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Over 1000 motorcyclists pass through town



Allen Johnson and Vickie Sanderson enjoyed their stop in Heppner during the Rose City 500 motorcycle tour.

Heppner was inundated with bikers on Saturday, May 8, as around 1,200 motorcyclists passed through as part of the Rose City Oregon 500 tour.

Although the weather cooperated for the eastern leg of their trip and most riders reported a wonderful time, the event was marred by two motorcycle accidents in the Heppner area.

A Seattle, WA, man, Stephen Dybing, was listed in critical and unstable condition following a crash around 10:20 a.m. five miles south of Anson Wright Park on Highway 207, around 27 miles south of Heppner.

According to police reports, Dybing lost control of his bike, over-corrected and was thrown from the vehicle. He was transported by ambulance to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner and then air lifted to St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, WA, with internal injuries.

Another motorcyclist, Jesse Woodward, 49, of Vancouver, WA, was injured around 11:24 a.m. on Highway 74 near the Jordan Elevator.

According to Oregon State Police officer Carl Martin, Woodward had been following a van when the van slowed to turn up Rhea Creek. Woodward didn't see that the van was slowing in time and then hit his front brake hard when the accident occurred. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital and then transported to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. He suffered a broken wrist and scrapes and bruises.

According to Martin, a third accident occurred near Condon. No other details were available at press time.

Larry Hellwege, 30, Eugene, reported having a great time during the Rose City 500 motorcy-

cle tour through Eastern Oregon. Hellwege says that the trip was officially 223 miles, but he traveled 130 just to get to Portland to begin the tour.

Hellwege, who is a builder, said that although he had been in Eastern Oregon "many times," this was his first visit to Heppner. He says that he and a group of friends from the Portland area rode together. "We look forward to it ever year," he said. This makes Hellwege's fourth year of riding in the tour.

While the weather in Eastern Oregon was beautiful, Hellwege reported not so nice weather earlier. "It poured coming up the Gorge," he said.

Hellwege said that the tour's destinations were kept a secret until the riders reached certain checkpoints. The first checkpoint was at Beaverton, the start of the tour, the next at Biggs and the third at Heppner. The tour ended up back in Portland late the

same day.

Allen Johnson, Salem, and his riding companion, Vickie Sanderson, Tualatin, were glad to be on the eastern side of the mountains as they stopped in Heppner on one leg of the Rose City 500 motorcycle tour.

Johnson said that he got up at 4 a.m. to drive to Portland to begin the tour. The group left Portland around 6 a.m. and drove through rain until they reached The Dalles. Johnson says that this is his fifth year of riding in the tour, which takes riders to a different part of the state every year. Sanderson said she had been on the tour two or three times.

Johnson's 1988 Honda Goldwing is valued at around \$9 thousand. New ones range between \$10 and \$15 thousand he says.

Johnson is the director of data processing with the Public Retirement System at Salem. Sanderson is a management analyst.

Marsha Sweek wins Tupper TV

Marsha Sweek was the winner of the 13-inch remote control color TV in the Tupper Outdoor School fund-raiser. Sixth grade students at Heppner Middle School spend the week of May 10-14 at Tupper Guard Station. Fifth and sixth graders sold tickets for three weeks to raise funds to help cover the costs of Tupper week.

Nine thousand two hundred thirty-two tickets were sold this year, a record number for a total of \$2,308. Top sellers in the contest were Jaclynn Hughes with 364 and Tim Dickenson with 316. As the top seller, Jaci drew the winning ticket.

Outdoor school director, Dave Gunderson said, "The support for this program from the com-



Top seller Jaclynn Hughes draws winning name. Community is tremendous and we really appreciate it."

New scholarship program formed

The newly formed South Morrow County Scholarship Trust (SMCST) has announced a new scholarship program that will be available for seniors at Lone and Heppner High Schools.

Information and applications are available from the high school counselors. Applications must be turned into the school district office by Monday May 17 at 4:30 p.m.

The trust will award eight scholarships of \$500 each. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of school citizenship, participation in school activities, the degree of commitment to career choice, potential for achievement in career choice, the degree of financial need, scholarship, and personal characteristics for success.

Deadline for another SMCST scholarship based entirely on community volunteer service was in April. This scholarship was made available through the Dollars for Scholars program, of which the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust is a member.

Winners of the scholarships will be announced at graduation ceremonies.

The South Morrow County Scholarship Trust was formed to fill a void that will be created when the Carl Troedson Scholarship ends in the year 2023.

The Troedson scholarship was formed in 1973 and is awarded to Morrow County high school graduates. As specified in Troedson's will, the Morrow County judge, superintendent of schools and pastor at Valby Lutheran church decide the recipients of the award. When the Troedson scholarship program is dissolved the monies will be divided between several charity organizations.

"In 30 years there won't be money available for kids," commented the Rev. Stan Hoobing,

pastor of the Hope and Valby Lutheran churches, "so we ought to be doing something now."

After a meeting between Rev. Hoobing, Betty and Louis Carlson, Bill Sheirbon, Sharon Harrison and Kent Goodyear a steering committee was formed. The steering committee consisted of Ann Spicer, Kent Goodyear, Bill Sheirbon, Ralph Reed, Dana Reid, Rev. Hoobing and George Koffler.

