

PENDLETON

Cossacks show their stuff at Bike Week

By BRITTANY NORTON
East Oregonian

The smell of exhaust hung heavy in the air and tires screeched against the burning pavement as motorcycles swerved around each other. The Seattle Cossacks were warming up for 30 minutes of stunt riding.

That means Pendleton Bike Week is in full swing for its fourth year of bringing together motorcycle lovers for events, demos and rides.

For co-organizers Brandon Packman and Eric Folkstad, Pendleton seemed like the perfect place to host a show like this.

"People bring their horses, and we figured it would be a great place for people to bring their iron horses," Packman said.

This is the third time in Pendleton for the Seattle Cossacks, who are celebrating their 80th year in existence and who were awarded a key to the city by Pendleton mayor John Turner Friday night.

"It's all about balance," said team captain Sam Chedester of the organization's complicated stunts. "It takes a lot of time and coordination."

Chedester first saw the Seattle Cossacks at the Bothell 4th of July Fair when he was 7. He didn't know who they were at the time, but thought they were cool. Fast forward 13 years to when Chedester was in college. He was talking to a coworker about a Camaro he had bought that was going to fix up and race.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Riders of the Seattle Cossacks perform a stunt called the flower while performing Friday at Pendleton Bike Week.

"Well, you ought to come out and see what we do," Chedester recalls his coworker saying.

So he did, and he was reintroduced to the Seattle Cossacks.

"It's still the coolest thing I've ever seen," he thought to himself.

He later bought what's known as a "basket case" — a bike in pieces — for \$2,000. He put it together in seven months.

That's the bike Chedester still rides today, almost 28 years later. The type of motorcycle a Cossack needs is very specific: a hand-shift, foot-clutch, springer front-end, rigid frame Harley Davidson. Because of these specifications, it ultimately limits the bikes available to the club to those built in the 1930s and '40s — around

the same time the group was formed.

They are marvelous vintage motorcycles painted in colors maroon and white.

"People who have these bikes, they look at them. They put them in museums or their living rooms, but we're dropping them. We may even catch one on fire this weekend," said Chedester.

The motorcycles themselves aren't the only thing that mark the passage of time. The men learn most of their skill from those who came before them. More than 130 men have participated in the Seattle Cossacks at some point. They pass down knowledge to the next generation of riders.

This is also a tradition that attracts families. Chedester was the first in his fam-

ily to participate in the Cossacks, but he now has a son on the team. And George Wright, who is a team apprentice, has a father who is a Cossack and a grandfather who used to be one.

"We're considered an extended family," said Chedester. "Sometimes we're kind of like your crazy Uncle Bill that shows up at Thanksgiving though."

The Cossacks started an apprenticeship program about six years ago in an effort to get more young people to join the team. Chedester said, for whatever reason, it's difficult to recruit the younger generation. But new recruitments are the future of a multi-generational team like theirs.

"Hopefully they'll keep us going for another 80 years," said Chedester.

HERMISTON

46-home subdivision underway on Gettman Road

By JADE MCDOWELL
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The Wolf Run subdivision is just getting started, but it already had a neighborhood barbecue Friday.

The barbecue was part of a ribbon-cutting for the new 13-acre housing development on Gettman Road in Hermiston, which so far has one house completed and four more in construction. The subdivision is expected to feature 46 homes in total.

New housing is a welcome sight in the rapidly-growing Hermiston, where the real estate market overall is tight. Heidi Carver of RE/MAX Cornerstone, the listing agent for the homes in Wolf Run, said new industrial developments by Amazon, Lamb Weston and other companies has created an increase in prices paid for family homes.

Debbie Pedro, director of the Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce, told the gathering at the ribbon-cutting that the chamber was



Staff photo by Jade McDowell

Developer Frank Gehring and real estate agent Heidi Carver cut the ribbon on the first completed house of the Wolf Run subdivision.

happy to see investment in the community.

"We're excited about this subdivision," she said. "Boy, do we need houses!"

Developer Frank Gehring of Frank W. Gehring Construction has experience developing other housing in Hermiston, including small pockets of eight to 12 lots built in recent years, and was a key player in the Overlook Ridge subdivision in the northwest part of town.

Carver said so far the larg-

est home in the subdivision is \$379,900 for 2,850 square feet, while the fully completed home is listed at \$324,900 for 2,278 square feet. Gehring is allowing custom designs to be requested but also offers four different floor plans that

are each four-bedroom ranch-style homes.

Gehring said he's willing to take a look at two-story designs but really prefers to keep the neighborhood single-story where possible, as he's adamant about preserving the privacy of the back yards.

He said the first couple to buy one of the houses is retired, but he also thought the subdivision — a block from Armand Larive Middle School and Desert View Elementary School — would be a great place to raise a family.

RE/MAX Cornerstone is holding open houses from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, and Gehring said when he filled in recently he didn't get out of there until 1:30 p.m. because there were so many walk-ins.

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No criminal charges from collision that killed Pendleton cyclist

By PHIL WRIGHT
East Oregonian

The driver involved in the collision that killed Ann Wyatt of Pendleton will not face criminal charges.

Wyatt was bicycling June 8 to her job at the U.S. Forest Service on the Umatilla Indian Reservation near Pendleton when an SUV struck and killed her. She was 62.

The Umatilla Tribal Police Department headed up the investigation and confirmed the fatality occurred but has not identified the driver nor released other information. Wyatt's friends raised public concerns about her death in that absence.

Umatilla County District Attorney Dan Primus said tribal police called him about the death and he went to the scene along

with Oregon State Police.

"I would say the investigation has been completed at this point," Primus during a phone interview Thursday afternoon. "I don't believe with the information we have there are criminal charges."

Primus said his office receives notice of all death investigations and police look for actions that are criminal in nature. In this situation, he said, investigators can't point to actions that would produce criminal charges.

The only witness was the driver, and there is no video footage of what happened. Primus said that makes for difficult circumstances to investigate.

"There is nothing to indicate there is anything criminal," Primus said. "Unfortunately, sometimes there are accidents."

Road crews on Highway 395

PENDLETON — Highway maintenance projects will affect travel on two Eastern Oregon roads.

The Oregon Department of Transportation reported the work started this week on Highway 395-B between Pilot Rock and Pendleton in Umatilla County and on Highway 402 between Long Creek and Kimberly in Grant County.

The work along 395-B will continue for about three weeks and is in addition to a separate pavement upgrade project further south between Cape Horn and Long Creek. The operation on Highway 402 will be active between Monument and Kimberly until around Thursday. Crews will shift to the section from Long Creek to Hamilton between July 30 and Aug. 2.

To check for highway conditions, construction projects and other traffic information, visit Trip-Check.com, or call 511 / 800-977-6368.

Pilot Rock city workers receive pay bump

PILOT ROCK — City employees of Pilot Rock received a 3 percent pay increase for cost of living.

The city council Tuesday night voted for the bump, which went into effect July 1. The total raise for the city's 11 employees comes to \$12,442 a year, according to the staff report. City recorder Teri Bacus said the approval was the result of one new employee waiving medical insurance, which covered the cost of the raise with more than \$3,000 left over.

The council also approved spending about \$4,500 for manhole risers and lids due to the recent completion of a paving project. The funds came out of \$50,000 from the Oregon Department of Transportation's program for cities with populations less than 5,000. She said Pilot Rock wants to be proactive and just applied for \$100,000 from the next allotment.

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