

Monday wreck kills 18-year old driver

Subaru driven by CG's Connor Fitch was struck by a commercial van

An 18-year old Cottage Grove man was killed in a two-car collision on Highway 99 just north of the City Monday morning.

Bill Fugate of the Oregon State Police reported that police were called to an area near River Road and Highway 99 at about 8:17 a.m. Monday. He wrote that a 2004 Subaru wagon was traveling northbound when it veered off the east shoulder of the highway. Fugate said the car appeared to over-correct upon reentering the roadway, at which time it was struck on the rear passenger side by a south-

bound 2014 Chevrolet commercial van.

The driver of the Subaru, identified Monday afternoon as Connor R. Fitch, 18, of Cottage Grove, was taken by ambulance to Cottage Grove Community Medical Center, where he later died from his injuries. The driver of the Chevrolet, Bryan A. Ross, 25, of Eugene, was not injured.

Highway 99 was closed for three hours while the investigation was conducted. State Police were assisted by South Lane Fire, the Cottage Grove Police Department and the Oregon Department of Transportation.

On Monday evening, friends and family gathered at Cottage Grove Lake to remember Fitch, a car enthusiast, and well-wishes and condolences filled his Facebook page.



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First responders had to wait to extricate the victim due to downed power lines.

Driver hurt in Sunday crash

Oregon State Police believe that alcohol and marijuana may be contributing factors in a single-vehicle accident Sunday afternoon that sent a driver to the hospital with serious injuries, sheared a power pole and caused a power outage nearby.

Police with OSP say they were called to the scene of a single-vehicle crash at the corner of Highway 99 and Latham Road at 3:30 p.m. Sunday in which the driver lost control of his vehicle and left the roadway, hitting a power pole. They said that live power lines were resting on the vehicle and paramedics were unable to extricate the victim until the Emerald Peoples Utility District shut off the power. The

driver, later identified as 21-year old Jeremiah Jacob Mathews of Cottage Grove, was transported to RiverBend with critical injuries. An investigation into the crash is ongoing.

Late Monday morning, Mathews' grandmother, who asked that her name not be printed, said that Mathews suffered a cracked vertebra, a blood clot in his brain, a ruptured spleen and collapsed lung in the crash. She said Mathews was in an induced coma.

"I wish young people could learn about what can happen, what happens when you drive drunk," she said. "He is the love of my life. I've raised him since he was 11. He's a sweet boy."

Farmers Market hopes to thrive on Thursdays

Will happen downtown from 4-6 p.m.

BY JON STINNETT
The Cottage Grove Sentinel

Organizers say a steady stream of visitors checked out the offerings at the first South Valley Farmers Market, held Thursday afternoon at the corner of Seventh and Main Streets in downtown Cottage Grove.

About a half-dozen local farmers showcased produce consisting largely of leafy lettuce and other greens as befitting the time of year, and Drew Renault of High Wire Farm said the market, which is scheduled each Thursday from 4-7 p.m. across from All-America City Square, said the event generated a "lot of foot traffic."

Renault said he's thought for some time now that a farmers market might marry well with the weekly Bread Club event that draws a crowd to the Burkholder Woods

Building.

"There have already been quite a few people stopping by that I've never seen before," he said.

In addition to High Wire, representatives from Branch Road Farm, Brice Creek Croft, Cox Creek Farm, Ruby and Amber's Organic Oasis, Keizer Creek Farm and Star Ranch showcased their wares. The market represents Cottage Grove's latest attempt at establishing a new farmers' market for locally grown produce following the split of a Wednesday growers market with the Chamber of Commerce's Concerts in the Park series, a pairing that thrived in Coiner Park.

The Chamber announced prior to its 2014 season that it would relocate the market from Coiner to nearby Bohemia Park, but the new park setting drew few farmers willing to sell their produce at Bohemia, reportedly due to the lack of shade



photo by Jon Stinnett

Drew Renault (left) of High Wire Farm talks to a customer at Thursday's first South Valley Farmers Market.

in the new park.

Last season brought an attempt to move the farmers market to Saturdays at the Coast Fork Farmstand, a

move that never really materialized.

Renault said the South Valley Farmers Market will take place into October.

Pool hosts Water Safety Day

The Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Center in Cottage Grove, Ore., will host the fifth annual Water Safety Day on Saturday, May 21 from 1-3:30 p.m. Children of all ages and their parents can learn about swimming and boating safety through a variety of activities at this free event.

The Lane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team will host a life jacket exchange during the event. Children can exchange old life jackets for better-fitting ones. The rescue team will also have their patrol boat on site and will share tips on how to stay safe while boating.

Children will also have the opportunity to meet the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mascot, Bobber the Water Safety Dog. Through free printed materials and online cartoons (www.Bobber.info), Bobber teaches children how to stay safe while visiting Corps reservoirs, such as nearby Cottage Grove and Dorena lakes.

The pool will offer a free swim following the water safety stations. Participants are asked to bring suits and towels.

Those seeking more information can contact Carrie McCasline at 541-942-5533.

Veterans and grads featured in Museum exhibit

"Honoring Vets, Celebrating Grads," an exhibit highlighting military uniforms and high school graduation dresses of the past, opens Sunday, May 22 from 1-4 p.m. at the Cottage Grove Museum, 147 N H St., in Cottage Grove's historic Northwest Neighborhood.

Graduation dresses worn by 1905 Cottage Grove High School graduate Mae Anderson, 1909 Cottage Grove High School graduate Eunice Vandenburg and 1939 graduate Hazel Nadine Rose Kelly are on exhibit in the main museum building. Military uniforms from the past including the uniform worn by long-time Cottage Grove resident and U.S. Navy Yeoman Albert Palmer along with posters from WWI and WWII are on exhibit in the museum annex.

Admission is free but donations are encouraged. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact: Cottage Grove Museum Coordinator Tara Sue Hugart at 541-968-2245 or tarasuehugart99@gmail.com, or Becky Venice, Cottage Grove Museum Board President Coordinator at (541) 942-4269 or b_venice@msn.com.



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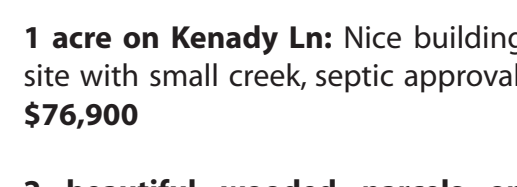
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