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HELIX Blaze threatens farm



A lightning storm came through the area Saturday evening and touched off a field fire fed by erratic winds.

Pair of lightning-sparked fires burn through nearly 2,000 acres

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Bruce and Gail Brogoitti's wild Saturday evening started with a thunder clap. Then came a phone call from a neighbor who said flames were racing their way. Dry lightning had touched off a neighbor's wheat field and a wall of flame fanned by erratic winds had moved into the Brogoitti's crop and raced toward their century farm on Helix Highway about two miles southeast of Helix.

Bruce sprinted to his tractor and used disking equipment to quickly churn a line around the farmhouse and outbuildings. "By the time I got a guard line done, the fire had already come up the draw," Bruce said. Gail stayed in the house, grabbing her insulin and a carrier for a pair of family cats should they have to flee. She nervously glanced outside. "I could see flame through both bedroom windows," she said. "It was terrifying." She glimpsed her husband through heavy smoke.

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Help arrived in the form of firefighters and a cadre of neighbors with water trucks and tractors. Bruce started sprinklers. A neighbor used a garden hose to spray trees. Lt. Kyle Bryant, of the Helix Rural Fire Department, served as incident commander for the fire, which was one of two lightning-caused fires near Helix. "Two separate fires got going about the same time," Bryant said.

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HEPPNER Apartment fire destroys two units

Seven people displaced

By GEORGE PLAVERN
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The Oregon State Fire Marshal's office continues to investigate what started a fire that destroyed two apartments and damaged four others Saturday evening in Heppner. Morrow County Undersheriff Steve Myren said one tenant, an elderly woman, was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with burns on her arms. Her injuries were not believed to be life-threatening. The blaze at Mountain Glen Apartments was just one of several incidents that kept emergency services busy across Morrow County. Firefighters were also called to help contain a large field fire along Big Butter Creek Road east of Heppner that

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Kidnapped woman calls 9-1-1, rescued near Arlington

East Oregonian and Associated Press

A woman kidnapped and raped by a man who broke into her car Saturday in Arlington was able to call 9-1-1 for help after the vehicle got a flat tire, authorities said Monday. The suspect, William T. Cooter II, 42, of Greenville, Tennessee, was arraigned Monday afternoon on charges of kidnapping, rape, sex abuse, sodomy, assault, coercion, menacing, criminal mischief, meth possession, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, providing false information to a police officer and interfering with making a report.



Cooter

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Lawmakers ask Congress to reclassify marijuana

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon lawmakers want to call on the U.S. Congress to remove marijuana from a national list of the most dangerous narcotics and work out a solution that would give state-legalized pot businesses access to banks. The state House-Senate

committee that has been working on marijuana issues voted Thursday to pass a measure that will send that message to Congress. Senate Joint Memorial 12 calls on Congress to declassify marijuana as a Schedule I drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act and work on banking solutions for pot businesses in states with legalized marijuana. Drugs are listed under Schedule I if they have a high potential for abuse and no accepted medical value in the U.S. Heroin is another drug listed as Schedule I while methamphetamine has a lower classification under Schedule II. According to the memorial, 23 states and Washington, D.C., have some form of legal marijuana. "Really the memorial is our little love note to Congress to say, 'Please help us unscramble this issue by un-scheduling marijuana and dealing with the financial prohibitions in the federal banking system,'" said Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, who asked for the memorial to be drafted. Ferrioli said that "prob-

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Cayden Carroll, 6, and Asher Carroll, 1, inspect the newly unveiled statue of their great-grandmother, Kathleen McClintock. McClintock presided as queen of the Pendleton Round-Up in 1929.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

PENDLETON Rodeo queen immortalized in bronze

Kathleen McClintock stands across the street from cowboy George Fletcher

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

A rodeo queen is the latest to arrive on Pendleton's version of the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Instead of stars, bronzes dot Main Street, each an unforgettable personage from Pendleton's colorful past. A statue of 1929 Round-Up Queen Kathleen McClintock, unveiled Saturday, joined bronzes of two famous rodeo cowboys and a brothel madam. Another statue, of 1926 Round-Up queen Esther Motanic (the Round-Up's first Indian queen) sits at the convergence of Dorion and Court avenues. Medford sculptor Georgia Bunn created the McClintock bronze referencing an 8-by-10-inch photo obtained from the family. Bunn joined about 60 others to watch Pendleton Mayor Phillip Houk and three family members pull away a covering to reveal the rodeo queen outfitted in fringed skirt and vest, hat and knee-high boots and clutching a rope in her hand. Bunn, who took four months to craft the statue, said she wanted to capture McClintock's personality. "She had a sweet demeanor, a warm inviting smile," Bunn said. "She looked like a woman you would want to get to know." The McClintock bronze sits across the cross-

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