

Bunny Barn continues winning streak



(L-R): Kathie Zaloudek from West Richland, WA, and Pam Renfro co-owner of KT's Bunny Barn in Lexington. They are with the Best of Breed and Best Opposite Breed Mini Rexes.

Pam Renfro and Kathie Zaloudek were at the Triple Crown Mini Rex Specialty Show in St. Helens on Nov. 15.

The winning doe, KT's Sashay, a junior Broken Blue, was purchased from the

KT's Bunny Barn by Kathie Zaloudek. The winning buck is BC Denver, a junior Castor owned by the Bunny Barn.

KT's Bunny Barn came home with five Best of Variety, nine Best Opposite of

Variety Awards and won first place in the Fur Class in all three shows.

KT's Bunny Barn is in the lead for the Greater Northwest Mini Rex Sweepstakes with only one show left for the year.

OWGL to hold Oregon Wheat Industry Conference

The officers, board members and staff of the Oregon Wheat Growers League (OWGL) are busily preparing the final touches for 2003 Oregon Wheat Industry Conference, scheduled for Dec. 1-2 in Portland. The Embassy Suites Hotel at Washington Square will serve as the host hotel.

The theme for the conference is "Power in Partnership," emphasizing the importance of strategic partnerships from the farm gate to the elevator to the international marketplace.

Leading off this year's conference is opening remarks by the Director of Oregon Department of Agriculture, Katy Coba. Governor Ted Kulongoski has also been invited to start the event.

Monday's general session will include a presentation from John Blanchfield of the American Bankers Association entitled "Federal Programs from a Banker's Perspective", and a message entitled, "Learn How the Decisions made in Washington D.C. Affect your Business", by Bert Farris, Foreign Agricultural Service.

"Extinction or Evolution? Court Rulings Affecting Commodity Commissions" will be the topic of Tuesday's general session, presented by Bob Smith of Association Partners Plus.

The Oregon Wheat Growers League will hold its annual membership meeting within the conference on the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 2.

All agriculture producers and representatives of commodity organizations are invited and encouraged to attend this informative conference. Registration materials are available by contacting the OWGL staff at (541) 276-7330 or visiting the OWGL website at www.owgl.org.

OWC to hold meeting before convention

The Oregon Wheat Commission will hold a regular meeting on Sunday, Nov. 30 just prior to the Oregon Wheat Growers Convention in the Embassy Suites Washington Square located at 9000 Washington Square Road in Tigard at 9 a.m.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. The ADA prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities. For a request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities, contact the Oregon Wheat Commission office 48 hours in advance at (503) 229-6665 or TTY (503) 986-4762.

The Commission meeting is open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is encouraged and welcomed to do so.

PMHH commemorates one year of service



Paul Smith, Hospice social worker, talks with Hospice volunteer and Home Health aide, Veda Nave.



Carolyn Willey, Hospice chaplain and bereavement counselor, talks with Christine Burkenbine at the Hospice open house.

Celebrating their first year of operations, the Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice team held an open house, Monday, Nov. 17. Around 25 people came by to see the offices and learn of the many different aspects and offerings of PMHH.

One of the showcase items of PMHH is their growing library of books on dying, dealing with loss, talking to kids about death, spirituality, as well as their growing music library that includes CDs, which offer pain management through relaxation.

Home Health and Hospice staff were also there to explain the differences between the two services. Home Health is short-term (usually a period of months) care for patients who will recover. Hospice is a service for terminally ill patients that allows them to have quality of life in their final months.

It was also stressed that Hospice is not only about the patients, but also about helping the families as well.

PMHH serves Morrow and Gilliam counties. Home Health and Hospice services are generally funded

Deadline nears for Oregon's Make It Yourself with Wool contest

Entry deadline for Oregon's 2003 Make It Yourself with Wool contest is Friday, Nov. 21. Entry forms with contest details may be obtained from the Oregon Sheep Growers Association (www.oregonsheep.com), local County Extension offices, or through program Director Maureen Krebs, Ione. This year's competition will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 at The Riverhouse Hotel in Bend in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Oregon Sheep Growers Association.

The Oregon contest is open to all ages, with competition divided into age

through Medicare and insurance reimbursements and payment is discussed and arranged on an individual basis. Assistance is also available through contributions, fundraisers and donations. "Care is not withheld because of inability to pay," said a Hospice member.

