

Garage, bedroom totaled in house fire

Hillside fire visible from downtown John Day

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A Sunday night fire destroyed a garage and an adjoining wing of a house on Skyline Drive in John Day.

Numerous vehicles and power tools inside the garage were also destroyed, but the occupants, including a dog and a bird, escaped unharmed.

John Day Dispatch received a call at 8 p.m. John Day and Canyon City fire responded along with John Day police and the sheriff's office.

The garage was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived, Canyon City Fire Chief Matt Turner said. Flames from the hillside home were visible to residents on the flats below in John Day.

A car, two three-wheeler motorcycles, a dirt bike and a motorcycle were burned up in the fire, which totally consumed the garage, leaving only charred and melted metal frames. Firefighters pulled the car out of the garage in order to control the fire.

The fire moved from the garage into the attic area of the house above a bedroom and bathroom. Firefighters



A garage and wing of a house on Skyline Drive in John Day were destroyed by a fire of unknown origin Nov. 4.

went through the house opening up ceilings to ensure the attic fire was out. Turner said the fire was contained before midnight, and his department

left the scene. John Day Assistant Fire Chief Don Gabbard said the two fire departments worked well together and put out the

fire in a timely fashion, holding it to just the garage and master bedroom. His crew left the scene about 1 a.m.

Dale and Shelly Mosier,

who lived in the house, lost much of their clothing in the bedroom fire. They moved temporarily into a motor home.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The Mosiers have insurance. Dale Mosier thanked the firefighters for their hard work.

OSU College of Ag to honor range scientist

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The Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences presented range scientist Dustin Johnson with its Award for Excellence in Extension Education Nov. 6.

Johnson is based at the Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Burns. His expertise is in rangeland ecology and management, rangeland monitoring and invasive plant ecology and management, according to an OSU Extension news release.

His primary applied research program centers on improving the efficiency and sustainability of ranchers industry in Eastern Oregon.

His efforts include training and assisting ranchers as well as public land management agency partners in developing and maintaining cooperative rangeland and grazing monitoring programs, engaging with diverse stakeholders to develop collaborative approaches to addressing complex natural resource and wildlife management issues and developing science-based tools and strategies for functional restoration of rangelands and wetlands degraded by invasive plants, OSU Extension said.

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