

# ATV limited highway access bill passes House

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The Oregon House of Representatives approved House Bill 2910 A, legislation that seeks to make it easier for Oregonians in rural communities to access roadways with all-terrain vehicles. Under current law ATVs are not permitted on state highways, which can prevent Oregonians from accessing their own property if it is separated by a state highway.

"This is a simple bill intended to solve a very simple problem," said Rep. Greg Barreto, chief sponsor of the bill, which was approved on Monday. "HB 2910 A would simply establish a process for local jurisdictions to allow limited ATV access on state highways under certain circumstances."

"The bill includes common sense safety rules, and I believe would have an immediate positive impact on the lives of Oregon ATV users and especially those in rural communities."

The bill passed the House

by a vote of 57-1 and now moves to the Senate for further consideration.

The bill was the product of a work group that was commissioned in 2015 to make recommendations for allowing limited operations of ATVs on state highways. The work group included ATV users, ATV dealers and staff from the Oregon Department of Transportation. The bill establishes that ATV users may cross highways at intersections or within 100 feet of an intersection. It also provides for an all-volunteer ATV Access Route Advisory Committee to examine proposed ATV access routes and make recommendations to the Oregon Transportation Commission in consultation with local authorities.

The bill also requires Oregonians who travel on a state highway ATV Access Route to have a driver's license or permit, insurance and wear a seatbelt if one is available. The bill would also require helmets to be worn when riding on an ATV Access Route, except when simply crossing the highway.

## BRIEFLY

### Hermiston library spins club fun

HERMISTON — Fiber enthusiasts are invited to participate in a club at the Hermiston Public Library. The Yarn Club meets each Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the library's Lanham Room, located downstairs. Also, they meet every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, upstairs in the building. The Hermiston Public Library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. There is no fee to participate. For more information, call 541-567-2882 or visit [www.hermistonlibrary.us](http://www.hermistonlibrary.us).

### Lions Club heats up chili cook-off

UMATILLA — A contest will have chili cooks vying for bragging rights and prizes. The annual Umatilla/Irrigon Lions Club Chili Contest raises money to benefit local community needs. The event is Friday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the commons at Umatilla High School, 1400 Seventh St. There's no fee to enter the contest. Cooks need to bring their prepared chili in by 6 p.m. Those who would like to taste the entries can pay \$3, and then can vote for their favorite. In addition, the event features a dessert auction. People are invited to donate non-refrigerated desserts that will be auctioned off. For more information, call 541-922-3281.

### Recreation department offers canine classes

HERMISTON — Obedience classes for puppies and dogs are being offered through Hermiston Parks & Recreation. The puppy class, which is for dogs that are 2-6 months old, provides an introduction to simple cues, basic manners and puppy play time for socialization. Participants must provide proof of the first two set of shots. For ages 6 months and older, the dog class also provides an introduction to basic commands and a behavioral foundation. Participants must provide proof of all shots and a rabies vaccination. The classes are available: Session 1, April 8-May 13; Session 2, June 3-July 8; or Session 3, July 22-Aug. 26. The puppy class is 9-10 a.m. and the dog class is from 10:30-11:30 a.m. The classes will be held at Butte Park, 1245 N.W. Seventh St., Hermiston. The cost is \$150 per session for Hermiston residents or \$187 for non-residents. For more information or to register, call 541-667-5018, visit [www.hermistonrecreation.com](http://www.hermistonrecreation.com) or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

### Driving course rides into region

PENDLETON — An AARP driving class provides information about defensive driving, safety strategies and how to manage common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. The class is geared for those 50 and older, but all drivers are welcome to attend. Participants may be eligible for insurance discounts and are encouraged to contact their insurance carrier. No tests are required. The local class cruises in Pendleton Saturday from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Hospital, 2801 St. Anthony Way. Participants will get a lunch break and can bring their own food or make arrangements to purchase a meal. The class costs \$15 for AARP members (bring membership card) or \$20 for non-members. Those planning to attend need to register by calling Kevin Oleson at 509-540-5803.