The philosophy of Hospice is, "Recognizing dying as a normal process of living and placing emphasis on alleviating pain and other symptoms."

The PMHH team is made up of administrators, medical staff and volunteers. Molly Rhea is the PMHH director; Robinai Disque is the Hospice coordinator, as well as a nurse; Dr. Sam Datta is the overseeing physician; Carolyn Willey is the chaplain and bereavement counselor; Paul Smith is the Hospice social worker; and Cyde Estes is the Hospice volunteer coordinator. Working with this core group are many nurses and volunteer staff.

For more information about the services offered or on how to volunteer, contact the Pioneer Memorial Home Health and Hospice staff at (541) 676-2946.

categories from Preteen (12 and under) to Adult. Contestants must construct and model their garments made of 100 percent wool fabric or yarns (minimum of 60 percent wool or specialty wool fibers). Garments must have been completed after Jan. 1, 2003. There are two other categories of competition: Made for Others or Fashion Design/Apparel. Additional information is available from program Director Maureen Krebs.

Oregon's Junior (age 13-16) and Senior (age 17-24) winners receive an expense paid trip to Sacramento, CA to compete as Oregon's representatives in the National Make It Yourself with Wool Finals, held at the Hyatt Regency, Jan. 23-25, 2004.

This year the Oregon contest celebrates 56 years of promoting the art of "sew for yourself" and the "elegance and versatility of wool fabrics and yarns". Major sponsors for the Oregon contest are the Oregon Sheep Growers Association and the Oregon Sheep Commission.

4-H announces achievement night honorees



Mahaley Huddleston & Madison Bailey, 4-H Ambassadors

4-H Achievement Night was held Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Heppner Elementary School cafeteria. The evening included a ham dinner provided by the 2004 Morrow County Rodeo Court and entertainment by the fiddling group, Shenanigans.

The following awards were presented by this year's 4-H Ambassadors:

Record Book Awards- Beginners: Expressive Arts, Joe Armato; Home Economics, Beth Morter; Horse, Whitley Reece; Livestock, Devin Robinson; and Small Animal/Dog, Timothy Clay; **Juniors:** Expressive Arts, Ashley Wolff; Home Economics, Maggie Armato; Horse, Kelli Jones; Livestock, Eric Jepsen; and Small Animal/Dog, Whitney McNary; **Intermediates:** Expressive Arts, Anna Unruh; Home Economics, Jordan

Mittelsdorf; Horse, Bryce Doherty; Livestock, Chelsey Foster; and Small Animal/Dog, William Wehrli; and **Seniors:** Home Economics, Shanna Rietmann; Livestock, Amy Jepsen; and Secretary Book, Heather Yocom from Critters with Attitude.

Intermediate County Medals:

Achievement, Heather Yocom; Clothing & Textiles, Heather Rill; Community Service, Tony Haguewood; Food & Nutrition, Kelsey Wolff; Judging, Jordan Mittelsdorf; Leadership, Jace Jones; Meat Animal/Sheep, Chelsey Betsinger; Meat Animal/Swine, Teonna Vandever; and Public Speaking, Kenna Purcell.

Senior County Medals:

Leadership, Molly Daniels; Meat Animal/Beef, Shanna Rietmann; Performing Arts, Amy Jepsen; Public Speaking, Cameron Krebs; and Fitness Leadership, Brian Haguewood.

Other recognition went to first, third, fifth and ninth year 4-H members, as well as first, third, fifth and tenth year 4-H leaders. A "Leader of the Year" award went to Jan Coe for the fantastic job she does in the 4-H snack shack during the fair. Jan volunteers her time to set up the snack shack, order and pick up the food, and facilitate the operation of the snack shack the whole week



Jan Coe, Leader of the Year



Bill Broderick, 4-H Agent

of fair. "Jan just does an excellent job all the way around and we appreciate her to no end," reported Bill Broderick, 4-H Agent.

Achievement Night marked the end of the 2002-2003 4-H year. The new year is gearing up and enrollments are due Dec. 1, 2003 for returning 4-H'ers. ew members have until March 1, 2004 to sign up but are encouraged to sign up earlier. For enrollment forms, please call the Morrow County Extension office at 676-9642.

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