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Crews contain Scott Canyon fire

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Firefighters were expected to fully contain the Scott Canyon Fire in rural Gilliam County by late Monday, according to a spokeswoman with the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center.

The blaze, which started Thursday on private land near the John Day River, has burned 33,587 acres between Condon and Arlington. A Type 3 incident management team responded Saturday from the Deschutes and Ochoco national forests, as well as the Bureau of Land Management's Prineville District, to assist local firefighters.

The fire was human-caused, though investigators are still working to determine exactly how it started. High winds fanned the flames up and down several canyons in the area, making for tricky firefighting conditions. Crews on the ground were



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supported by six single-engine air tankers and three helicopters, which dumped water and retardant around the fire perimeter over the weekend.

The fire did destroy

one old homestead, which was unoccupied. No other structures were damaged. Lisa Clark, fire information officer with the Central Oregon Interagency Dispatch Center,

commended the initial response for keeping local farms and ranches safe.

Another fire in central Oregon also erupted Sunday about 13 miles east of Warm Springs. That

blaze is now roughly 4,800 acres, but wasn't immediately threatening homes.

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- **Firefighters extinguish Irrigon house fire**
- IRRIGON — Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District responded to a house fire Sunday night on 11th Street.
- No one was home at the time of the fire, which a neighbor called in at about 7 p.m.
- Lt. Kelly Shelton said one room was destroyed by flames and others were damaged by smoke, but the house was not a total loss. She said she believed a family of four lived in the home.
- The cause is unknown. Boardman Rural Fire Protection District provided mutual aid.
- **Fire burns travel trailer, single-wide trailer**
- MILTON-FREEWATER — The Milton-Freewater Rural Fire Department quickly put out a trailer fire just outside the city Thursday.
- Fire Chief Rick Saager said a nearby egg cooler caught fire and burned a travel trailer as well as a part of a single-wide trailer at 52800 W. Ballou, a few miles north of Milton-Freewater.
- The call was put out at 1:35 p.m. and under control just after 4 p.m.
- With the resident family unharmed, Saager said the single-wide received minimal smoke damage and will be inhabitable once the power is returned.

PENDLETON

Big Bridges kicks off Wednesdays in the Park

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Local and regional music acts are featured during a free weekly summer concert series in Pendleton.

Wednesdays in the Park kicks off its sophomore season Wednesday, July 27 from 6-8 p.m. at Roy Raley Park, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. Presented by Pendleton Parks & Recreation and Sounds Like Entertainment, the first all-ages show features Big Bridges.

The multinational, all-star rock band features Oregon's own Casey Neill and Japan's Takashi O'hashi. Neill — of Casey Neill and The Norway Rats — is a solid presence around Portland, spinning out heavy gauge country-rock with some folk influence. O'Hashi is a legend in Japanese metal circles. In addition, he's done different kinds of projects throughout his career.



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Big Bridges kicks off the second season of Wednesdays in the Park. The free event is Wednesday, July 27 at Roy Raley Park in Pendleton.

The Aug. 3 show brings in 1939 Ensemble, an instrumental trio from Portland. With an unusual lineup of drums, vibraphone and noise, the group draws influences from krautrock, jazz and new wave. Their sound moves between ominous dissonance noise to sharp bombastic beats.

Central Washington's hauntingly beautiful song-crafters Planes On Paper will perform Aug. 10. The duo of

Navid Eliot and Jen Borst will be joined by Sam Watts (lead singer/songwriter for Ghosts I've Met) on drums and Kent Ueland (frontman of The Holy Broke and Terrible Buttons) on bass.

Hardly needing an introduction, the Pendleton-based band Imperial Twang will perform Aug. 17. They play alternative country rock.

The final show of the season on Aug. 24 brings Alaska native Annalisa

Tornfelt to town.

Growing up, Tornfelt listened to classical music, Disney, and Chuck Mangione's song "Children of Sanchez." She played bluegrass for decades and recently discovered rock when her bandmates (Black Prairie) asked her to sing a cover of "The Song Remains the Same" at a New Year's Eve party.

People are invited to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the tunes. Also, bring an appetite and some cash, as Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co. will be serving pizza, beer and wine, and Delicious Dogs will offer hot dogs.

For more information, visit www.pendletonpark-sandrec.com or search Facebook for "Wednesdays in the Park."

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Microdistillery set to open in September

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The next batch of Pendleton-made liquor is coming this summer.

Rodney Bullington, who owns the Oregon Grain Growers distillery with his wife Kelli, said its tasting room will have a soft open in August and open fully in September.

The Bullingtons held an open house Saturday, where they showed people some of the equipment they installed and explained the distilling process.

Rodney said he will begin distilling within the next week with the intent to offer vodka and white whiskey to start.

The couple will also begin to barrel age a darker whiskey and bourbon, which takes 18 months and four years to do, respectively.

Rodney and Kelli have been planning to start a microdistillery for years and have been working to convert the building at 511 S.E. Court Ave. from a defunct antique store to a functional distillery and

business.

Before it was an antique store, the building was a car dealership and service station, and the new owners are trying to redesign the outside to resemble the facility's mid-century past.

Both Bullingtons were Pendleton Grain Growers employees and used a PGG burlap sack as the basis for designing their vodka label.

Rodney thinks Oregon Grain Growers will be a good fit in the region.

"Distilling is an extension of agriculture," he said.

Eventually, the Bullingtons plan to expand their operation to include a bar and restaurant.

But in the meantime, they've prepared for their tasting room opening by building a following on Oregon Grain Growers' social media accounts and consulting with the owners of Prodigal Son Brewery and Pub, another couple that was able to turn an old auto shop into a successful microbrewery and restaurant.

Two trucks involved in freeway crash

BOARDMAN — A semitrailer hauling potatoes and a commercial semitrailer were involved in an early morning crash Saturday on Interstate 84.

At 4:28 a.m. on July 23, Oregon State Police and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of an accident at milepost 160 westbound near Boardman.

OSP is still investigating but, according to trooper Amy Ford, one truck rear-ended the other. Both drivers sustained injuries. One male was flown via helicopter to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Wash. A second male was taken via ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

The westbound lanes of traffic were closed for about 19 minutes.

Hermiston School District to begin registration

HERMISTON — Registration for Hermiston schools begins Monday, Aug. 1. Previously enrolled elementary and middle school students are not required to register unless the family has moved over the summer.

Elementary students new to the district or to a particular school can register Monday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday at the individual school from 8-11:30 a.m. or from 1-3 p.m.

Registration for new middle school students will be held at each middle school building from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Tuesday Aug. 2, school staff will be in a morning training and only available for registration in the afternoon.

If parents are unable

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to register their student during these times they are encouraged to contact the school directly to schedule an appointment.

Parents or guardians enrolling new students are asked to provide a record of the student's birth (i.e. birth certificate, baptismal certificate or passport), proof of residence/physical address, health records and previous report cards or transcripts to complete the process.

Registration for Hermiston High School students is scheduled from Aug. 15-19: Monday-Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4-7 p.m.; Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Seniors and juniors can register on the

15th, sophomores on the 16th and freshmen on the 17th. Open registration will be Aug. 18-19 for any remaining students.

District open houses will be held Thursday, August 25.

For additional information, contact your student's school.

Parking lot sale benefits Agape House

HERMISTON — Furniture, clothing and kick-knacks are available during a parking lot sale at Agape House.

The event is Saturday from 8:30-11 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston.

Clothing will be priced at three items for a dollar, furnishings is priced as marked and knick-knacks are you name the price. Donations for the sale are welcome through Friday.

Agape House serves individuals and families in need. For more information, call 541-567-8774.

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