### Grange sets Saturday meals, flea market

HERMISTON — Breakfast, a lunch spread featuring turkey and a flea market provide a full day at the Columbia Grange. Open Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., breakfast (price varies) will be served as soon as the doors open and lunch (\$7) starts at noon. The grange is located at 32339 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. In addition, there will be lots of additional goodies to eat. Table space for the flea market costs \$8. For more information, call Doris at 541-567-8663 or Pat at 541-567-5706.

### Chuck Berry lives on at Oldies Night

MILTON-FREEWATER — Chuck Berry died recently at the age of 90, but his music lives on, including during this weekend's Oldies Night in Milton-Freewater. BJ the DJ will spin such tunes as "Roll Over Beethoven," "Rock and Roll Music" and "Johnny B. Goode" Saturday at 7 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. There is no admission charge. Also, The Frogs will offer light refreshments. In addition to performing his own songs, other musicians were known to belt out Berry hits. The Rolling Stones' first hit in Britain was a Chuck Berry song. They even named a song after the Chess Records studios: "2120 South Michigan Avenue." For more information, contact Bob Jones at [dubuquer@charter.net](mailto:dubuquer@charter.net) or 541-938-7028.

# Police identify cyclist killed Monday

## HERMISTON

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
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The Hermiston Police Department has released the name of the cyclist who died Monday night in a collision with a semi truck.

Javier Estrada Gutierrez, 55, from Hermiston, was traveling on his bike north on Highway 395 across East Elm Avenue when he collided with the back wheels of a semi truck that was turning right onto Elm from the highway. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver, Daniel

Rodelo, 54, is from out of state and was driving a produce truck bound for Pasco.

Hermiston police chief Jason Edmiston said while the investigation is still ongoing, Rodelo provided a voluntary breath and urine sample, and there is no indication that he was impaired.

"Based on where Mr. Gutierrez impacted by the truck, there is a possibility the driver was unaware of what took place behind him," he said. "The truck driver began negotiating his turn on a green light, and by the time the collision took place, the light was yellow."

Edmiston said the investigation may take a while, but part of it will include looking at the driver's log book to see whether he was taking adequate breaks and rests, and examining whether there are other factors that could have contributed to the collision. Edmiston said Rodelo has volunteered all the information police have asked for, and it is not a criminal investigation at this point.

Police are also reviewing video footage from the intersection.

The collision happened around 8:19 on Monday night, and Umatilla County

Fire District 1 was at the scene within one minute. Hermiston police arrived at the scene shortly after, and the Oregon State Police stayed at the scene for a crash reconstruction.

Edmiston said Rodelo continued on Highway 207, and Oregon State Police stopped him on Highway 730 near the Washington border and brought him back to the station. OSP also processed the semi truck for evidence.

Gutierrez's family was at the scene within a half hour of the crash, and police chaplains were on hand to offer them counsel.

## HERMISTON

# Community garden to dig into new location

## Spring work party set for Saturday

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
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Spring is in the air and it's time to dig in the dirt.

Chelle Hankinson, a member of the Healthy Communities Coalition and facilitator of Lovin Spade-fuls, is looking for people to help prepare the Hermiston Community Garden. Due to ongoing construction at Good Shepherd Medical Center, the garden — which is in its sixth season — is in a new location on the hospital's property.

"We're excited about the new space," Hankinson said. "It's more in the public eye."

Manpower and equipment are needed to help prepare the site. A work party is set for Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community garden. To get there, people should travel on Elm Avenue and turn south in front of the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center, 879 W. Elm Ave. Those coming to help are encouraged to bring gardening equipment, if available. Items that would be useful include hoes, rototillers, wheelbarrows and rakes.

The new location, Hankinson said, comes with some perks — including a metal shed and better visibility. Calling it a work in progress, she is hopeful the new site will result in addi-



File photo

Rikki Higgins and Lillee Ruiz, Girl Scouts in Troop No. 51425, scoop up wood chips to apply to the Hermiston Community Garden during a past work day. The public is invited to help in getting the area ready for the season during a work party Saturday. The garden is located behind Good Shepherd Medical Center.

tional interest in the garden. The hospital, which donates the use of the land, assisted with the relocation of the garden, Hankinson said. In addition, they have provided ongoing support in regards to maintenance of the garden site. Also, Hankinson said Elmer's Irrigation & Supplies provided equipment for the drip irrigation system and local OSU master gardeners have contributed valuable expertise.

