

Lightning Strikes Storage Building In East Fayetteville

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FAYETTEVILLE -- Rob Strange said he heard a loud pop Monday and then thought he smelled smoke in the house at 17585 Wyman Road, east of Fayetteville.

"It was a scary experience," he said, watching his storage shop burn. "My son said, 'The barn's on fire' and I looked out and the flames were going pretty good.

"Lightning struck it (the storage shop)," he said. "We had two motorcycles, tools and a lawn tractor (inside the building). I had just bought the tractor a few weeks ago and had just put it in the shop when it started raining.

Strange said the dirt bikes belonged to his sons.

As Cody Strange, Rob's son, watched the rubble and what looked like a burned bike frame, he mentioned his brother had only had his bike for about two months.

Firefighters from the Round Mountain Fire Department, assisted by the Goshen Fire Department, responded to the fire about 4:15 p.m. Firefighters extinguished the fire and were tearing down the 30- by 50-foot shed to ensure all the hot spots were out. There were no injuries and the fire never reached the house.

John Jenkins, Washington County fire marshal, was on the scene and is investigating. He said, based on Strange's comments, it's likely lightning started the blaze.

Strange said he was most upset about the family pictures stored in the building. The pictures depicted Strange's childhood and that of his children. "Those things can't be replaced," he said.



Firefighters from Round Mountain and Goshen fire departments work Monday at extinguishing a fire at 17585 Wyman Road, east of Fayetteville. Lightning is thought to have started the blaze, but no one was hurt.



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