

# Fire damages home near lake

Two dogs killed in blaze; family not on property

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Two dogs are confirmed dead after a fire destroyed the home of the Bollman family Thursday afternoon south of Wallowa Lake.

Units from the Joseph, Wallowa and Enterprise fire departments as well as Wallowa County Emergency Services, the Sheriff's office and Oregon State Police responded to the blaze at 84611 Ice Creek Ln. Both a neighbor and an on-duty UPS truck driver reported the blaze to 911.

As smoke billowed from the double-wide manufactured home with a steel building shell, firefighters manned



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Firefighters attack the blaze that caused extensive damage to a home on Ice Creek Lane south of Wallowa Lake on Thursday. Two dogs lost their lives in the blaze.

with hoses and chainsaws slogged through a foot of snow and attacked the blaze.

While the firefighters appeared to gain the upper hand on the blaze relatively quick-

ly, damage to the home was extensive according to Enterprise Fire Department Capt.

Gary Gasset. "I don't want to call it a total loss, because I haven't been through the whole house, but what I saw was pretty bad," Gasset said.

Joseph Fire Department Chief Jeff Weeks said fire crews responded quickly to the scene. "It looked like it was going for a little bit before we got there, but we got right on top of it and knocked it down pretty fast," he said.

Confirming Gasset's estimation of the home being a total loss, Weeks said, "There was extensive smoke and water damage and fire damage to the front half of the building. The outside steel structure didn't get touched." He added that the cause of the fire is yet undetermined although suspected to be electrical.

Weeks confirmed that none of the Bollman family were on the property at the time of the blaze.

# Felon gets 14 months for firearm possession

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At a Jan. 6 Wallowa County Circuit Court appearance, Johnson Errol Ngirarois Jr., 35, of Enterprise was sentenced to 14 months in prison and two years of probation for a charge of felon in possession of a firearm, a Class C felony.

Ngirarois previously was convicted of felony assault II in Tillamook County in 2012.

Judge Brian C. Dretke handed down the sentence, the result of an Oct. 6 trial during which a 12-person jury convicted Ngirarois on the charge.

Ngirarois appeared via telephone from Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville.

# Militia says it has opened government files at refuge

Leader says documents will help Hammond arson case

Hammond, two area ranchers convicted of arson who returned to prison last week to serve longer sentences. The Hammonds' case set off the occupation of the Burns-area refuge on Jan. 2.

Bundy said his group is not accessing government computers at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, including personnel files.

After the news conference, the group drove in a convoy to a ranch near the refuge and tore down a stretch of government-erected fence. The goal, according to the armed men, was to give the rancher access to the range that had been blocked for years. It's not clear where the fence was located or which rancher sought the group's help.

The refuge is administered

by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Spokesman Jason Holm said because the documents and files at the refuge may have personally identifiable information, the agency "is taking necessary steps to ensure employee and family safety."

The agency strongly condemned the destruction of the fence and said the action undermines hard-earned conservation impacts achieved in the area.

"Removing fences, damaging any Refuge property, or unauthorized use of equipment would be additional unlawful actions by the illegal occupiers," Fish and Wildlife said in a statement. "Any movement of cattle onto the Refuge or other activities that are not specifically authorized by USFWS constitutes trespassing."

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**WHERE?** Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise  
**WHO?** Livestock Producers and Interested Public

**WHAT?**  
**2:00 p.m.** Free presentation "Plowing up the Past in the Imnaha Basin" by Lesley Morris, PhD Assistant Professor of Rangeland Sciences, OSU Agriculture and Natural Resources program at EOU

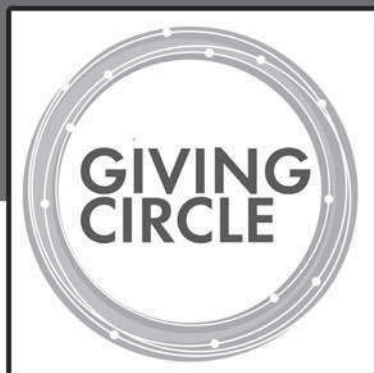
**5:30 p.m.** Doors Open for Scholarship Dinner & Auction

**6:00 p.m.** Prime Rib Dinner Prepared by Apple Flat Catering

**\$20 for 13 & Older - \$10 for ages 6-12 - Free for ages 5 & Under**

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