

Pendleton man dies in one-car crash

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A single vehicle crash killed a Pendleton man Sunday morning on Highway 11 outside of Pendleton.

According to Oregon State Police, Leodoro Ruvalcaba-Ruvalcaba, 50, was driving southbound about two miles outside of Pendleton about 3:25 a.m. when for an unknown

reason his Chevrolet SUV veered off of the road and struck a power pole. The SUV rolled multiple times and Ruvalcaba-Ruvalcaba died at the scene.

The Pendleton Fire Department, the Milton-Freewater Police Department and ODOT responded to the accident. Highway 11 remained open throughout the incident.



Photo courtesy Oregon State Police

One person was killed when their SUV crashed Sunday morning on Highway 11 near Pendleton.

PENDLETON

Irish Singers tune up for Wednesdays in the Park

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A group known for their upbeat performances of Irish tunes will kick off the 2018 Wednesdays in the Park summer concert series in Pendleton.

The core group of The Irish Singers includes John Doherty, Scott Sager and Paul Green. It's a bit of Irish lore (or blarney) as to how the group got started.

"They were singing to the sheep 35 years ago when they were lambing," said Alan Feves, who has performed with the group for the past decade. "It started on the Doherty Ranch."

These days, the group typically plays a handful of performances each year, Feves said. In years gone by, Green said they were known to tip back a few and play favorites long into the night.

"We don't drink much anymore, but we used to partake and get together and play a little music," Green said. "It's a lot of fun. We're all good friends and we enjoy each other's company."

Several West Coast musical acts are featured during the free weekly summer concert series. In its fourth year, Wednesdays in the Park gets underway July 25 from 6-8 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Presented by Pendleton Parks & Recreation and Sounds Like Entertainment, there is no admission charge for the five-week concert series.

People are invited to bring a chair or blanket to enjoy the tunes. Also, bring



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Known for their performances during St. Patrick's Day events, The Irish Singers will kick off the 2018 Wednesdays in the Park summer concert series July 25 at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.

Wednesdays in the Park

- **Roy Raley Park; 6-8 p.m.**
The Irish Singers
• Wednesday, July 25
The Pilot Rock-based group that plays traditional music.
- **Miss Lonely Hearts**
• Wednesday, Aug. 1
An outlaw country band from Santa Cruz, California.
- **Arthur C. Lee**
• Wednesday, Aug. 8
The Portland musician

plays northwest surf music.

- **Cardioid**
• Wednesday, Aug. 15
The LA-based band playing infectious pop-rock.
- **Jared Mees + New Move**
• Wednesday, Aug. 22; 6-8 p.m.
Featuring prophetic indie rock from Portland.

The performances are free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the family-friendly shows. Food, beer and wine available for purchase. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/soundslikeentertainment or www.facebook.com/soundslikeentertainment

an appetite and some cash, as Delicious Dogs, Mobile Food Adventures and Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co. will be offering food, beer and wine.

The Irish Singers have a repertoire of tunes, including lots of old standards that they play at various venues

— typically around St. Patrick's Day. The group considers performances a sort of practice — getting together to play all the old familiar tunes, Green said. In fact, Green said he just found out a few days ago that there was a gig coming up. The group can include

anywhere from 5-15 or more musicians. Feves said the core group has performed together for so many years that they don't typically have a set list.

"They just call the song out and I play my part," Feves said. "Sometimes I don't even remember the names, I just know the song."

"We just play standard Irish songs," Green added. "Also, John Doherty does 'Danny Boy' very well."

For more information about the concert series, visit www.pendletonpark-sandrec.com or search Facebook for "Wednesdays in the Park."

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A variety of musicians have performed with The Irish Singers during St. Patrick's Day events. The group will kick off the 2018 Wednesdays in the Park summer concert series July 25 at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.



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Adams boy named sheriff for a day

PENDLETON — Nathan Betts, 10, of Adams made the rounds recently as Umatilla County's "Little Sheriff for a Day."

The sheriff's office in a written statement reported it partnered with the Walla Walla Area Crime Watch Unit in support of the Little Chief/Sheriff bi-annual program to support area youth

with special needs. The program provides the little sheriffs with activities leading up to National Night Out on Aug. 7. The sheriff's office received nominations for the little sheriff's honor and in May selected 10-year-old Nathan.

