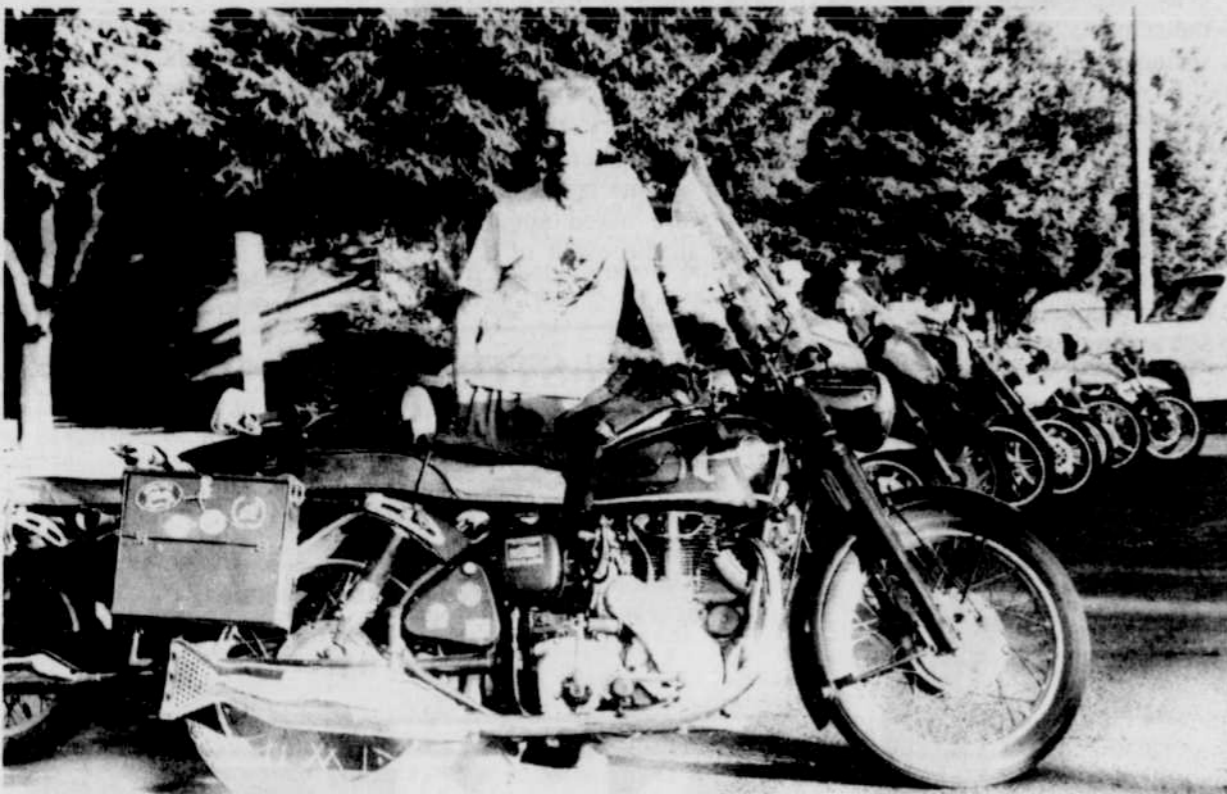


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Vintage motorcyclists tour Heppner



Sam Jowett shows his vintage velocette motorcycle

About 40 motorcycle riders, dedicated to the restoration of the English motorcycle the Velocette, came through Heppner last week, one stop on their six-day annual summer bike tour.

If you've never heard of the Velocette don't feel bad. The bike was hand made in England by the Velocette family up until 1971 when the company went out of business.

The motorcycle club has about 250 members from Britain to

America, Australia and even South America.

"We've got all kinds of people, but it does take a certain type of looney to do this type of thing," said club President Ron Marks of Vancouver, British Columbia.

This year's trip took members from Bend to Eugene, out to the coast over Mt. Hood through Heppner and then back to Bend. A pickup follows the riders in case there is a breakdown along the way.

"It's a well designed motorcycle," said Sam Jowett, a draftsman originally from England but now also living in British Columbia. "The roads around here are a lot like England," he said.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce put on a steak feed and provided music for the bike riders, who camped at the fairgrounds during their stop in Heppner. "This is the best do' we've had on the trip," said Marks. "Heppner is a real nice place."

