

**PILOT ROCK**

**Fix heads to prison for arson, homicide**

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Angela Marie Fix of Pilot Rock pleaded no contest to charges stemming from the July 2017 death of Larry Castro, 77, at his Pilot Rock home.

The Umatilla County District Attorney's Office charged Fix with first-degree arson and second-degree manslaughter in the case. Fix has been in the

county jail in Pendleton since her arrest July 16, 2017. She was due in court Monday for a settlement conference. Instead, that became a change of plea hearing.

She took a deal, according to court records, and gave no contest pleas to second-degree arson and criminally negli-



Fix

gent homicide. Retired Circuit Judge Paul G. Crowley of Hood River presided over the hearing. He sentenced Fix to seven-and-half years in state prison, minus the credit for her time in the local jail, in accordance with her plea petition. On the document, which

she signed Monday, Fix stated, "I am stipulating that the harm was greater than average," which acknowledges the district attorney's recommendation for the maximum time for negligent homicide. Fix also owes restitution of \$2,401.65.

Fix remains in the county jail. Court documents state the sheriff's office will not send Fix to prison until after Aug. 15.

**STANFIELD**

**Citizens ask for more pressure on 3D Idapro**

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN  
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The city of Stanfield is still trying to figure out what to do about the smell.

At the council meeting on Tuesday, a few residents showed up to find out how to deal with the odors still coming from the 3D Idapro plant, which processes potatoes to make dog food.

The plant has received near-daily citations, the cost of which range between \$0 and \$2,000 per occurrence. The city has to receive complaints from at least four separate households in a 12-hour period to levy a citation.

In discussions about how to put pressure on the company, one option citizens considered was no longer accepting donations from the business.

City manager Blair Larsen said the company contributed \$5,000 to new playground equipment at Bard Park. There is a temporary sign thanking all the donors, including 3D Idapro.

"We had a motion that we don't accept any more donations and a motion to remove

the sign and any sign with their name on it," Larsen said. "But the staff perspective was that it would be improper to do that unless we also give the money back."

The council considered, and said at this time they did not want to return the money and remove the signs.

Carlos Chavez, a Stanfield resident, said he felt the fines were helping.

Larsen said he heard the citations were close to \$1,000 now.

"People want the fines increased quicker or maxed out," he said.

"I spoke to the judge two weeks ago," Larsen said. "I made her aware of everything said at the public meeting (last month)."

Larsen said while 3D Idapro has been trying to get the city a meeting with the company's executives, it wouldn't change the citation process.

"The only other option is if the city wants to take action — a lawsuit," Larsen said. But he said the general consensus at the last meeting was that citizens did not want to do so to do so.

**Sheriff's office investigates cattle deaths**

By PHIL WRIGHT  
East Oregonian

Seven cows died in the last week on Weston Mountain after someone shut off their water supply. Umatilla County Sheriff Terry Rowan urged livestock owners to check on their animals and make sure they have plenty to drink.

Last Wednesday a livestock owner reported finding two cows dead off Highway 204 near milepost 5, and a subsequent call reported five more

dead cows, all from lack of water.

"This is something we've never had before," Rowan said.

The livestock owner told investigators he sets a water tank on the property that feeds into a trough, Rowan said, then opens the spigot but removes the handle and leaves it nearby. That way the cattle don't bump the handle and shut off the flow.

"In this particular situation, someone shut it off and it left them without

water," he said.

Other livestock growers also reported vandalism to their water systems, including the removal of floats from water tanks and in one case the dismantling of a pump that fed a water trough. All of the incidents occurred behind fences on private property.

"Thankfully, in all these other cases, they caught them in a day or two," Rowan said.

Oregon State Police received a call Saturday afternoon from a livestock

owner who reported someone shut off the water supply to the trough, causing his cows to die. Lt. Mike Turner, commander of state police in Pendleton, said that case looks to be the same one the sheriff's office is investigating.

Rowan said whoever is behind this faces charges of trespassing, theft and criminal mischief, plus first-degree animal abuse, a felony. With temperatures now driving past 100 this week, he said, animals need water.

**Tickets on sale for Hall of Fame banquet**

PENDLETON — Tickets for the annual banquet to honor Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame inductees are now on sale.

Those being honored include Brad Goodrich of Stanfield, who competed in Round-Up for 30 years; Bill Dawson, a behind-the-scenes volunteer for five decades and this year's grand marshal of the Westward Ho! Parade; the late Janie Pond, a two-time Happy Canyon princess who later supervised American Indian participants in the Round-Up arena; and



File photo

Brad Goodrich is among the 2018 inductees into the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame. Tickets are now on sale for the annual banquet, which is Sept. 9 at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Smith & Velvet, who was named four times as the bareback bucking horse of the year by the Profes-

sional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

The banquet is Sunday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$40 at the Round-Up ticket office, 1114 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton. If available, tickets will be sold at the door for \$45.

Founded in 1969, the hall of fame, which is located across the street from the Round-Up Grounds, preserves the history of the Round-Up and Happy Canyon. In 2011, it received honorable mention in True West Magazine's Top Western Museums. For more information, call 541-278-0815 or visit [www.pendletonhalloffame.com](http://www.pendletonhalloffame.com).

**Maxwell Market taking a break this week**

HERMISTON — The Maxwell Market will take a one-week break this week.

The Hermiston farmer's market, which has been running Thursday evenings on the corner of Locust Avenue and North First Place, will resume next week.

The market staff wrote on Facebook that the cancellation was made in consideration of fair week and the extreme heat warnings that show Hermiston could get up to 111 degrees Thursday.

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