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## SHOOTING SPREE AT LAS VEGAS COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL



AP Photo/Chris Carlson

Investigators load a truck with bodies from the scene of a mass shooting at a music festival near the Mandalay Bay resort and casino on the Las Vegas Strip Monday in Las Vegas.

## BOARDMAN Deputy cleared in I-84 shooting

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Morrow County District Attorney Justin Nelson said a grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing in deputy Aaron Haak's Sept. 22 shooting of an armed man.

The grand jury Monday afternoon watched police video footage from the shooting that took place along Interstate 84 near Boardman. The grand jury also heard testimony from the state police detective who investigated the case. After reviewing the evidence, he said he asked the jury if it wanted his office to pursue charges against Haak.

"And their response was no," Nelson said.

Nelson said the shooting victim, Efrén Hurtado Jr., 26, of Boardman, is recovering at a Portland hospital, and was well enough to talk to police, in spite of taking a bullet to the head.

Haak, of Heppner, parked his police car behind an older Chevy Tahoe on the west-bound side of Interstate 84 near the exit for Boardman in the early morning hours of Sept. 22. Nelson said other officers the day before noticed the vehicle, and Haak was going to make sure state police tagged it for towing.

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## HERMISTON Graduation ceremony moved to Kennewick

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
East Oregonian

After three months of discussion, research and community surveys, the Hermiston School Board made its decision Monday night: Hermiston High School's Class of 2018 will toss their caps at the Toyota Center in Kennewick.

The board voted 6-1 to move the ceremony across the river in June 2018, and will revisit local options afterward. Board member Jason Middleton was the lone "no" vote.

"This has been a long process," said board chair Karen Sherman. "But we know (the decision) is the best we can do for students and families."

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# GUNMAN KILLS 59

## 527 injured as gunfire comes from Mandalay Bay tower

By SALLY HO and REGINA GARCIA CANO  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The rapid-fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn't understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean bolted off the stage.

"That's gunshots," a man could be heard saying emphatically on a cellphone video in the nearly half-minute of silence and confusion that followed. A woman pleaded with others: "Get down! Get down! Stay down!"

Then the pop-pop-pop noise resumed. And pure terror set in.

"People start screaming and yelling and we start running," said Andrew Akiyoshi, who provided the cellphone video to The Associated Press. "You could feel the panic. You could feel like the bullets were flying above us. Everybody's ducking down, running low to the ground."

While some concertgoers hit the ground, others pushed for the crowded exits,

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Contributed photo

Elaine and Kevin Anderson (on left) and Kevin's sister, Kathleen Waters, smile for the camera shortly before heading back to a country music festival on Sunday night in Las Vegas where 59 people died in a mass shooting.

## Pendleton couple dives for cover, then helps wounded get out

By KATHY ANEY  
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Elaine Anderson's posts to her Facebook account this weekend seemed typical for someone on a Las Vegas vacation. Photographs of swimming in the hotel pool. The Bellagio Fountain. Images of a country music festival.

Her post on Sunday night, however, was anything but typical.

"Very scary tonight," it started. "Many people killed..."

She and her husband Kevin escaped with their lives after a gunman opened fire on country music

fans watching singer Jason Aldean at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival. The Pendleton couple dove for cover along with everyone else. The barrage of gunfire killed at least 59 people and wounded more than 500 in the worst mass shooting in American history. SWAT officers swarmed the nearby Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and found the apparent shooter, Stephen Craig Paddock, 64, dead in his 32nd-floor hotel room with a cache of rifles and ammunition.

The Andersons had spent the

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"Please continue to pray for the families that were not as lucky as we were."

— Elaine Anderson, survivor of mass shooting at Route 91 Harvest country music festival



LEFT: Chase Stevens/Las Vegas Review-Journal / RIGHT: Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP photo

LEFT: People assist a wounded woman at the Tropicana during an active shooter situation on the Las Vegas Strip in Las Vegas Sunday. RIGHT: A broken window at the Mandalay Bay resort and casino is seen in the aftermath of a mass shooting on Monday.

## PENDLETON

## State bars city from going public with marijuana revenue information

By ANTONIO SIERRA  
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The city of Pendleton has received some marijuana sales tax revenue, but Finance Director Linda Carter will not disclose how much.

At least not yet.

When the city contracted with the Oregon Department of Revenue to collect the local 3 percent tax and the city's share of the 17 percent state tax, Carter agreed not to publicly disclose how much money the city was receiving from marijuana sales taxes.

While cities have interpreted this agreement differently, Carter said her understanding is that she's not allowed to talk about how much money the city has received from marijuana tax revenue so far, although she characterized the amount as "minimal."

Joy Krawczyk, a spokeswoman for the department of revenue, said the rule is in place to protect businesses' private financial information. In cities or counties with 10 or fewer marijuana businesses, Krawczyk said, specific revenue figures could be used to identify

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Fluffy clouds, fluffy sheep

Cumulus clouds move slowly over a herd of sheep as they graze in a field Monday east of Echo.



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