"The master gardeners have been amazing," she said. "They are very involved and help answer questions and do demonstrations."

A partnership of numerous agencies, orga-

nizations and community members, the Healthy Communities Coalition works together to promote a healthy and safe community. The garden is one of the projects supported by the coalition, Hankinson said.

Families are encouraged to work together with their children. In addition to providing healthy foods to eat, Hankinson said the education component of teaching children where food comes from is important.

Anyone can register for a garden plot, which are \$10 each. People can grow a variety of products in their space.

"They can grow whatever they want," Hankinson said. "It's all self-watering, so

people don't have to worry about that."

Participants are responsible for planting, weeding, maintaining and harvesting their garden spot. Those wanting a plot are encouraged to register Friday, May 5 from 5-7 p.m. or Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at the community garden. For those unable to attend the on-site registration days, visit [www.umchs.com](http://www.umchs.com) for an application.

For more information, call Hankinson at 541-571-2435 or visit [www.facebook.com/groups/358954544210752](http://www.facebook.com/groups/358954544210752).

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5**  
**HERMISTON BREAKFAST KIWANIS CLUB**, 6:30 a.m., Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, 110 N.E. Fourth St., Hermiston.  
**WILLOW RUN LADIES GOLF CLUB**, 8 a.m., Willow Run Golf Course, 78873 Toms Camp Road, Boardman. Rain or shine. Need not be a member to play. (541-481-4381)  
**NIMBLE THIMBLES QUILTERS**, 10 a.m., Aunty Ida's Quilt Shop, 425 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2726)  
**HERMISTON LIONS CLUB**, 12 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston.  
**CAY-UMA-WA TOASTMASTERS**, 12-1 p.m., Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 46510 Wildhorse Blvd, Pendleton. Everyone welcome. (Jeannette Taylor 541-276-9492)  
**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF PENDLETON**, 12 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave.,

Pendleton.  
**RETIRED ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES**, 12 p.m., Sunridge Retirement Community, 3234 S.W. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Luncheon \$3.50 per person, reservations requested. (Edith 541-276-8622)  
**GREENFIELD GRANGE GWA**, 1 p.m., Greenfield Grange 579, 209 N.W. First St., Boardman. (541-481-7397)  
**HERMISTON ELKS DINER**, 5:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Elks Lodge, 480 E. Main St., Hermiston. (541-567-6923)  
**ST. PATRICK'S COMMITTEE WRAP-UP MEETING**, 6 p.m., Heppner City Hall conference room, 111 N. Main St., Hermiston. Pizza and beverages will be served; RSVP requested. Email comments and suggestions if unable to attend. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)  
**OREGON GRASS ROOTS CRIBBAGE CLUB NO. 2**, 6:30 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Al-

ley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. All levels of players welcome. (541-567-6594)  
**BLUE MOUNTAIN A'S MODEL A FORD CLUB**, 7 p.m., Pendleton City Hall community room, 501 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Anyone interested in learning about the Model A Ford is welcome. (Jim Smootz 541-276-2858)  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 6**  
**BOARDMAN KIWANIS CLUB**, 6:30 a.m., Riverfront Lodge, 6 Marine Drive, Boardman.  
**TUMBLEWEED TOASTMASTERS**, 6:30 a.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Visitors welcome. (541-567-3360)  
**PENDLETON LIONS CLUB**, 7 a.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton.  
**ARTS AND CRAFTS FROM THE DRY SIDE**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Hermiston Assembly of God Church, 730 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. Use Seventh Street entrance. Monthly business meeting at noon. (541-567-4446)  
**PENDLETON KIWANIS CLUB**, 12 p.m., Roosters Restaurant, 1515 Southgate, Pendleton. Guests welcome. (541-278-5785)  
**HEPPNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**, 12-1 p.m., Heppner City Hall conference room, 111 N. Main St., Heppner. (Sheryll Bates 541-676-5536)  
**HERMISTON ROTARY CLUB**, 12-1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2338)  
**ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF HERMISTON**, 12 p.m., ARC Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.  
**PAULINE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 13**, 2 p.m., IOOF Hall, 19 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (Gladys or Marguerite 541-276-4417 or 541-276-2853)



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