

# First-year brewfest proves a big hit

Hundreds attend inaugural event in Roy Raley Park

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PENDLETON — The first-ever Wild West Brewfest transformed Roy Raley Park into microbrew central.

About 650 people stopped by the park Saturday to listen to music and sample everything from lagers, pilsners and pale

ales to stouts, porters and IPAs. If one wasn't in the mood for a Nutcrusher Peanut Butter Porter, there was Fuzztail Heff, A Beer Named Sue or 24 other brews. Non-beer aficionados could sip cider and other libations. The microbrews hailed from breweries around the Northwest.

The gathering ran from noon to 9 p.m. Organizer Liam Hughes, director of Pendleton Parks and Recreation, said he was excited by the results of the inau-

gural event. Profits go to support the Pendleton Parks and Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund.

"It went great — just super smooth," Hughes said. "It ramped up as the evening went on."

He doesn't yet know how much money the event pulled in for the scholarship, but figured they reached the breakeven point at around 350 people.

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Davin Freja-Nielsen plays cornhole with his beer in hand Saturday at the Wild West Beerfest at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton. The Beerfest was part of a fundraising effort for an elementary school program that is set to debut in the fall. The after-school program will be based out of McKay Creek, Sherwood Heights, and Washington elementary schools in addition to the Pendleton Early Learning Center. The city is working with the IMESD to craft a curriculum for the after-school program, and organizers recently published a pamphlet that provides a daily itinerary for each day's programming.



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Visitors to the first-ever Wild West Beerfest had the chance to sample a plentiful selection of microbrews from around the region.



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Pat Hagan fills a beer mug with Wild Ride Brew's Nut Crusher Peanut Porter during Saturday's Wild West Brewfest at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.



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A faux mug of beer sits on the beer shuffleboard table on Saturday at the Wild West Beerfest, ready for the next group of players.



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Elwood Haney, a folk rock musician who performs as "Elwood," performs on Saturday afternoon at the Wild West Beerfest.

## Police identify victim in fatal M-F stabbing

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MILTON-FREEWATER — Milton-Freewater Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer identified the victim of the fatal stabbing that occurred Friday as Christian Rodriguez Calvillo, 22, of Milton-Freewater.

Boedigheimer also reported police have not made any arrests in the case.

Milton-Freewater police and paramedics responded to 911 calls early Friday about a male stabbing victim on the 600 block of Ward Street. Paramedics transported Calvillo to Provi-

dence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla. He later died en route to Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Richland, Washington.

According to Boedigheimer, officers obtained a warrant and searched Calvillo's residence at 604 Ward St. Members of the Oregon State Police crime lab processed the scene and collected evidence, which they logged into the evidence room at the Milton-Freewater Police Department.

And the State Medical Examiner in Clackamas autopsied the body Mon-

day and ruled the cause of death as homicide. Milton-Freewater detectives were present.

Boedigheimer stated the investigation continues.

Oregon State Courts records show Calvillo has several aliases, including Christian Alejandro Rodriguez and Cristian Alejandro Rodriguez-Calvillo. He has a 2015 conviction in Umatilla County for hit-and-run with injury. He also faced a 2017 charge of methamphetamine possession, but the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office dismissed the case for lack of evidence.

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by state and local officials from the Oregon Health Authority and Morrow County Health Department for a brief presentation, followed by questions from the public.

Topics discussed at the

meeting may include the history and purpose of Willow Creek Dam, recent inspections and dam safety, operations and maintenance of the project, water quality, water management and flood control and recreation.

## Questions about Willow Creek Dam?

PORTLAND — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting a town hall meeting Thursday about Willow Creek Dam.

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