

Woman on motorcycle leads officers on 120 mph chase

Suspect arrested on eluding, drug charges

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A 39-year-old woman was arrested Thursday after leading officers on a motorcycle chase on Interstate 84 in Morrow and Gilliam counties that reached speeds in excess of 120 mph.



Scholl

Shannon Marie Scholl, of Vancouver, Washington, also tried to flee on foot after running out of gas on the freeway. She was charged Friday in Gilliam County Circuit Court with two counts of attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving and possession of methamphetamine.

The pursuit began in Morrow County, where a deputy clocked Scholl driving 92 mph on I-84

westbound at milepost 154. The officer attempted to pull her over, but she sped away.

Gilliam County Sheriff Gary Bettencourt said Scholl pulled into Arlington to get gas when she encountered another deputy and sped back onto the highway heading east.

Bettencourt said they clocked Scholl at speeds up to 120 mph.

Scholl ran out of gas at milepost 146, hopped the guard-rail and attempted to run toward the Columbia River. Bettencourt said Scholl fell down a steep embankment and was quickly arrested. Nobody was seriously injured in the chase.

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office has also cited Scholl with speeding, driving while suspended and driving without insurance. She was taken to Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility in The Dalles on \$1,000 bail.



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One of several windows damaged in a string of incidents around Hermiston.

NIGHT OF MISCHIEF PROVES COSTLY FOR CAR OWNERS

By **ALEXA LOUGEE**
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A vandal with a BB gun is believed to have caused damage to vehicles in Hermiston and possibly beyond in the early morning hours last week.

The Hermiston Police Department was dispatched to six calls of car windows either broken or shot at on Tuesday, July 12. Hermiston Police Captain Darryl Johnson believes all the incidents were related.

According to reports, the vandal or vandals appear to have used a BB gun to shoot at empty vehicles, but as far as car owners could tell, nothing had been stolen from any of the vehicles. In some cases the window shattered and fell out; in other cases the window was hit and cracked.



STAFF PHOTO BY ALEXA LOUGEE

Islas Auto Sales along Highway 395 had four cars with windows damaged July 12.

In a report taken from Aspen Grove Apartments, three tenant vehicles parked along the road near the complex had windows damaged. In each reported case the shattered window was a side window.

The cost to replace the windows can range drastically depending on the vehicle's make, model and year, according to Kellye Finch at West Coast Auto Glass in Hermiston. Car owners are looking at costs

between \$325 and \$1,400 per window, including labor, to repair the damage.

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office also took a report July 12 from Islas Auto Sales north of Hermiston on Highway 395 regarding four vehicles with window damage. Each of the cars had a side window that appeared to be shot with a BB gun.

Benito Islas, the manager of the car dealership, said they've been in business for 10 years, and have not had something like this happen before. The business recently moved and this is only the first month at their new space.

He said they are looking at their security camera footage and hope to get a better idea of a suspect or suspects.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Echo church sets Bible school

Singing, games, Bible stories and skits are featured during vacation Bible school in Echo.

Open to ages 3-12, the event is Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St. Participants also will receive snacks.

The free event is open to children of any faith. For more information, call Donna at 541-376-8664.

Tri-Cities group jazzes up park series

A mixture of jazz and rhythm and blues will be performed by 7-Wheel Drive during the upcoming Music in the Parks.

Based out of the Tri-Cities, the band features singer Lori Tyler with Steve Haberman on piano, Gary Danielson, baritone sax; Wayne Land, alto sax; Stan Pitman, trumpet; Dave Campbell, bass; and Jerry Larson, drums.

The free concert is Monday at 7 p.m. at Irrigon Marina Park. Concessions are available for purchase from Judy's Chuck Wagon.

People are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the music. The concert series alternates each Monday between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. It runs through Aug. 22. For more information, call Tami Sherer at 541-571-0844 or Renee Couchman at 922-1560.

Listening sessions planned for female veterans

A pair of listening sessions are set for women who have served in the military.

Elizabeth Estabrooks, the womens veterans coordinator from Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, is interested in feedback regarding improvement of services, problems with filing claims and how the office can provide assistance. She will be available:

- Tuesday, July 26 from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Bartholomew Building, 110 N. Court St., Heppner.
- Wednesday, July 27 from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman.

For more information or to share your story if unable to attend, contact Estabrooks at 971-720-9116 or elizabeth.estabrooks@state.or.us.

Art show seeks participants

Artists from any medium are invited to apply to participate in the 16th annual Harvest of Art Show, which runs in conjunction with the city's festival, which has been re-named Milton-Freewater Rocks!

Entry forms are available at the Milton-Freewater Library, The Arts Portal Gallery or by calling Blanche Mason at 541-938-5126. The deadline to enter is Saturday, Aug. 13. There is a \$7 fee for each entry.

The show opens Friday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Central School, 306 S.W. Second Ave., Milton-Freewater. It continues the same hours on Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. A closing reception is set for Sunday, with prizes awarded and artists' work returned.

For more information, call 541-938-5516 or 541-938-5126.

Bloomz Coffee Bar opens downtown

By **JADE McDOWELL**
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A quick latte or cinnamon roll is now within easy walking distance of downtown businesses after Bloomz Coffee Bar opened Tuesday.

The coffee shop, located at 140 NE 2nd Street, is leasing space from Simmons Insurance Group on the former RoeMark's property next to Scrubs Life. It offers a variety of food and drinks, including coffee, lemonade, chocolates, bagels, breakfast sandwiches, scones and other pastries.

"We're trying to serve the downtown business base," said Rod Zumwalt, one of the shop's co-owners.

His family also owns Bloomz Floral & Boutique, which will continue to be located nearby at 215 E

Main St. He said they hope to build a relationship with regular customers from the downtown area who will stop in for a coffee and maybe some breakfast too on the way to work.

The shop is not completely furnished yet (more seating will be forthcoming in the next few days) but is open for business. Zumwalt said after the soft opening they will continue to adjust

the hours and other components according to demand.

"We will start 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but we're going to play it by ear what the customer base wants," he said.

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