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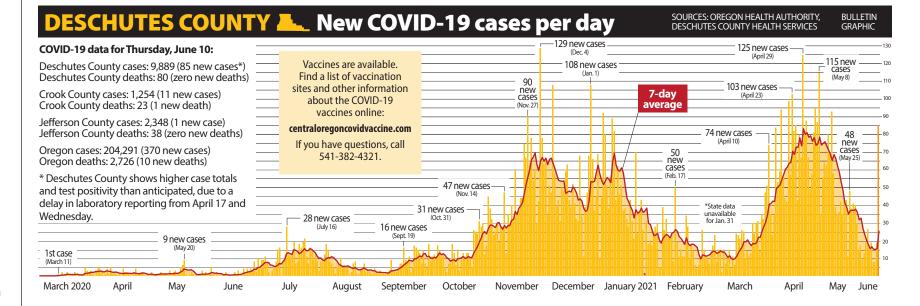
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION



Court reverses conviction of woman in scooter chase

BY NOELLE CROMBIE

The Oregonian

Faced with the case of a disabled woman chased by police while on her mobility scooter, the Oregon Court of Appeals did what it said the Curry County Circuit Court should have done: Drop it.

On Wednesday, the appeals court weighed in on the 2018 felony arrest, prosecution and conviction of Jennifer Gayman, a 50-year-old woman who was living in Brookings when she encountered police while riding the scooter.

Gayman suffers from a degenerative eye disease and pulmonary disease and relies on her scooter to get around.

She was headed home after a night with friends doing karaoke when two officers stopped

her on the sidewalk.

They told her she couldn't operate her scooter on the sidewalk, in a crosswalk or without a helmet, according to the

The officers cited her for operating the scooter in a crosswalk, unsafe operation of the scooter and failure to wear protective headgear.

But the encounter didn't end there.

They also told her she couldn't ride the scooter to her home, a mile or so away.

But she left anyway, leading police on what the Court of Appeals described as a "low speed pursuit" complete with lights and sirens.

Once home, Gayman was arrested for fleeing or attempting to elude an officer.

She was later convicted by a Curry County jury and sentenced to five days in jail.

Gayman last year filed a federal lawsuit against the Brookings police, alleging the officers unlawfully stopped her and violated the federal Americans with Disabilities Act when they cited her, then chased her as she rode home.

The appeals court concluded that Gayman's mobility device did not legally constitute a motor vehicle, an essential element of the crime of eluding police.

The court reversed her conviction.

Kristina Edmundson, a spokeswoman for the Department of Justice, said Wednesday the agency is reviewing the ruling and has not decided whether to appeal.

LOCAL BRIEFING

19-year-old killed in crash south of Prineville

A 19-year-old man died Wednesday night after crashing his Kia Spectra on state Highway 27 south of Prineville, according to Oregon State Police.

Clayton Gray, of Halfway, a small Baker County town, was traveling north near milepost 5 on Highway 27 when he crossed the southbound lane, left the road and rolled his car, according to state police.

Gray was pronounced dead at the scene.

Gray's younger sibling, who was not identified, was a passenger in the car and transported by AirLink Critical Care Transport to a nearby hospital with serious injuries.

The sibling is a student at Crook County High School, according to the Crook County School District.

"Our hearts are broken for the family and we are ready to provide whatever support is needed," Michelle Jonas, Crook County High School principal, said in a statement Thursday. "We're a small, close-knit community so tragedies like this affect all of us deeply. We're praying the student makes a full recovery."

Rotary club to host COVD-19 shot for shot event

The Rotary of Greater Bend is hosting a "Shots for Shots" to encourage people to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Rotary club is inviting people to Hola restaurant in downtown Bend at 920 NW Bond Street from 5 to 7 p.m. June 17. At the restaurant, people can show their vaccination card and get a shot of alcohol for \$3, courtesy of Hola. People are encouraged to video themselves taking the shot and sharing it on Facebook.

The Rotary club sees the event as a fun way to help get Oregon to the 70% vaccination rate, which will allow COVID-19 restrictions to be lifted across the state.

— Bulletin staff reports

Feds could restrict West Coast salmon fishing to help orcas

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Federal officials are proposing to curtail nontribal salmon fishing along the West Coast in especially bad years to help the st's endangered killer whales. NOAA Fisheries is taking

public comment on the plan, which calls for restricting commercial and recreational salmon fishing when chinook salmon forecasts are especially

The southern resident killer whales — the endangered orcas that spend much of their time in the waters between Washington state and British

Columbia — depend heavilv on depleted runs of fatty chinook. Recent research has affirmed how important chinook are to the whales yearround, as they cruise the outer coast, and not just when they forage in Washington's inland waters in the summertime.

The fishing restrictions would extend from Puget Sound in Washington to Monterey Bay in central California, and they would be triggered when fewer than 966,000 Chinook are forecast to return to Northwest rivers. The last time forecast Chinook returns were that low was in 2007.

The restrictions would include reducing fishing quotas north of Cape Falcon in Oregon; delaying the start of the ocean commercial troll fishery between Cape Falcon and parts of the Columbia River and Grays Harbor in Washington and the Klamath River and Monterey Bay to fishing much of the vear.

If NOAA Fisheries adopts the plan as recommended by the Pacific Fishery Management Council, it would be one of the first times a federal agency has restricted hunting or fishing one species to benefit a predator that relies on it.

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After 15-month pause, inmates allowed visitors

BY JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN

The Oregonian

Families of inmates at two Oregon prisons are now able to schedule limited visits with their loved ones, and a third prison will soon follow suit. Jennifer Black, an Oregon

Department of Corrections spokesperson, said the Oregon State Penitentiary and Columbia River Correctional Institution recently started allowing scheduled visits. The department will begin allowing scheduled visits at Salem's Oregon State Correctional Institution on Monday.

The penitentiary, also located in Salem, began a trial visitation program April 11 in an effort to "ease into reopening," Black said. The program was paused April 30 as Marion County's COVID-19 risk level increased but resumed May 10 when the county's risk level dropped.

The state opened visitations at northeast Portland's Columbia River Correctional Institution on June 6.

Each prison has its own set of visitation guidelines. The

number of people who can visit an inmate varies depending on the facility, and visiting times range from 40 minutes to 2½ hours. All visitors will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and allowed only one visit a week.

Visitation had been closed at Oregon's prisons since March 2020, when COVID-19 began spreading throughout the state. Several Oregon prisons have since had major coronavirus outbreaks, with an estimated 3,600 inmates becoming infected and 42 dying from the

The state is currently determining which prisons can host visitors, based on county positivity rates, the "tier level" of each institution and the Oregon Health Authority's workplace outbreak report.

Black said any prison that has a "workplace outbreak" is not allowed to host visitors.

Six of Oregon's 14 prisons are in "tier 1" as of Wednesday, meaning they are either open for visits or poised to open soon.



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