

OBITUARIES

Ray Vickere

Pendleton

May 31, 1946-January 7, 2017

Ray Vickere was born on May 31, 1946, in La Grande, Oregon. His parents were Gordon Vickere of Umapine, Oregon, and Julia Teebler-Vickere of Pendleton, Oregon. Ray spent his childhood in Pendleton, where he graduated from Pendleton High School.



Vickere

After graduating he went on to Blue Mountain Community College and earned an Associate of Science in civil engineering technology. Ray served in the Army and was deployed to Vietnam in 1966-67. He worked for the Forest Service for many years until retirement.

Ray spent the next several years with his wife, Janice, traveling and volunteering at various organizations in the community, including Special Olympics. Ray was an active member in his local VFW, Post 922. Ray also spent time with the Pendleton Baptist Church. He had a strong faith in the Lord and was a devoted Christian.

His grandchildren would like to state that he was the best grandfather that they could ever have. He was always there when they needed him; he would drop anything going on to be there for them.

Ray is preceded in death by his father Gordon, his mother Julia, his sister Marlene Abercrombie, and his daughter Denise Vickere.

He is survived in death by his wife Janice Vickere of Pendleton; children Lynette and Buck McEntire, Angela and Timothy Nolan, and Jennifer and Mark Burton of Salem; grandchildren Meghan Burns, Taylor Morris, Saleen McEntire, Ryder Nolan and Kylie Nolan, all of Pendleton, and Danielle, Mellanie, Cameron, Logan and Cassie, all of Salem; sisters Margaret Harned, Donna Moore and Wanda Steele, all of Pendleton; brothers Keith Vickere and Larry Trump; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank VFW, Post 922, Pastor Paul Parker and his wife Kelly and The Pendleton Baptist Church, and Vision-Source of Pendleton.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2017, at the VFW Hall, 1221 S.E. Court Place, Pendleton.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

Surge in traffic deaths outpaces travel increase

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Traffic deaths surged about 8 percent in the first nine months of last year, continuing an alarming upward spiral that may be partially explained by more Americans on the roads due to the economic recovery, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates released Friday.

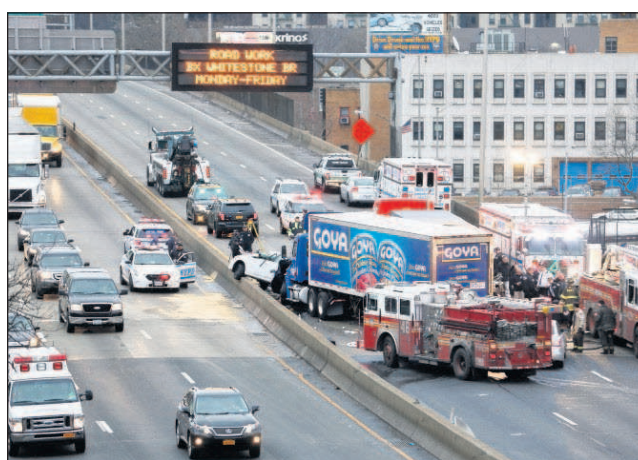
The sharp increase comes as drivers are putting more miles on the road than ever, the government said. But the rise in deaths is outpacing the increase in travel. Vehicle miles traveled in the first nine months of 2016 rose about 3 percent.

There were 27,875 deaths in the first three quarters of last year, compared to 25,808 deaths in the same period in 2015.

Experts believe the increased travel is mostly a result of an improved economy and low gas prices. But NHTSA's data experts said increased travel and a better economy alone can't explain the rise in deaths.

"We still have to figure out what is underlying those lives lost," NHTSA Administrator Mark Rosekind said. "If it was simple, we would already know that."

The increase in deaths is especially concerning because it has happened at a time when cars are safer than



AP Photo/Seth Wenig, File

In this Dec. 27 file photo, emergency personnel work at the scene of a fatal multi-vehicle crash on the eastbound side of the Bronx Expressway in the Bronx section of New York.

ever. Nearly all new cars and light trucks now have electronic stability control and rearview cameras, for example. Automakers are also beginning to equip more cars with sophisticated safety technology like adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency-braking and blind-spot monitoring.

But there are also trends that are difficult to measure, such as increased use of cellphones and other mobile devices behind the wheel. And researchers are trying to tease out whether legalization of marijuana for recreational or medical use in some states may be leading to more stoned drivers behind the wheel and more crashes. It's not an easy question to answer, since drivers high on marijuana

react differently than drunk drivers, and there haven't been effective roadside tests for police to determine if a driver is high.

Weather is also a consideration, NHTSA officials said. Research shows that traffic fatalities go up in warmer weather months when daylight hours are longer and people do more driving. Warmer than normal winters in some areas of the country may be a factor.

