

**HERMISTON**

# Joel Luna joins list of missing men

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East Oregonian

A Hermiston man's family is worried about his whereabouts after three weeks without any contact from him.

Family and friends say they haven't seen Joel Luna, 36, since Dec. 15, 2015. His stepmother Michelle Luna said his phone is turned off and a car he borrowed around that time hasn't been found.

Michelle said it isn't uncommon for him to take off for a few days at a time — for example, he had just returned from visiting a friend in the Grand Coulee area in Washington. But he has never gone weeks without any contact with his three daughters in Boardman or other family members.

"Somebody should have heard from him," she said.

The family filed a missing person's report and has been spreading the word on Facebook and with fliers, but so far haven't had any luck in locating him.

Joel is Hispanic, 5'7", 170 pounds with brown eyes and dark hair. He has a piercing on his chin, several tattoos and usually wears facial hair. His last known vehicle was a blue 1998 Mercury Sable with Oregon plate number 185 FGV.

Michelle said if he hears his family is looking for him she hopes he remembers his daughters, who are "devastated" that they haven't heard from him since before the holidays.

"Your family loves you Joel," she said. "We want you home."

Luna's family aren't the only ones still searching for a loved one in the area in the new year.

John Getman, 78, is still missing after wandering away from a family member's home in Irrigon about 2 a.m. on Nov. 16, 2015.

Getman has Alzheimer's and had recently moved to Irrigon from New York. Several people later reported seeing him walking along nearby roads that morning but search and rescue efforts were unsuccessful in locating him.

Morrow County Sheriff Ken Matlack said deputies followed up on reports from La Grande and Texas in the weeks after Getman's disappearance, but to no avail. The trail has since gone cold.

"We have not heard anything more," Matlack said.

Getman is described 6 feet tall, 190 pounds with short gray hair and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a heavy brown Carhartt jacket, brown plaid shirt, blue jeans and sneakers.

Marcus Wise, 27, of Hermiston has been missing since June 18, 2015, but his family and friends haven't given up their efforts to distribute fliers with his picture on them in the hopes that someone comes forward with information on his whereabouts.

According to them, he left for a walk with his dog in the Riverfront Park area on June 18. The dog was found wandering around the west end of town later that day, but Wise was nowhere to be found and his family hasn't seen him since.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of the three men can contact Hermiston Police Department at 541-567-5519 or Morrow County Police Department at 541-676-5317.

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Luna



Getman



Wise

**PENDLETON**

# Street racing ends with crash

One man arrested

By **PHIL WRIGHT**  
East Oregonian

A man street racing Tuesday morning near downtown Pendleton is in jail after crashing his car into another.

Mike Davis, 27, of Pendleton, was racing his Eagle Talon against another vehicle eastbound on Dorion Avenue, according to Pendleton police Cpl. Chris Freeman, and smashed into the left back tire area of a Dodge Durango going south on Southeast Fourth Street.

The collision tore apart the front of the Talon, ripped at least one tire from the Durango and spun it into the corner of the building on the 400 block of Southeast Dorion, near the Dean Gushwa Law Office and Umatilla County Courthouse.

Car parts broke a front window at the law office, and Gushwa said the crash sent a black Labrador-type dog flying from the Durango to land across Fourth Street near the site of Elite Taxi. Gushwa and his wife, Jennifer Roe, said the dog was injured and bleeding. She also said the impact shook the building.

The driver of the Durango was an elderly woman, Gushwa said, who was shaken, asked for her dog and stated her back hurt. Pendleton assistant chief Matt Benedict said an ambulance took her to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton, and someone took the dog to a veterinary clinic.

The *East Oregonian* has yet to confirm the identity of



Staff photo by Phil Wright  
**A car race Tuesday morning through Pendleton ended with a crash. Mike Davis, 27, of Pendleton, drove the Eagle Talon that was racing another vehicle and caused the crash, according to Pendleton police, who arrested him at the scene.**



Staff photo by Phil Wright  
**Pendleton police Cpl. Chris Freeman and officer Nathan Bessette arrest Mike Davis, 27, of Pendleton, on charges related to car racing Tuesday morning through Pendleton.**

the victim.

Davis walked away from the crash and appeared unharmed. Pendleton offi-

cers arrested Davis at the scene for speed racing, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another and

hauled him to the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton.

Police set up road blocks to keep traffic out of the area until a tow company removed the debris and vehicles. Roe and Gushwa said drivers speed by the block on a regular basis as they jockey to get in the right lane before crossing Southeast Seventh Street, where the left lane on Dorion branches into a left turn only and the right continues on as one lane before widening again two blocks later.

