

Fireworks silhouette a mother and daughter Sunday evening, July 3, 2022, at the Walmart parking lot in Pendleton. Yasser Marte/East Oregonian



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Fireworks explode in the night sky Sunday, July 3, 2022, over Pendleton to celebrate Fourth of July. Photos By Yasser Marte/East Oregonian



Pendleton lights up the night



Left: The Lopez family gets their chairs and sparklers out Sunday evening, July 3, 2022, at the Walmart parking lot in Pendleton for the town's Fourth of July fireworks show. Right: The Perkins and Erickson family get ready Sunday evening, July 3, 2022, to watch Pendleton's Fourth of July fireworks show from the Walmart parking lot.



WILDFIRE SEASON

Survey finds fears eased after spring rains

By MICHAEL KOHN
The Bulletin

PORTLAND — Significant rainfall this spring noticeably greened up the Oregon countryside and appears to have calmed nerves across the state, according to a survey about wildfire danger conducted in June by the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center.

The survey, conducted June 2-11, found 60% of respondents felt wildfire was a threat to their local communities. In May 2021, that number was 68%.

The wildfire perception survey interviewed 1,446 Oregon residents 18 or older. The survey sought to gauge how concerned Oregon residents are heading into what officials have warned could be a dangerous wildfire season.

In mid-May, Gov. Kate Brown warned this year's fire season could be extreme due to drought and climate change. But May and June were relatively cool and wet in the Pacific Northwest, lowering drought levels across the region.

Oregon's only remaining swath of exceptional drought — the highest level of drought according to the U.S. drought monitor — is in an area straddling Crook and Jefferson counties.

"Considering the extremely wet spring, it is not a major surprise that when asked about their area of Oregon, Oregonians' concern for wildfire has decreased a bit since May of last year," according to a statement from the polling group.

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Red dresses call attention to the missing

Wildhorse Pow Wow recognizes thousands of missing indigenous women

By ANTONIO ARREDONDO
East Oregonian

MISSION — After two days full of dancing and drumming at the 26th annual Wildhorse Pow Wow, the many indigenous tribes gathered in the area took a moment to recognize those who are missing.

The pow wow is a Native American tradition where many tribes gather together to celebrate their culture as well as compete in different events. One of the events at this

year's Wildhorse Pow Wow was the Red Dress Competition.

"It's a newer movement to raise awareness for the missing women from Canada and the United States," Pow Wow Master of Ceremonies Thomas Morning Owl said. "It started in Canada but has moved down here."

The REDress Project displays red dresses in public spaces to show the number of missing Indigenous women. Since 1980, thousands of indigenous women have gone missing, with most cases left unsolved. Morning Owl highlighted several cases in the Yakama tribes as well as some farther north in the Seattle area as regional examples.



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A woman watches as participants dance to the beat of the drum Sunday, July 3, 2022, at the Wildhorse Pow Wow in Mission.

