

Fire damages Hurricane Creek home

By Steve Tool

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A quick response from Joseph and Enterprise fire departments to a reported flue fire Wednesday morning likely prevented catastrophe at a home on Hurricane Creek Road.

No injuries were reported.

The initial dispatch call reporting a flue fire went to Joseph Fire at 9:06 a.m. The department was on the way to the scene when fire chief Jeff Weeks said he received a call that smoke was pouring from the attic at the home of Gene and Sharon Martin at 62789 Hurricane Creek. At that time, Weeks called on Enterprise Fire for assistance and had the sheriff's department close the road. The county road department also plowed and graded the road for emergency vehicles.

Smoke and steam poured from an attic vent as firefighters, some wearing oxygen tanks, pulled the ceiling down to get to the attic and also tore off exterior siding because the fire had spread from the fireplace backing into the wall. Some firefighters came from the home carrying canvas tarps filled with smoldering insulation and bits of ceiling while others carried out furniture.

Weeks thought the crew had a handle on the fire by 10:30 a.m.

"We're trying to cover everything to minimize the rest of the damage," he said. Firefighters had mopped up and left the scene by 12:30 p.m.

No injuries were reported, and Weeks said fire damage was limited to the fireplace wall and the upstairs living room and ceiling. The house itself sustained smoke damage throughout, and the basement



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Firefighters from Joseph and Enterprise fire departments emerge Wednesday from a home where a flue fire spread into other areas of the dwelling at 62789 Hurricane Creek Road. The firefighters quick response minimized the damage.

received some water damage.

"Overall it wasn't too bad," he said.

Weeks advised that citizens should be vigilant in checking their chimneys.

"With all the cold weather

we've had, be careful to see that your chimney is cleaned out. Have your flue cleaned before the wood burning season and if you move your damper a lot, it's a good idea to clean it again in the middle of the season."

Anti-Trump 'sister march' this Saturday

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Donald Trump will be sworn in as the 45th President of the United States on Friday. On Saturday, an estimated 200,000 women disgusted with Trump's behavior and rhetoric are expected to participate in the Women's March on Washington in a show of solidarity for human and women's rights.

A group of Wallowa County citizens have announced that a "sister march" in support of the Women's March on Washington will take place Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Joseph. Those interested in being part of the march are asked to meet in the Joseph public parking area at the junction of Imnaha Highway and North Lake Street.

As of Tuesday, the Women's March organization reported

that 616 marches around the world had been registered as "sister marches." Sister Marches are not officially or legally associated with the Women's March organization. They are a grassroots movement that has sprung up in support of the Washington, D.C., March.

Marches are also planned for Pendleton, Bend and other Oregon cities.

Many individuals, both at marches and at home, will be wearing pink knit hats in a show of solidarity with the Women's March.

The Pussyhat Project was organized by Krista Suh and Jayna Zweiman of Los Angeles, as a way for individuals who could not attend the marches to show their solidarity. The women designed a pattern for a cat-eared knit hat and launched the project on Facebook in late November.

Public meetings

Saturday, Jan. 21

Barreto Town Hall - Wallowa County: 10: a.m., Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, will provide insights into the upcoming 2017 legislative session, 668 NW First St., Enterprise.

Monday, Jan. 23

Wallowa Lake Rural Fire Protection District: 7 p.m., Wallowa Lake Fire Station, 60000 Mt. Howard Lane, Joseph.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Wallowa County Planning Commission 7 p.m., in the Circuit Courtroom at the Wallowa County Courthouse, 101 S. River St., Enterprise.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Wallowa County Planning Commission: 7 p.m. in the Thornton conference room at the Wallowa County Courthouse

Wednesday, Feb. 1

Lostine City Council, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, Lostine.

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