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A truck involved in a high speed chase through Morrow County crashed Tuesday.

High speed chase ends in two rollover crashes

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Two stolen pickup trucks were involved in a high speed chase that reached speeds of 106 mph and ended in two separate crashes in rural Morrow County Tuesday afternoon.

According to the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, law enforcement first responded to a report of trespassing on a farm near Ione. Two vehicles left the farm and headed toward Heppner on Highway 74. Sheriff's deputies encountered the vehicles there and a chase ensued. On the highway, the pickup trucks eclipsed 100 mph, according to the sheriff's office.

Officers dropped back as the trucks entered downtown Heppner, but the pursued cars did not slow. The chase resumed on the other side of town and the trucks split up.

One vehicle, driven by Buddy James Buoy, 42, of Portland turned onto Shobe Creek Road and drove for 10 miles at high speeds before joining Upper Rhea Creek Road. He then lost control on a curve, drove off the hillside and crashed, according to the sheriff's office. The truck was disabled and Buoy was arrested without further incident.

The other truck was driven by an unidentified female. It traveled south on Highway 207 at 20-25 mph,

weaving back and forth and not allowing deputies to pass. The suspect then drove off the highway, through a fence opening and down a steep canyon. The vehicle rolled, seriously injuring the driver and damaging the vehicle.

The trapped driver was extricated and transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Heppner, and later transported to another hospital via Life Flight.

Both the pickup trucks were believed to be stolen from a car dealership in Pasco on Tuesday morning. Other vehicles stolen from the dealership were recovered near Boardman earlier on Tuesday.

HERMISTON

Actors mix things up with 'Game of Tiaras'

By **TAMMY MALGESINI**
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Combine plot twists from the "Game of Thrones," an HBO adventure drama, with the hopelessness of a Shakespearean tragedy and you'll have an adaptation of "King Lear" that will keep you in stitches.

Taking the helm of Hermiston High School's drama program, director Beth Anderson said "Game of Tiaras" should provide an entertaining evening for audience members. A twist on Disney characters with a little "Game of Thrones" thrown in, she said, offers hilarity at every turn — especially as the body count rises.

"It's a funny parody with Disney princesses and more," she said.

However, Anderson said the show may not be all that appropriate for younger kids.

"There's not gore like 'Game of Thrones,' but the humor ...," she said trailing off. "You might not want to see the princess get be-headed."

The play opens Friday at 7 p.m. in the school's fine arts auditorium, 600 S. First St., Hermiston. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. Subsequent performances are Saturday and Nov. 10-11, all at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Baylee Hunsaker, Tristan Stephenson and Ava Tixier rehearse a scene from "Game of Tiaras" Monday at Hermiston High School. The play opens Friday in the school's fine arts auditorium.

advance at the high school's bookkeeping office.

About 40 students are involved with the production, Anderson said. In addition, HHS science teacher Zyan Silver takes the stage in a couple of roles.

"I wanted the executioner to be a bigger guy and he's tall," Anderson said.

The play is about the aging king of a magical kingdom who decides to split his empire between his three daughters, Cinderella, Belle and the Snow Queen. It's Ella, Anderson said, not to be confused by another copyrighted character, Elsa.

With a reference to the French Prince of Bel-Air and hipster dwarfs, Anderson said there's plenty

to chuckle about.

"Students were laughing while reading the very first page of the script," she said. "So, I think our audience will find it hilarious."

In her third year at HHS, Anderson is excited to be teaching at her alma mater. A former attorney-turned-teacher in Missouri, Anderson is happy to be back in her hometown and involved in the drama program.

"I'm really looking forward to great excitement about people coming to shows at Hermiston High School," she said.

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State close to approving \$1.2 million education center for Cottonwood Canyon

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Cottonwood Canyon State Park is on the verge of getting an upgrade.

The 8,000-acre park located between Condon and Wasco could soon be home to a \$1.2 million education center, pending approval from the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks department spokesman Chris Harvel said an education center was always a part of the Cottonwood Canyon's master plan, it just took time to raise the money. The Oregon State Parks Foundation raised \$400,000 in private donations toward the project at the park, which has only been open since 2013.

"Everything fell into place," he said.

The Cottonwood Canyon Experience Center is scheduled to open in May 2018, in time for the Cottonwood Crossing Summer Institute, a week-long event for local high school students that teaches environmental stewardship and sustainability.

Harvel said the education center will include indoor classroom space for the institute and other



Photo courtesy of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Hikers use a trail at Cottonwood Canyon State Park.

schools that use the facility. Cottonwood Canyon's attendance has been growing steadily since opening, receiving approximately 10,000 overnight visitors and 22,000 day visitors in 2016. Harvel said that's in line with the parks department's expectations.

Although the state's largest park — Silver Falls State Park near Salem — accommodates about 1 million visitors per year, Harvel said that park was designed with large crowds in mind. Located near a large metro area, Silver Falls features wide trails, large campgrounds and an event center.

In contrast, Cottonwood Canyon has only a few

dozen camping spots and some other minor amenities. Harvel said Cottonwood Canyon is supposed to be a place to connect with the scenery, spot some new wildlife or engage with the many back roads that surround the park.

The solitary experience is Cottonwood Canyon's selling point and Harvel said the parks department is focused on the quality of that experience, rather than the quantity of people experiencing it.

The Oregon State Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at Cascade Locks on Nov. 15, where it will consider awarding a contract for building the education center.

BRIEFLY

Climate change group organizes march and rally

The Eastern Oregon Climate Change Coalition will host a march and rally in Pendleton on Saturday.

According to a press release, the rally is a part of a statewide effort from Renew Oregon, a clean energy advocacy group that supports the passage of a "cap and invest" bill in the Oregon Legislature.

The bill would place a limit on greenhouse gas emissions, charge companies and utilities for exceeding the limit and reinvest the money in

clean energy projects such as wind and solar power, electric vehicles and public transit.

The rally will begin at 11:15 a.m. at Pendleton City Hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave., where participants can make signs, listen to speakers and sign a petition for the Pendleton City Council to support the bill.

At noon, the group will make the quarter-mile march from city hall to the Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co. at 403 S. Main St. The rally will continue from there with more speeches, information on how to join the coalition and live streams of the

other rallies in Portland, Eugene and Salem.

Community center serves breakfast

STANFIELD — An a la carte breakfast is available during the monthly breakfast at the Stanfield Community Center.

The event is Saturday from 7-10 a.m. at 225 W. Roosevelt Ave., Stanfield. People are invited to enjoy an affordable breakfast (for \$3 or more) while visiting with neighbors and helping to support the community center.

For more information, call 541-449-1332.

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