

PENDLETON

Fire damages duplex, cats perish

By PHIL WRIGHT
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Flaming oil in a Pendleton kitchen led to the blaze Saturday that heavily damaged a home and killed at least three house cats.

Pendleton Fire and Ambulance Service received a call-out Saturday at 5:36 p.m. for a fire at 4010 N.E. Riverside Ave., a duplex. Pendleton fire chief Mike Ciraulo said one person was home frying chicken on the stove when the oil became too hot and flamed up.

The occupant ran outside to get a garden hose to extinguish the fire, Ciraulo said, and that was the wrong move. The water hit the oil, splattering the fiery liquid on kitchen cabinets and spreading the flames.

Ciraulo said the occupant got out unhurt, but seven cats also lived in the home. One badly injured cat ran away, he said, and the crew found the remains of three more. Firefighters also rescued one cat, he said.

The Red Cross reported two people lived in the home and the local chapter responded to help them.

Ciraulo said the unit with the fire sustained heavy damage, while the adjacent unit sustained smoke damage.

During the response a Pendleton fire engine driver received a written warning for a collision outside the city's main station at Southwest Court Avenue and 10th Street.

The big rig was bound for the emergency when it struck a Hyundai Sonata. Ciraulo said that delayed the team for a few minutes while



Photo contributed by Pendleton Fire Department

Firefighters provide aid to a cat they rescued from a house fire Saturday.



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A Pendleton firefighter sprays a house fire Saturday in Pendleton.

responded to the crash and a trooper issued a written warning to the fire engine driver for illegal operation of an emergency vehicle.

Ciraulo said the first engine to arrive at the burning home came from the station on Southgate/Highway 395, and the other engine arrived soon after. Still, he said, to the people involved, the delay felt like a long time. The fire chief also said this speaks to why the department needs to move to a proposed new station at the old St. Anthony property, 1601 S.E. Court Ave. From there, he said, the response time would have been far shorter.

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police showed up and staff exchanged information with the car's driver. While no one was harmed and the fire

engine had minor damage, Ciraulo said the car had moderate damage. Oregon State Police

HERMISTON

Event gets participants plowing the pioneer way

By TAMMY MALGESINI
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An international champion and a novice were among the participants in Saturday's CC Plowing event at Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.

Organizer Lee Carlson was excited to have nearly a dozen teams of horses in the field during the event, which highlights the pioneer plowing technique and features draft horses and mules.

"This is getting to be a lost art," Carlson said. "I'm 75 and about done with it. We want to get the young people to do this."

Among those hitching up a team was Duane Van Dyke of One Mile Shires. In 2015, the Yamhill farmer placed first in the 74th annual International Plowing Match at Lynden, Washington — the first time an Oregon man came home with the big trophy.

Van Dyke said the key is having a good team, a good plow and to move slow and steady.

His team featured Andy and Baby Claire, half-sibling Shire horses. He outbid a gal about a dozen years ago at an auction sale to get a circa 1930s Oliver Plow.

"All she wanted it for was a yard decoration," Van Dyke said with a laugh.

A simple piece of equipment, it features curved steel blades that are mounted on a frame. Van Dyke's skillful hands then guide the nearly two tons of horsepower as the blades cut through the dirt like a knife through butter.

"You look at his rows and you see how straight they are," Carlson said. "He



Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

Duane Van Dyke of Yamhill guides Andy and Baby Claire, a pair of Shire horses, Saturday during CC Plowing at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston.

started with his grandfather from the time he was a kid. You don't have that anymore — they all use tractors."

Carlson also was thrilled to see Lydia Wahls work with a team. The Echo woman works for Madison Ranches.

"She plowed about two hours yesterday," Carlson said. "It's the first time she ever had a plow in her hand."

Wahls said she enjoys learning new things and everyone was friendly and helpful in providing tips.

Also on hand was Carlson's grandson, Clayton Carlson. Now living in Canby, the 17-year-old enjoyed riding a late-

1800s sulky plow. He, too, appreciated the old-school style of plowing.

"It's tradition," he said. "And it's fun to do it."

