

Stevenson head-on crash kills 4, including 2 young boys

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STEVENSON (AP) — Four people are dead, including two boys, ages 7 and 9, after a head-on crash between a pickup and a minivan near Stevenson.

The crash occurred Saturday night when a pickup crossed the center line of State Route 14 in Stevenson near milepost 33 along the Columbia River — in front of Skamania Emergency Services Station #5.

The pickup truck was driven by Heath T. Martin, 24, of North Bonneville and the minivan by Anatoly I. Goy, 47, of Kent, Wash. Both were pronounced dead on

scene, as was the 7-year-old, who was also in the minivan. The 9-year-old boy died Monday night in the hospital.

There were five people in total in the minivan — Goy and his wife, Mariya P. Goy, 49, and three boys, ages 7, 9 and 11.

Anatoly Goy and the 7-year-old boy died at the scene, according to Washington State Police.

Maria Goy and the two other boys, ages 9 and 11, were taken to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland. Goy was listed in fair condition as of Sunday.

The 1997 Toyota Tacoma pickup and the 2005 Toyota Sienna minivan were destroyed. Skamania Emergency officials reported "heavy damage" to both vehicles.

Skamania County Emergency Services, local fire districts and the Washington State Patrol responded to the scene. The roadway remained blocked for several hours Saturday night, with travelers being diverted to I-84 on the other side of the Columbia River.

When troopers looked up Martin, they discovered he had a medical restriction on his license, which had been canceled, said Sgt. Nate Hovinghoff. A canceled license means it's been taken away.

Troopers aren't sure why Martin crossed the center line. There will be an autopsy and toxicology report done to determine possible contributing factors, Hovinghoff said.



Photo courtesy of Skamania County Emergency Services.

A PICKUP COLLIDED with a minivan on SR-14 near Stevenson on Saturday night, killing four people and injuring two.

Klickitat County considers two-year ban on new pot businesses

By LOU MARZELES
The Goldendale Sentinel

GOLDENDALE — The Klickitat County Planning Commission was one vote shy of unanimity in its meeting Monday night in proposing a two-year ban with a sunset clause on new marijuana businesses to the County Commissioners. The vote has no binding authority but rather serves as a recommendation for action to the county commission. No action would affect existing county businesses.

Commission Chair James Dean ran an orderly meeting over the two hours of public testimony and commission discussion before a vote occurred. He also cast the sole dissenting vote during a roll call vote of each of the eight commission members. In sharp contrast to earlier county and Goldendale municipal hearings, speakers both for and against marijuana businesses were uniformly calm and generally courteous, requiring little intervention by Dean.

Testimony during the public hearing phase ran almost dead even between proponents and opponents of allowing new marijuana busi-

nesses in the county, with 10 speaking for and 10 against, although one of the proponents was from Oregon.

Most of the proponents spoke of the benefits of medical marijuana and found no opposition to their arguments. One speaker, Roxie Hunter, talked movingly of her experience. "I came here to die," she said, "in April. It's now June." She said she'd always been the last person to ever consider using marijuana but began using it as a last resort. "It has changed my life."

Klickitat County Sheriff Bob Songer spoke on the issues of marijuana businesses from a law enforcement perspective and later, during commission discussion, was asked several follow-up questions on the cost in personnel hours and dollars of additional police concerns with marijuana businesses. "I can't put an exact number on the cost," he said, "but it has an impact."

Several of the marijuana growers were also asked follow-up questions, chiefly focusing on controls in place for securing marijuana from theft or unlawful consumption. Commissioner Howard



Photo by Lou Marzeles.

ROXIE HUNTER speaks to the Klickitat County Planning Commission Monday night on her dramatic experience with medical marijuana.

Kreps asked if there were anything to prevent a person from buying large quantities of pot day after day. There were no marijuana retailers in the meeting, but one grower who said he was a friend of the local retailer and knew the law testified that retail purchasers were limited to how much they could buy at one time. "But there's nothing that keeps them from going from store to

store or coming in at different times and buying more," he said.