In the early to mid-2000s, annual traffic deaths regularly totaled over 40,000 a year. They started dropping sharply in 2008 during the Great Recession, reaching their lowest level in more than five decades — 32,744 deaths — in 2014. But in the fourth quarter of 2014, fatalities started soaring

back. In 2015, fatalities rose 7.2 percent to 35,092 deaths. NHTSA found some significant regional differences in the recent fatality increases. In the six-state New England region, for example, fatalities increased an estimated 20 percent in the first nine months of 2016. But in a six-state region that includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah and Nevada, the increase was only 1 percent.

There are also pockets of the country that have had success with efforts to reduce fatalities. New York City, for example, has seen a 23 percent drop in fatalities in recent years.

Transportation Department officials announced in October that they were setting a goal of eliminating traffic fatalities and injuries in the United States within the next 30 years. Their plan focuses first on promoting efforts such as increased seat belt use, the use of rumble strips and campaigns against drunken and distracted driving.

Ultimately, officials hope that new technologies like cars that can communicate with each other to avoid collisions or self-driving cars that don't make human errors can solve much of the problem.

The zero deaths idea was first adopted in Sweden in 1997 as a plan called Vision Zero.

COMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. Brush up on driving skills, learn the newest safety and advanced vehicle features, learn how aging, medications, alcohol and other health-related issues affect driving and how to adjust for these changes, and more. Cost is \$15 for AARP members (bring card) or \$20 for non-members. Geared for ages 55+, but all licensed drivers are welcome. Pre-registration suggested; class size limited. Lunch is on your own. (Nikki Murtaugh 541-861-0024)

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

SATURDAY CRAFT TIME, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Free craft projects for children in 5th grade and younger. (541-567-2882)

SCALING PARNASSUS: THE SEQUENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF PIANO MASTERY WORKSHOP, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Dr. Michael Seregow will offer guidance in designing a curriculum for the intermediate student who is beyond method books in two parts. Free and open to music teachers and the general public. (Sue Nelson 541-276-0346)

SAGE SATURDAY, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Free admission and activities for children and parents. This month: make a sock snowman. (541-481-7243)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

COUNTRY HOEDOWN, 1-4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center, 311 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Live music, dancing and singing. Admission \$2, refreshments available for purchase. (541-938-3311)

DANCING WITH HERMISTON STARS, 7 p.m., Hermiston High School performing arts auditorium, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Local community members pair up with professional dancers from the Utah Ballroom Dance Company to vie for brag-

ging rights and raise funds for local charities. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students in advance, \$5 more at the door, available at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Hermiston Parks office or online at www.desertartscouncil.com (Larry Fetter or Phyllis Shoveliski 541-667-5007 or 541-379-6992)

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

FAMILY BREAKFAST, 8:30-9:15 a.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Cost is by donation. Everyone welcome. (541-938-3854)

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12-1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100)

KBLU CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, 3 p.m., Bowman Building Suite 352, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, 6 p.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Choirs from the First Christian and Ingle Chapel Congregational churches will perform "The First Noel," celebrating the birth of Jesus. Originally scheduled for December but postponed due to the weather. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

MONDAY, JAN. 16

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 9-10 a.m., Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St. (modular behind hospital), Hermiston. Falls prevention program for older adults. Space limited to 15 participants. Free, but registration is requested. (541-667-3509)

TOT TIME, 10-11 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5. Costs \$1 per child per session. (541-276-8100)

MLK DAY OF SERVICE, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. The arts center will provide cleaning supplies and coffee, volunteers are needed for painting, cleaning, recycling and more. A framable copy of Pendleton artist Sofi Smith's ink-and-coffee painting of Dr. King will be drawn for at noon from among the volunteers. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For ages birth to 6. (541-566-2470)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION, 12-2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Celebration begins with a Peace Walk to Hermiston City Hall, followed by a ceremony at the church sanctuary. Keynote speaker: Jordan Chaney of Tri-Cities. Refreshments will be served. Free. (John Carbage or Virginia Rome-Garcia 541-701-7073 or 541-720-6895)

ART STUDIO, 4-5:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for ages 7-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., 6-8 p.m., Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton. Free and suitable for all ages.

ATHENA KNITTERS GROUP, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. Open to all knitters, crocheters and lovers of needle work. (541-566-2470)

TUESDAY, JAN. 17 ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only. (541-276-8100)

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-8100)

TERRIFICALLY FREE TUESDAY, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton.

Free admission all day. (541-276-1066)

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Falls prevention program for older adults. Free; no registration needed. (Helena Wolfe 541-561-5443)

CRAFTERNOONS, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

BINGO, 5 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 5 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-3582)

PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-922-0138)

PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

Doreen Madge (Dick) Brown

Pendleton

August 5, 1929-January 8, 2017

Doreen Madge (Dick) Brown passed away at the age of 87 due to cancer. She was born on August 5, 1929, near Battle Mountain State Park beside Highway 395 in Umatilla County, Oregon, to Clarence and Madge (Reeves) Dick.