Heppner man arrested for attempted murder of son

Alfred L. Lovgren, Heppner, was released on bail from the Benton County Jail in Kennewick, Wa. following his arrest Saturday, July 18, for allegedly attempting to kill his 52 year old son, Stacey Lovgren, with a .30 caliber rifle.

The elder Lovgren was charged with one count of attempted murder with a firearm,

one count of first degree attempted assault with a firearm and five counts of recklessly endangering another. According to Morrow County District Attorney Jeff Wallace, the two had apparently been involved in a long-standing dispute over water rights.

Lovgren posted 10 percent of his \$42,500 bail, which had been set by Judge Charlotte Gray in Morrow County Justice Court, Monday, July 20. Judge Gray will hold a preliminary hearing at

1 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Morrow County Courthouse.

Lovgren, who lives at Route 2, Box 3231, allegedly went to his son's home nearby Saturday afternoon, July 18 and fired once at his son. At least one shot is also alleged to have been fired during a struggle between Lovgren and a third family member. No one was injured.

A Lovgren family member notified police and Alfred Lovgren was arrested later in the day without incident at his home.

Lovgren was released on the condition that he not possess a firearm or contact the alleged victims, said Wallace.

Lovgren had been ordered to pay a \$250 fine in Morrow County District Court the day before the shooting for violating a restraining order prohibiting him from tampering with a domestic water system at his son's home.

School district prohibits alcohol use on school property

The Morrow County School Board at its meeting Monday night, directed county counsel Val Doherty to draft a sign which would prohibit consumption of alcohol on school property.

The board had earlier requested that an ordinance be drafted to address problems associated with drinking on school grounds. The move was prompted by complaints about drinking at soccer games on weekends at schools in north Morrow county. But, since an ordinance would have taken several months to satisfy legal requirements, and would require city council approval, the board decided to post the property instead.

Police had been unable to act upon complaints from citizens about drinking on school grounds because only a school district employee with authority, such as a principal could initiate a complaint. And, since many of the incidents occurred on weekends citizens would have to call the principal. The principal would have to go to the school, ask the parties to stop drinking or leave and then, if they did not leave, call the police. Now once an area is posted, citizens will be able to call police about violators.

Those who disobey the signs may be arrested for criminal trespass.

In other business the board: -learned that district superintendent Ralph Reed authorized \$68,017 in capital expenditures over the budget. Reed said that purchases included a copier, IBM computers and printers, cellular phones, final payments on computer equipment, a drain at Heppner high school and a roof at Ione. He said that while the capital improvement budget was overspent the total budget limit was not exceeded. Only the roof replacement had been approved by the board;

-approved adoption of a new math book at Columbia Junior High School which principal Don Holes says should increase math scores and encourage more students to go into the math and science fields;

-elected Alan Holmes board chairman and Marcia Kemp vice chair. Holmes has served as chairman for the past year;

-reduced the district borrowing limit from \$4.5 million to \$2 million;

-designated a special fund to accept \$106,665 from a Title VII grant to establish a secondary education program for students who do not speak English. While the grant proposal has been funded, the program activities were rejected so a fund was needed to keep the monies until the program is accepted. If the program is accepted, the one-year grant will fund the program director aides, supplies, travel and training but the district must provide a facility and a teacher. The grant is renewable for two additional years. At the end of three years, the district must assume all costs for the program;

-approved employment of additional half time kindergarten teacher at Sam Boardman Elementary;

-approved additional hours for a cook at A.C. Houghton Elementary and approved a half time cook at Sam Boardman Elementary;

-approved hiring a part time teacher at Heppner Elementary/Middle school to provide Chapter 1 services;

-approved employment of an instructional assistant at A.C. Houghton to work with a special education student;

-approved employment of two classified personnel instead of one certified teacher to provide library and media services at Columbia Junior High. Holes and

Reed said that no acceptable certified teachers have applied for the position. The district will save \$17,000 as a result of the change;

-approved changing the position of vice principal at Riverside High School to dean of students. The change request follows the resignation of Dr. Mark Eisele, who had accepted the position of vice principal believing it to be a full time position. The dean of students requires only teacher certification, whereas the vice principal spot requires an administrative certificate;