A working farmer, Van Dyke enjoys the camaraderie of going to competitions. His grandfather urged him to enter his first contest at the age of 12. However, there's a bigger draw for Van Dyke.

"What I really love," he said, "is being with the horses."

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Photo contributed by Eric Adkins

Country musician Gary Allan is the headliner for the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon kick-off concert. Tickets go on sale May 1 for the Sept. 9 event.

Gary Allan to headline Round-Up concert

Tickets on sale May 1

East Oregonian

Country music superstar Gary Allan will kick off this fall's Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon.

Known for hit No. 1 singles "Man to Man," "Nothing On But the Radio," "Watching Airplanes" and "Tough Little Boys," Allan mixes honky-tonk bravado with grainy isolation. He has released eight studio albums, seven of which reached gold status and three were certified platinum.

Allan will take the stage during the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon kick-off concert Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Happy Canyon Arena. Ticket prices, which range from \$40 to \$130, go on sale Monday, May 1 at 9 a.m.

Allan's latest album, "Set You Free," features the hit single "Every Storm Runs Out of Rain." While Allan has always

had a gritty, gravelly edge to his performances, he pushes himself on "Set You Free," singing with more command, authority and pliability than he has in years. The album, sequenced with a storyline in which a man breaks the restraints of a failed relationship and conquers the loneliness of its aftermath, is the result of Allan's own journey as a man and as an artist.

Happy Canyon President Corey Neistadt said he is excited to bring Allan to Pendleton and for fans to have an opportunity to see the star in the Happy Canyon Arena.

"Having Gary Allan hit the stage is a fantastic way to kick off Round-Up week," Neistadt said. "We know he'll really enjoy the intimate setting of the Happy Canyon Arena that brings stars so close to their fans."

To reserve tickets, call 800-457-6336 (select option 1 for tickets) or visit www.pendletonroundup.com.

BRIEFLY

April means spring cleaning for Boardman

BOARDMAN — Get ready for spring cleaning in Boardman.

The city will sponsor its annual community-wide cleanup event during the month of April, with garbage vouchers available at both Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station.

The voucher program is meant to encourage residents to clean up their homes and yards of clutter. There is a \$50 limit on vouchers at Finley Butte, and no limit at the transfer station.

Residents can pick up vouchers at city hall beginning Friday. For more information, call 541-481-9252.

County donating dumpster for area cleanup

HERMISTON — The Hermiston Kiwanis Club will tackle a major task this Wednesday: cleaning up the vacant property on Theater Lane. The club is looking

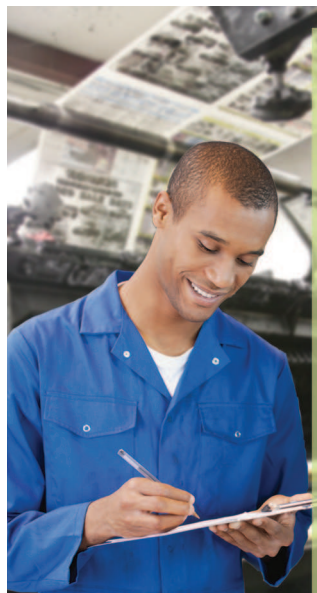
for more volunteers to help with the cleanup. Volunteers will gather at noon at 8th Street and Theater Lane, and hope to work for an hour or two cleaning up debris. Trash bags and water will be provided, but volunteers are asked to bring gloves and wear appropriate clothing in case of rain.

The area has become an unauthorized dump site, but Kiwanis Club members are hoping to clean it all up this week. The county donated a 29 cubic-foot dumpster, which the club hopes to completely fill with trash.

"People use it as a dump site, but that's actually the projected site for a new school," said Blaine Hendrickson of the Hermiston Kiwanis Club. "I've been a resident of the area for six years, and every time I drive by I try to pick up some trash, but it's gotten so bad recently."

One of the proper places to dump trash, Hendrickson said, is the transfer station at 81144 North Highway 395.

Volunteers who have trucks are asked to bring them, as some items are heavy and will need to be moved.



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