"Once we select our 'Little Sheriff,' we contact our uniform vendor and have them put a uniform together that matches my uniform," Sheriff Terry Rowan said.

"Everything about it is an authentic sheriff's office uniform. Our vendor picks up the expense of the uniform."

Nathan wore his uniform and rode with Rowan in Pendleton's Fourth of July parade. And Thursday, the big and little sheriffs traveled to Walla Walla for a number of activities, including a visit to the Walla Walla Police Department where Nathan and other little sheriffs and chiefs gathered for

group photos. Rowan and Nathan also had lunch at Smith's Family Restaurant, Walla Walla, and returned to Pendleton for tours of the sheriff's office operations.

Rowan thanked Nathan's parents, Andy and Angela Betts, for allowing their son to participate. The sheriff's office began participating in the program in 2016, according to the statement. That year, Clay Thornton of Athena was the little sheriff.

Hermiston watermelon giveaway, seed-spitting contest Aug. 3 in Portland

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Hermiston will be practicing a bit of watermelon diplomacy on Friday, Aug. 3 as representatives of the city head to Portland for the annual seed-spitting contest and watermelon giveaway.

"This is a great event that continues to build on our relationship with our partners in Portland," Hermiston Mayor David Drotzmann said in a statement.

The tradition was started by the late Frank Harkenrider when he was mayor in the 1980s and challenged then-Portland Mayor Bud Clark to a

seed-spitting contest. After a break in 2007, the event resumed in 2015.

This year's giveaway is sponsored by the city of Hermiston, city of Portland and Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce, plus Bellinger Farms and Walchli Farms, who donated produce to hand out to Portland residents at Pioneer Courthouse Square. As usual, Portland and Hermiston city officials will face off in a friendly seed-spitting contest, but the annual trip is also an opportunity for leaders from both cities to spend time together and discuss issues both cities face.

BRIEFLY

Class highlights medication concerns

PENDLETON — A free class is designed to provide information for anyone who cares for aging adults regarding quality improvement strategies and medication safety within a care setting.

"Understanding Medicines in Older Adults: Care Team Principles" is Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Oxford Suites, 400 S.W. Court Place, Pendleton. Presented by Oregon Care Partners, it is appropriate for individuals who provide care for aging family members, as well as those who work in professional caregiver settings, public safety or social work.

For more information or to register for the free class, visit www.OregonCarePartners.com.

Wellness event scheduled at HHS

HERMISTON — Sports physicals, vision and dental screenings and assistance with enrolling in the Oregon Health Plan are featured in a wellness event in Hermiston.

Hosted by the Hermiston School District, students in sixth through 12th grade are invited to attend Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 2-6 p.m. at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St.

A parent or guardian must accompany students under 15 years old. Also, students will be asked to provide insurance information, but won't be turned away for not having health insurance.

The event is made possible by a partnership with Advantage Dental, Columbia River Health, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, Lifetime Vision Source, Oregon State University Extension Service, Umatilla County Health, and Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, Inc.

For more information, contact Maria Duron at 541-667-6036 or maria.duron@hermiston.k12.or.us.

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The calendar is mailed to more than 67,000 farm bureau members across the state and thousands more are distributed throughout the year.

The deadline for photo submissions is Saturday, Sept. 15. Everyone who submits an image and provides their mailing address will receive a complimentary copy of the calendar, which is valued at \$20. Those whose photographs are selected will receive photo credit in the publication.

Submission instructions and rules are available at www.oregonfb.org/calendar. For questions, contact Anne Marie Moss at 503-399-1701 or annemarie@oregonfb.org.

EOU trustees host reception in Joseph

JOSEPH — Light refreshments will be served as members of Eastern Oregon University host a reception in Joseph.

The public is invited to attend the event to learn more about what's happening at the La Grande university. The free event is Tuesday, July 31 at 4:30 p.m. at the Joseph Center for Arts and Culture, 403 Main St., Joseph.

For more information, contact Ella Maloy at emaloy@eou.edu or 541-962-4101.

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