-approved the resignations of: Mike Wsiaki, assistant superintendent; Eisele; Diane Wofford, Sam Boardman Elementary/ACH art teacher; Dave Presley, Ione social studies teacher and Heppner High School assistant football coach; Gary Hunt, CJH math/science teacher; Michelle Warburton, HHS math teacher and dance team advisor; Linda Dutcher, HHS computer coordinator and drama advisor; Jerry Alldredge, SBE computer coordinator; Sally Edinger, CJH media specialist; Mark Dowdy, HHS head baseball coach; Jolie Presley, HHS secretary; and Del LaRue, Ione assistant football coach;

-approved employment of Dave Pollard, RHS math teacher; Karen Talaski, ACH fifth grade teacher; Fred Jacquot, SBE fifth grade teacher; Carol Oswald, SBE kindergarten teacher; Nancy Swarat, HHS math teacher; Kelly Swarat, Ione social studies teacher; Marvin House, CJH math/science teacher; Shelly Rietmann, IHS cheerleader advisor; Del LaRue and Robin Graff to split assistant football coaching position at Ione; Carol Chapman, SBE computer coordinator and Pam Dowdy, HES head volleyball coach;

-approved a maternity leave request for Shelly Powell until January 1993.

New Methodist minister arrives in Heppner

The Rev. Bob Dowrey has been appointed minister at the United Methodist Church in Heppner.

Dowrey, who has been with the ministry since 1959 and his wife, Cathy arrived in Heppner on July 1. The Dowreys come to Heppner from Glens Ferry, Idaho, where he served as minister of Glens Ferry United Methodist Church and King Hill Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dowrey has been with the Oregon-Idaho Methodist Conference all of his 33 years of ministry. His first ministry was at the United Methodist Church in Medford, where he served as an associate pastor. He has also served at the United Methodist Church at Union.

Cathy Dowrey is a former home economics teacher and extension home economist.

The couple, who has been married since 1961, have two daughters, Leslie Gover of Portland and Jennifer Fridley of Astoria, and one grandson, Christopher Fridley. Being closer to their children is one of the benefits of living in Heppner, say the Dowreys. Cathy also has roots in the Yakima Valley, Grandview, WA and sisters living in Seattle and Ephrata, Wa. The Dowreys enjoy camping and hiking.

"We have been received very warmly into the community," commented the Rev. Dowrey. "And that's a credit to our present people. Also we give thanks to all the previous pastors, all of whom have had various talents. In our churches the ministers build upon the strengths of one another. Every denomination is



Rev Bob Dowrey and wife Cathy

called to continue the work of Christ in this world. It may not be done 100 percent effectively, but that's what we're striving for," he continued. "And that takes everyone working together."

"We really enjoy this community," added Cathy. She has already gotten involved in the

summer youth program which is directed by the Rev. Grace Drake, retired United Methodist minister.

The previous minister Rev. Gerry Etchison, his wife, Sheryl, and their children, Matthew, Michael and Ryan moved to Union where he is serving as minister of the Union and Cove United Methodist churches.

Fire destroys lambing shed

By Anne Morter

An early morning fire last Saturday destroyed a historical lambing shed at the Krebs Ranch in Cecil. The 58-year-old structure was discovered burning at about 5:30 a.m. and by 6 a.m. was on the ground. The fire was caused by an owl hitting a transformer near the shed.

Lost in the blaze was nearly 300 foot-long "day shed" as well as 3/4 of another lean-to type shed. The fire occurred about a quarter of a mile from the Krebs' homes

but no damage was reported at the residences.

"We were very fortunate," said Maureen Krebs, noting that the wind that morning was very calm. "We didn't lose our homes or any lives, and it wasn't negligence," she added.

Krebs was quick to acknowledge the Ione Rural Fire Department whose "response time couldn't have been better from Ione," as well as the many neighbors who gathered to help.

Two board

positions open

Resignations from members of two separate advisory boards were accepted last week at the regular meeting of the county court.

Paul Sumner, five-year veteran of the Morrow County Medical board turned in his resignation with regrets and praise for the Medical Board's work on health care.

Pat Wright, who has been serving as a member of the Morrow County Fair Board for the past 3 1/2 years, cited health reasons for her resignations.

The terms of office are for four years. Appointments are made by the county court. Anyone wishing to serve on either position may make application in writing prior to August 5 at the courthouse.

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