Firefighters work to contain Gilliam County wildfire

Associated Press

PENDLETON — Crews say they've gotten the better of a wildfire that has scorched about 56 square miles and threatened homes in Eastern Oregon.

A spokeswoman for the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center told The East Oregonian crews expected to have the Scott Canyon fire fully contained by Monday night.

The blaze started Thursday along the banks of the John Day River and spread

toward the community of Mikkalo — halfway between Arlington and Condon.

The fire has been determined to be human-caused, but investigators are working to figure out exactly how it started.

Ground crews had battled the flames with help from six single-engine air tankers and three helicopters, which dumped water and retardant around the perimeter.

The structural damage was limited to one unoccupied homestead, which was completely destroyed.

Oregon timber harvest slips below 4 billion board feet

Decrease driven by slowdown in Asian exports

Associated Press

PORTLAND Oregon's timber harvest dropped below 4 billion board feet in 2015, snapping a two-year run above that benchmark, according to statistics released Monday by the state Department of Forestry.

The 3.79 billion board feet harvested last year represents an 8 percent decline from 2014, and that harvest was slightly lower than 2013.

Brandon Kaetzel, a top economist at the department, said the decrease was largely driven by a slowdown in exports to Asia. Moreover, an increase in Canadian lumber hurt demand for Oregon logs and an active fire season caused problems.

One board foot of lumber is a foot wide, a foot long and an inch thick. It takes 10,000 board feet to build a roughly 1,800-square-foot house.

Sixty percent of Oregon's forest land is federal. Industrial and family owned lands comprise another 34 percent and the rest is divided between entities such as the state, counties and tribes.

The statistics show the harvest slumped across all ownership types, except state-owned.

Douglas County, in southwest Oregon, remained the state's top producer in timber volume, though its total fell to about 560 million board feet. Neighboring Lane County was next at almost 553 million. Both counties topped 600 million in 2014.

Though most timber-rich counties saw a decline, some defied the trend. Klamath County's harvest jumped to 131 million board feet — 27 percent more than in 2014. Counties such as Baker and Grant saw even higher percentage gains, but based on much lower volume.

Oregon's timber harvest is less than what it was before environmental issues such as the spotted owl led to reduced logging on federal lands. The harvest peaked at nearly 10 billion board feet in 1972 and has not exceeded 5 billion since 1993.

The harvest has recovered from a recession-low 2.7 billion board feet in 2009.

Youth health checks offered with some swag tonight

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization hosts two Student Wellness Activities and Games events as a creative and fun way to make preventive care the norm for adolescents.

The first is from 6 to 7:30 tonight, and the second one is 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24. Both are being held at the Providence Medical Group, 725 S. Wahanna Road in Seaside.

The events provide dedicated time to adolescent well visits in a way that is engaging and informative, by offering games, raffle prizes and food along with checkups and sports physicals. The free events are for Oregon Health Plan members ages 12 to 20.

Bodies identified from Oregon Coast plane crash

Associated Press

GRANTS PASS — Josephine County Sheriff Dave Daniel says a medical examiner has identified the bodies of a father and son from Grants Pass who died in a plane crash off the Oregon Coast.

The bodies of 46-year-old John Belnap and 17-year-old Max Belnap were recovered last week near Brookings.

The sheriff tells the Grants

Pass Daily Courier that the search for the third victim, 17-year-old Ryan Merker, has been halted because of rough seas but will resume when conditions improve.

A memorial service for

Merker was held Sunday. He and Max Belnap were friends and fellow athletes at Grants Pass High School.

The Cessna 172 crashed shortly after takeoff on the Fourth of July.

Investigation of bias complaint clears lottery commissioners

Associated Press

PORTLAND — An outside investigation found no wrongdoing on the part of two Oregon Lottery commissioners who had been accused of discriminating against an Iranian-American lottery manager.

Former lottery director Jack Roberts sought the investigation shortly before Gov. Kate Brown fired him in April. He expressed concern that national

origin was the reason Liz Carle and Mary Wheat opposed a promotion for the manager.

The outside review found Carle and Wheat's concern was about performance, and there was no evidence it was based on origin. Their opposition did not stop the manager's appointment.