After contacting the State Scholarship Commission, the group learned about the Dollars for Scholars program, which assisted them in becoming a non-profit organization and allowed them to receive tax exempt donations.

A board of directors was then formed, consisting of Rev. Hoobing, president; Morrow County School District assistant superintendent Roger Helmer, secretary; Bob Kahl, treasurer; Dana Reid, Jim Swanson, Bill Rietmann and George Koffler.

Three board positions are designated to be held by a member of the South Morrow County Ministerial Association, the superintendent of the Morrow County School District and a member of the business community. The other four members are at large positions within the community. The initial terms are for one, two or three years. Subsequent terms are for three years.

The trust received \$2 thousand from the State Scholarship Commission and raised another \$2 thousand in matching funds. The \$4 thousand is required to be awarded this year. Contributors included the Degree of Honor, the Garden Club, a group of senior ladies who meet at the Neighborhood Center and individuals.

The organization has plans to build a significantly large trust

from which to draw money for scholarships. They are aiming at around \$4.5 million because the cost of education has become so high. According to Hoobing a trade school in Oregon is estimated to cost at least \$5 thousand a year for room and board, books and tuition, a community college between \$4 and \$6 thousand a year, a state-run school between \$8 and \$10 thousand and a private school between \$17 and \$19 thousand.

Hoobing said that in the meantime, SMCST plans to make some monies available to students each year.

SMCST also hopes to help coordinate existing scholarships so the money is distributed to as many students as possible. They want to try to simplify the application process, perhaps providing a single application for many of the local scholarships. "We don't want to take away anyone's scholarship," added Hoobing. "we're just trying to make it as easy as possible for as many students as possible to apply."

SMCST will accept donations as well as estate planning and memorial gifts. Donations may be made to: South Morrow County Scholarship Trust, c/o Bank of Eastern Oregon, Heppner branch, Heppner, OR 97836.

Bob Kahl will present a program on SMCST to the Soroptimist Club on May 20. Any club or organization interested in scheduling a presentation by the trust may contact Rev. Hoobing 676-9940 or the school district office. A member of the SMCST will also be available to talk privately.

Hoobing said that the group is seeking individuals who may not be able to donate, but who would like to get involved in the selection of scholarship winners, fund raising or other capacities on a short-term basis.

Membership in SMCST is open to any individual or group who donates or who gives time and energy to the organization.

City sets clean-up weekend

The city of Heppner's annual clean-up weekend has been set for May 15 and 16. At the request of the city, Finley Buttes Landfill has agreed to provide a dumpster for the use of city residents during the weekend. Use of the dumpster will be free of charge and will be located on Jimmy Farley's vacant lot at the intersection of May Street and Chase Street.

The dumpster is intended for the disposal of yard debris, such as grass, weeds, leaves and tree

limbs. Household garbage, chemicals, tires or other refuse will not be accepted.

"We're hoping that city residents will take advantage of this free opportunity to clean-up their yards and help beautify our neighborhoods," said city manager Gary Marks. "We really appreciate Finley Buttes' willingness to provide the dumpster free of charge," he said.

The dumpster will be open for deposits on Saturday and Sunday between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Pioneer picnic slated May 30

The Pioneer Memorial Picnic, sponsored this year by Heppner Day Care, will be held Sunday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Club.

The menu will include fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, French bread, cookies and ice cream. Cost is \$7 per person.

Proceeds will go to the day care center.

Property rights experts to speak at meeting Friday, May 14

As the anti-property rights movement increases its stranglehold on Americans through wetlands, endangered species, and the regulation of water rights, property owners across America are finding they have only one right left, the right to pay taxes, according to a news release from the Morrow County Livestock Growers.

How to cope with the current land grab in the United States will be addressed by key property rights experts May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Heppner High School gym. The speakers, Wayne Hage, Cliff Gardner and Frank T. Duran are all well versed in property rights as expressed in the U.S. Constitution, said the release.

Wayne Hage is the plaintiff in one of the foremost property rights cases before the courts today, Hage v. United States. The case, filed in the U.S. Federal Court of Claims in Washington D.C. is considered to be highly

winnable by court watchers. If successful, the precedents in the case could be a major setback to the anti-property rights agenda.

Hage is also the author of "Storm Over Rangelands: Private Rights in Federal Lands," which can be found in the "nations highest law libraries and in ranch houses across the west."

Cliff Gardner, a native of Ruby Valley, Nevada, has spent over 10 years gathering data on federal land management. His collection of studies, historical analysis and photos is one of the largest in the nation. Gardner demonstrates that private land management is a successful system which effectively promotes healthy resources and wildlife. He has spoken to numerous groups across the nation and has developed a video and other information which summarize the importance of private stewardship in protecting our na-

tion's resources.

Frank Duran is a long-time advocate of property rights and the resource industries. He is chairman of Stewards of the Range, an organization supporting property rights litigation. "He will be addressing solutions and objectives that American can support to regain the principles this nation was founded on," said the release.

The meeting is sponsored by MCLG, UCLG and Morrow County Court. Admission is \$3 single or \$5 couple. The public is invited to attend.

Merchants to meet

The Heppner merchant committee will meet this Friday, May 14, 12 noon at Kate's Pizza.

Promotions for the year will be discussed.

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