Brown

During her childhood she lived in the Camas Prairie area of the Blue Mountains. She attended grade school in Albee and Ukiah. In 1947 she graduated from Pendleton High School.

After graduation, she immediately began working as a legal secretary and continued working off and on for 30 years. On September 7, 1957, she married Gerald Brown at the First Presbyterian Church in Pendleton. The couple did not have children.

In her younger years she was an active community volunteer, usually in the area of those with special needs. She was a member of the Elizabeth Waechter Guild in Eugene for 17 years, worked for Volunteer Services in Lufkin, Texas, and was a tutor for the Literacy Council in Memphis, Tennessee. She was an able seamstress and enjoyed quilting, crocheting and embroidery. Other pleasures were reading,

crossword puzzles, music and Arizona Diamondbacks baseball. She loved to picnic and sightsee in the Albee/Ukiah area of Camas Prairie.

Prior to returning to Pendleton in 2012, they had resided in Payson, Arizona, for 13 years after living in Memphis, Tennessee, for 13 years.

Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Marvin and Darrel; sisters Doris Jacobs and Maxine Roden; and niece Regina Arieta.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Brown of Pendleton; cousin Mary Dearborn of Pilot Rock; nieces Debbie Helfrecht of Pendleton, and Bonnie Cobb and Lana Dick of Hermiston; and nephews Greg Dick of Portland and Wesley Dick of Albion, Mich. In addition, there are many great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. A private inurnment will be held at the Ukiah Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.pioneerchapel.com

DEATH NOTICES

Albert G. 'Al' Riney

Heppner

April 15, 1925-Jan. 12, 2017

Albert G. "Al" Riney, 91, of Heppner died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, in The Dalles. He was born on April 15, 1925. Arrangements are pending at Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner.

Kenneth R. 'Kenny' Barnum

Cove

Nov. 12, 1954-Jan. 10, 2017

Longtime Hermiston resident Kenneth R. "Kenny" Barnum, 62, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, in Cove. He was born Nov. 12, 1954, in Pendleton. A private family burial will be held. Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in care of arrangements. Sign the online condolence book at burnsmortuaryhermiston.com

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

BERTSCH, BOB — Celebration of life at 1 p.m. at the Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt St. A potluck luncheon will follow.

DIETER, KATHLEEN — Funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 500 S.W. Wilson Road, Boardman.

KEESEY, JANE — Service at 1 p.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

HEAPS, TRACY — Celebration of life at 10:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army Church, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton.

MONDAY, JAN. 16

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP, 3 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Donna Biggerstaff 541-966-0209)

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT, 6 p.m., Echo Community School, 600 Gerone St., Echo. (541-376-8436)

HELIIX CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Helix City Hall, 119 Columbia St., Helix. (541-457-2521)

PENDLETON YOUTH COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Intermountain ESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6711)

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

ATHENA CEMETERY DISTRICT, 5:30 p.m., Athena City Hall, 215 S. Third St., Athena. (541-566-3862)

IRRIGON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Irrigon City Hall, 500 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

PENDLETON DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, 6 p.m., Pendleton City Hall, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-1811)

MORROW COUNTY FAIR, 6 p.m., Morrow County Fairgrounds office, 74473 Highway 74, Heppner. (Ann Jones 541-676-9474)

PILOT ROCK CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock City Hall council chambers, 143 W. Main

St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-2811)

STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

PENDLETON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

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STANFIELD CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Stanfield City Hall council chambers, 160 S. Main St., Stanfield. (541-449-3831)

EAST UMATILLA COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT, 7 p.m., district office, 431 E. Main St., Athena. (541-566-3813)

OREGON TRAIL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Oregon Trail Library District office, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. (541-481-3365)

BOARDMAN CITY COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

MORROW COUNTY COURT, 9 a.m., Port of Morrow conference room, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (541-676-9061)

UMATILLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, 9 a.m., Umatilla County Courthouse room 130, 216 S.E. Fourth

St., Pendleton. (Doug Olsen 541-278-6208)

INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT, 5 p.m., IMESD office, 2001 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. (888-437-6892)

WESTON CITY COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main St., Weston. (541-566-3313)

BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, Boardman. (541-481-9252)

PILOT ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Pilot Rock High School library, 101 N.E. Cherry St., Pilot Rock. (541-443-8291)

UMATILLA HOSPITAL DISTRICT, 7:30 p.m., Umatilla Medical Clinic, 1890 Seventh St., Umatilla. (541-922-3104)

THURSDAY, JAN. 19 ECHO CITY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., Echo City Hall, 20 S. Bonanza St., Echo. (541-376-8411)

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 4 p.m., Hermiston Irrigation District office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-3024)

UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 5 p.m., Pendleton City Hall second floor jury room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (Dan Fell 541-276-6449)

PENDLETON PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall council chambers, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0201)

MEETINGS

St., Pendleton. (Doug Olsen 541-278-6208)

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