Acting lottery director Barry Pack said in a statement he considers the matter to be fully resolved.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather.com **TONIGHT** WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY** 73 71 59 Areas of low clouds and Patchy fog, then sun; Sunshine; breezy in the Patchy fog, then sun Sunshine and comfortable breezy in the p.m. fog forming **ALMANAC REGIONAL WEATHER** Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs Astoria through Monday **Temperatures** Normal high/low 68°/54° Precipitation . 0.01" Monday .. 1.12" .. 0.89" 40.34" Month to date Normal month to date Year to date **SUN AND MOON** Sunset tonight 8:53 p.m 12:09 a.m. Moonrise today Moonset today 1:40 p.m Full Aug 18 July 26 Aug 2 Aug 10

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The moon is at last quarter (4:00 p.m.), at a right angle to the line between Earth and

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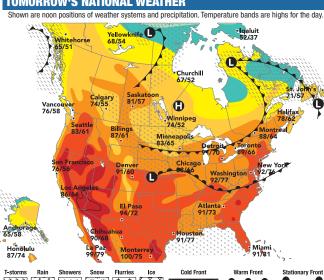
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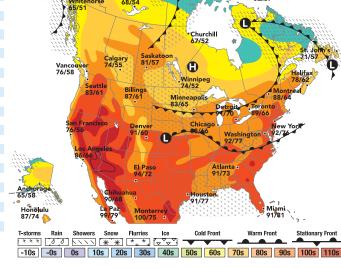
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Chicago	86	67	S	88	66	рс
Denver	95	62	t	91	60	t
Des Moines	87	67	рс	87	69	рс
Detroit	89	68	s	91	70	pc
El Paso	98	74	t	94	72	t
Fairbanks	72	54	С	75	55	С
Honolulu	89	76	S	87	74	S
Indianapolis	80	69	t	87	71	рс
Kansas City	87	68	pc	89	72	рс
Las Vegas	111	88	S	112	89	S
Los Angeles	87	66	pc	86	66	рс
Memphis	96	78	t	88	74	t
Miami	91	79	pc	91	81	рс
Nashville	95	74	t	91	73	t
New Orleans	88	77	t	88	78	t
New York	94	74	S	92	76	S
Oklahoma City	87	71	t	88	71	t
Philadelphia	95	75	pc	93	74	S
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DEATH

June 28, 2016

PLYTER, Duane A., 76, of Milton-Freewater, formerly of Astoria and Warrenton, died at home. At his request, there is no service. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Sunday, July 31 LARSON, Mary

(Lewis) — Memorial at 6 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 451 34th St. A reception follows. Larson, 92, of Astoria, died Saturday, July 23, 2016, at Providence Seaside Hospital. Longview Memorial Park Funeral Home & Cemetery in Longview, Washington, is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

Assault

• At 5:31 p.m. Sunday, Oregon State Police arrested Jacob Allan Wilkins-Smithson, 39, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, for assault on U.S. Highway 101 and Westlake Lane in Gearhart.

DUII arrest

• At 10:13 p.m. Friday, Oregon State Police arrested Benjamin Lee Jamison, 41, of Canby, for driving under the influence of intoxicants on U.S. Highway 26.

• At 7:14 p.m. Saturday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Angelyne Lamberts, 50, of Portland, for DUII on U.S. Highway 101 and East Pine Lane in Gearhart.

• At 7:55 a.m. Sunday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Richard Biros, 44, of Forest Grove, for DUII at the New Youngs Bay Bridge roundabout.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY Clatsop Care Health District

Board, noon, Clatsop Care Health and Rehabilitation Center, 646 16th St. **Astoria Library Board, 5:30** p.m., Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St. **Warrenton City Commis**sion, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave. **Seaside Airport Advisory**

Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway. Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Astoria Traffic Safety Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Astoria Planning Commission, immediately follows Traffic Safety Committee, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

WEDNESDAY Astoria Parks and Recreation Board, 6:45 a.m., ARC, 1555 W. Marine Drive. **Clatsop County Housing Au**thority Board, 5 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria. **Clatsop County Board of** Commissioners, 6 p.m., **Judge Guy Boyington**

Building, 857 Commercial St.,

Astoria.

Open house planned for west side upgrade

The Daily Astorian

The city will host an open house Thursday on potential improvements on the west

The Astor West Urban Renewal District could expand to include a section of Bond Street, which might reopen the street to two-way traffic. Slides have limited the street to one-way use.

The city may also help property owners make improvements to help revitalize the corridor.

The open house is from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, 111 W. Marine Drive in Uniontown.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4: 1 p.m.: 1-3-7-4 4 p.m.: 2-8-4-8

7 p.m.: 3-2-8-1

10 p.m.: 0-4-5-0

Monday's Megabucks: 3-22-23-28-34-35 Estimated jackpot: \$7.9 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 5-3-5 Monday's Hit 5: 03-21-23-24-

Estimated jackpot: \$200,000 Monday's Keno: 03-10-11-13-15-16-17-18-24-26-28-37-40-44-45-57-66-73-77-80 Monday's Lotto: 02-03-05-12-

Estimated jackpot: \$3 million Monday's Match 4: 06-13-17-

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