During the commission discussion stage of the meeting, it seemed that initial consideration leaned toward allowing new businesses with tight procedural restraints. As conversation continued, the sense emerged that not enough was known about all the issues to do anything but rec-

ommend a two-year ban on new pot businesses but with a sunset clause, meaning in the absence of further action the measure would end at the conclusion of two years.

"I have great respect for the growers," Kreps said during discussion. "It's clear that you've worked your butt off doing your operations in careful regard to the law, doing it right, and you've put a lot of money into it. But I work with teens every day, every day. And I have to say I've seen an increase in marijuana usage among teens since I-502 came into law. Now, I can't say that anyone in this room is the cause of that. But it's a concern."

"I was listening to a story on NPR with growers and retailers in Colorado speaking about their experiences there," added Commission Lori Zoller. "I was surprised that they spoke so much about their financial difficulties." The story revealed that revenues from pot businesses in Colorado were not always what owners had anticipated.

"It's tough," said Commissioner Tony Riley. "It's a very complex issue. I'm just not sure we know enough about

all the issues."

Commissioner Rick Graves voiced concern over the difficulties that could arise when considering a new marijuana business that might infringe on the rights or objections of neighbors. "How do you decide?" he asked. "And those issues would end up right back here, with us."

Commissioner Matt Spalding said he'd been leaning toward Option 2, which would allow carefully regulated new marijuana businesses. "But as I listen tonight," he said, "I'm finding myself leaning toward Option 1," a prohibition on new businesses, "at least for a reasonable time."

Riley added that the commission should review the issue again in six months, to see if conditions permitted a clearer perspective. County Planning Department Director Curt Dryer assured the commission it was free to review the matter again at any time.

Goldendale Library holds summer book sale July 2-3

The Friends of the Goldendale Library will be holding their annual Community Days book sale on Thursday and Friday, July 2 and 3 in the library's Camplan Room. Used books of all sorts will be on sale, from gardening to crafts, mysteries, children's books and much more. Most paperbacks are 50 cents, and most hardbacks are \$1. The sale starts at 10 a.m. each day.

The sale closes at 6 p.m. on Thursday and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

A special pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held Wednesday night, July 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. Memberships may be purchased at the door for \$5.

Donations of books, puzzles and videos will be accepted until Saturday June 27. The Friends of the Goldendale Li-

brary are a nonprofit 501(c)3 under the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation.

Funds raised by the Friends of the Goldendale Library help support programs and library services. The Friends provide funds for many special programs, equipment and materials for the library, including Summer Reading entertainment, receptions, children's celebrations, writing programs and lectures, books, movies and more.

The Friends always welcome new members and volunteers. Anyone interested in Friends activities are encouraged to attend the next meeting, Monday, July 13 at 12:30 p.m. at the library.

For more information, call the Goldendale Community Library, 509-773-4487.

Washington cross-mountain endurance race coming August 7

Runners will scale the Cascade Mountains of Washington in August — from St. Helens to Mt. Adams.

The first point to point 200-mile foot race in the United States, the Bigfoot 200 Endurance Run, will be held from August 7 to 11. Runners will experience a true mountain race with over 50,000 feet of climbing over 200 miles. Participants from all over the nation are expected to join.

The massive endurance event begins at Mount St. Helens, runs to Mt. Adams and then North to Randle, Wash., where runners finish. The race is not a stage race nor is it a relay. Athletes will complete the route solo in 108 hours or less, some without sleeping.

However, there will be five sleep stations with hot food, medical and crew access, as

well as 14 full medical aid stations along the trail.

To volunteer in Big Foot 200, contact Richard Kresser at m.kresser@gmail.com. For more information, call race organizer Candice Burt, at 360-305-0313.

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A new member of the George Ackerman household is little Amy Louise, who arrived about noon at Memorial Hospital. Amy, weighing in at 6 lbs. 12 1/2 oz., joins brother Danny and twins, Paula and Vincent. Mother and baby are now at home.

Corrections

The Education Foundation scholarship list in the June 20 edition contained an incorrect scholarship name. The correct name is Sally Hackett Connell.



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