for the delivery and made it to the hospital 43 minutes before she was born. His older daughter is 3.

David Melville

Melville is happy to be back at HHS, "It is better than being gone from home and in combat."

Helping to return the VoAg program to Heppner High is Beth Dickenson. Dickenson is providing a new energy to the previously cancelled program and hopes to develop it into an exciting part of the students' lives. Along with having the class time of VoAg, Dickenson plans on beginning an FFA chapter. She explained that while FFA is extracurricular, it is an integral part of class time.

Dickenson, who grew up in Ohio, has come to Heppner from Portland ahead of her husband, former Heppner resident Tim Dickenson. She explained that Tim is finishing chiropractic school in Portland and plans to return to Heppner to provide the much-needed service.

Dickenson comes to Heppner with five years of experience and has taught in Helix and Portland. She is excited about teaching here in Heppner because of all the exciting opportunities there are with the VoAg department. Classes included in the VoAg program will include Wildlife Management, Horticulture, Ag I and Ag Leadership. She explained that are many aspects to the program including livestock judging, welding, electrician and plumbing areas, crop and soil management, business and sales and service.

Beth Dickenson

Dickenson said she went into teaching because she loves kids and they help keep you young and on your toes. She also said that as a child she was very active in 4-H and FFA, which helped guide her in life and she wants to pass that on to others. She is excited about offering the rewards of VoAg to kids who have not had the opportunities it opens up. She explained how FFA offers students a chance to expand their borders and see other counties, the state and the country as a whole.

Dickenson also shared about some of the upcoming events in the VoAg department. The most current activity will be the Community Work Day to be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dickenson is hoping to receive community help to repair the barn and greenhouse areas and to create a path between the two. She also hopes that the free lunch will help entice volunteers.

Upcoming VoAg events include an FFA leadership camp at Camp Elkana Oct. 1-2, in which state FFA official will be in attendance. State FFA officials will then visit HHS on Oct. 5. Students will also have a chance to participate in a District Soil Judging Contest on Oct. 12.

Dickenson hopes that as the year progresses, community members with special interests will contact her to share these interests with the students. "Lots of things tie in with agriculture," said Dickenson.

Hardman to host annual oyster feed

Hardman Community Center members are anticipating serving their annual Oyster, Salmon and Ham dinner to more than 400 hungry hunters and visitors on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Hardman is a ghost town with many of its old building still intact. The town originated in 1870 and had its first school in 1879, in an area then called Dairyville. Locals in the community also gave the town the handle of "Red Dog." Another town sprang up a mile away and it was called "Yaller Dog." The two communities were united when David Hardman applied to have a post office in 1882. The application was approved, but it came back as Hardman, Oregon. Some residents also referred to the new town as "Dog Town."

The town prospered with over 300 residents and was the main stop over for the freight and stage route from The Dalles to Canyon City.

Hardman Community Center

The town boasted three hotels, a post office, livery stables, grocery store and an assortment of saloons.

The "Oyster, Salmon and Ham Dinner" includes a crisp coleslaw, baked potato, dessert, coffee and punch for $14 for adults, $5 for children under 12 years and no charge for preschool children. Serving will start at 4:30 p.m. and continue to 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the dinner will be used to preserve the historic Hardman Community Center.

Hardman is located 20 miles south of Heppner on Highway 207.

Ione pool problems fixable, board told

The Ione School Board learned at their regular meeting Monday night that the Ione pool's leaking problems resulted from poor caulking material, not drainage problems as was feared. ISD Superintendent Bryn Browning said that the caulking "did not adhere to the sides of the seams and when the pool filled with water, it caused the seams to flex and water to escape down the sides." She said that recaulking with a different caulking material should correct the problem.

Also at the meeting, the board learned that the Ione Cardinal Booster Club donated $750 to cover the Ione School District's Oregon School Athletic Association annual dues. ISD will pay OSAA for an additional $650 for 13 individual activity charges, which is budgeted through the Morrow County Unified Recreation District payment received by the school. Browning and board members expressed frustration that OSAA has increased its dues, especially for a school as small as Ione, but voiced their appreciation for MCURD and the booster club.

In other business, the board:

-learned that the school's work experience program has changed, with observation of the students involved in work experience at least four times per semester and evaluations will be completed on each student. Work experience students have been placed at IRT, Wheatland Insurance, Sunflower Junction, Keith Morter and Sew What, in addition to school assignments.

-morning announcements are being broadcast each day with ASB students delivering news.

-a shop/art night is planned for Thursdays, with community members and students invited to work on projects and guest artists and tradesmen demonstrating different techniques and media. Materials will be paid by a grant and artist time and supervision will be donated by Ione staff and other volunteers.

-enrollment as of Sept. 12 was 151 students with 60 in kindergarten through fifth grade, 38 in sixth through eighth grade and 53 in grades nine through 12.

-because of the large size of the second/third grade classroom with 24 students and the small class

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HHS announces homecoming court

Heppner High School, with Larry Mills as the speaker, announced the Homecoming Court this Monday, Sept. 18. A poem was written for each member of the court by a different student in the high school and was read by Larry Mills. The poems describe the person without telling exactly who it was until the name was read at the end. The prince's poem was read first and then he gave the princess a rose after her poem was read.

This year's Junior Royalty is Prince Luke Basile with Princess Cyde Coil and Prince Tim Hauer with Princess Baillie Keithley. This year's Senior Royalty is Prince Casey Maben with Princess Regina Seitz and Prince Zach Kurtz with Princess Lyndi Patton and Prince Aaron Allstott with Princess Mahaley Huddleston. The crowning of the court will be Friday, Sept. 29, during halftime of the football game.

Food, raffles and fun at Ione Education Foundation fundraiser

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Ione Education Foundation will be holding its annual fundraising dinner. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. A prime rib dinner, complete with crab, shrimp and all the trimmings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Following the dinner, a variety of school memorabilia as well as other donated items will be auctioned off. Raffle tickets will be available on a .22 Marlin Ducks Unlimited Special Edition Rifle, a scenic cruise from the deck of the Sternwheeler and a fabulous spa package from Ooh La La. Tickets are available thru the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione, at the door, or by calling 422-7435.

Come and enjoy a great dinner, lively auction and an opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors.

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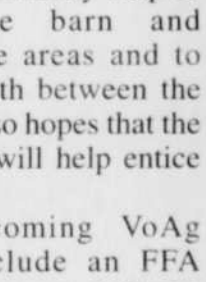
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