The vehicle Davis raced against was not involved in the wreck and got away. Police said they have an idea who that driver was.

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**MISSION**

# Quartet blends musical genres for Valentine show

East Oregonian

Performing inspirational songs about goodness, helping others and love is a perfect lead-in to Valentine's Day.

The Tenors, a quartet from Canada, will perform Saturday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. in the Rivers Events Center at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets for the special show will go on sale Thursday. People can make an evening of the event with \$89 tickets, which include dinner at 6 p.m. with the show following. Other options include \$59 premium show tickets or \$49 general admission seats.

Since their formation in 2007, the vocal quartet has performed more than 500 concerts on five continents. In addition, they've made more than 150 TV appearances, including on The Oprah Winfrey Show (with Céline Dion), Today Show and Entertainment Tonight, as well as at the 2014 National Christmas Tree Lighting at



Contributed photo  
**The Tenors will perform a special Valentine's show Saturday, Feb. 13 at Wildhorse Resort & Casino. Tickets go on sale Thursday.**

the White House, at the 2014 Stanley Cup Finals, the 2012 Emmy Awards, Her Majesty The Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee at Windsor Castle in England and the 2010 Vancouver Olympic opening ceremonies.

Known for their signature

blend of classical and pop music, the group has shared the stage with such artists as Sting, Elton John, Paul McCartney, Sheryl Crow, Justin Bieber, Earth, Wind & Fire.

The Tenors have received numerous accolades, including the 2013 JUNO

Award for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year. The JUNO Awards are the Canadian equivalent to the Grammys. Their third album, "Lead with Your Heart," went platinum in Canada in just seven weeks. The album has been featured on Good Morning America, Access Hollywood, ET Canada, CNN Morning Live, e-Talk and FOX & Friends.

The group's new album, "Under One Sky," debuted at number one on the Billboard Classical Crossover and Classical Overall Charts. The album is currently certified Gold with momentum still growing.

Tickets are available at [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com) or by visiting the Wildhorse Gift Shop. For more information, contact Tiah DeGroff, Wildhorse community relations, at 541-966-1628 or [tiah.degroff@wildhorseresort.com](mailto:tiah.degroff@wildhorseresort.com). For more about the group, visit [www.tenorsmusic.com](http://www.tenorsmusic.com).



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**Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services' new ambulance has a different look than its predecessors.**

# New style of ambulance comes to Hermiston

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Residents who spot Hermiston Fire & Emergency Services' newest ambulance on the road might not recognize it as such.

The red vehicle looks more like a large van than a typical "big box" model of ambulance people are used to seeing on the streets, but if the lights are flashing drivers still need to pull over and give it the right of way.

According to Hermiston Fire, the model cost 30 percent less than the

district's last ambulance purchased in 2013 and is expected to get twice the miles per gallon as the big box model it is replacing.

The district transports about two patients a day, which puts more than 110,000 miles per year on its units. The new ambulance will mostly be used to transport patients from Good Shepherd Medical Center to hospitals in the Tri-Cities and Portland area but will also be used to respond to emergencies when the district's other ambulances are busy.

# Pendleton man charged with manslaughter in Idaho crash

By **LAURIE WELCH**  
Twin Falls Times-News

A Pendleton semi truck driver has been charged after a November crash that killed an Idaho man.

Joseph D. Murray, 31, is charged with misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in the death of Robert Paulson, 75, in Rupert, Idaho.

A pretrial conference was Tuesday in Minidoka County Fifth District Magistrate Court.

According to the Minidoka County Prosecutor's Office, Murray was driving a semi truck and trailer owned by Michael Ramirez Trucking of Pendleton when he failed to stop at a stop sign at Idaho Highway 25 and 100

East and collided with Paulson's orange Volkswagen Beetle.

Idaho State Police investigators were called to the crash. They found the entire front of the Volkswagen crushed inward and debris scattered on roadway.

Paulson died at the scene.

One witness, who was making a delivery to Jensen's Meat Market, went outside to her truck to get a pen. She heard a loud "boom and looked up," court records say.

She saw the Volkswagen convertible underneath the semi-trailer and it dislodged and came to rest on the shoulder of the road. The witness saw that Paulson was deceased and she pulled a dog from the Volkswagen.

Paulson was not wearing a seatbelt.

Murray told police he had made a delivery to Cargill Animal Nutrition and left the business driving south on N. 100 E. Road. He told police he stopped at the intersection and felt the impact as he crossed.

Immediately after the crash, several witnesses said they heard Murray say he did not stop at the stop sign, police said.

Paulson's wife told police that he was headed to the Minidoka County Senior Center for lunch when the crash occurred.

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