Bunny Barn successful at summer competitions

Kathy Tellechea and Pam Renfro co-owners of KT'S Bunny Barn in Lexington have had a busy and quite successful summer showing their Mini Rex rabbits.

June 5 and 6 they were at the Oregon State Rabbit Breeders State Convention in Newport. They came home winning Best of Breed with Ann, a Broken Castor doe. She has received five legs and numerous Best Fur awards this summer. They also won Best Opposite Breed with Wilu, a senior Castor buck. He has received 11 legs and won Best Buck five times this summer. They won 24 first place awards with four Best of Variety and nine Best Opposite Variety. They also won Best Fur. They were presented a trophy for 10th place in the State of Oregon for 2003 Oregon Rabbit Breeders. They also received first place in the state for Fur Points for 2003.

June 26 and 27 found them in Ellensburg, WA at the Washington State Convention. There they won Best Opposite Sex Breed (best buck in the show both days). They won 13 first places with five Best of Variety and two Best Opposite Variety. They were presented cash awards for third place in Washington State for Fur Points in 2003 and 18th place in Sweepstakes for all rabbit breeders that are members of the Washington State Rabbit Breeders Association.

Wilu (left) took Best of Opposite Breed and Ann (right) took Best of Breed at the OSRB State Convention in Newport. Picture by Lil' Critters Photography of Washington.

July 10, they attended the shows in Monroe, WA. They had the best Mini Rex doe in the show, a Broken Black named Montana and the best Mini Rex buck, a Broken Blue named Sport. They won 24 first place awards with four Best of Variety and five Best Opposite Variety. They also won Best Fur.

July 25, Tellechea attended the King County Fair and Evergreen Rabbit Breeders Show in Enumclaw, WA. Renfro had to stay home to care for the rabbits because of the heat. They had the best Mini Rex buck in the King County Fair, a Red buck named Comet. They won 26 first place awards, with nine Best of Variety and six Best Opposite Variety, also winning Best Fur in both shows.

Currently, KT'S Bunny Barn is seventh in the nation in Sweepstakes Points and first in Overall Fur Points. They are the only Mini Rex breeders from Oregon or Washington in the top 10 in the United States and Canada. In District 1, they are in first place in Overall Sweepstakes and Fur Points. In the Mini Rex Fanciers of the Greater Northwest Sweepstakes, they are in first place in all categories.

Next on their agenda will be the Mini Rex Fanciers of the Greater Northwest Double Shows in Monroe, WA on August 14. Weather permitting (if it is not too hot) they will also enter the Morrow County Fair. The public will get a chance to see some of the rabbits that have been doing very well in Oregon and Washington.

Vascular screening coming to Heppner

Residents living in and around the Heppner community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening will be at the St. Patrick's Church on Aug. 18. The site is located at 525 N. Gale in Heppner. Appointments will begin at 11 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventive screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which can lead to a stroke, aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta and hardening of the arteriès in the legs, which are a strong predictor of heart disease. Also offered for men and women, is a bone density screening to assess their risk for osteoporosis.

Each screening requires 10 minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screening is $99. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only $125.

Life Line Screening was established in 1993 and has since become the nation's leading provider of vascular screening. Over 45 ultrasound teams are on staff to travel to your local community, brining the screenings to you. These non-invasive, inexpensive and painless ultrasound tests help people identify their risk for stroke, vascular disease or osteoporosis early enough for their physicians to begin preventive procedures.

For more information about the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1 (800) 643-6188. Pre-registration is required.

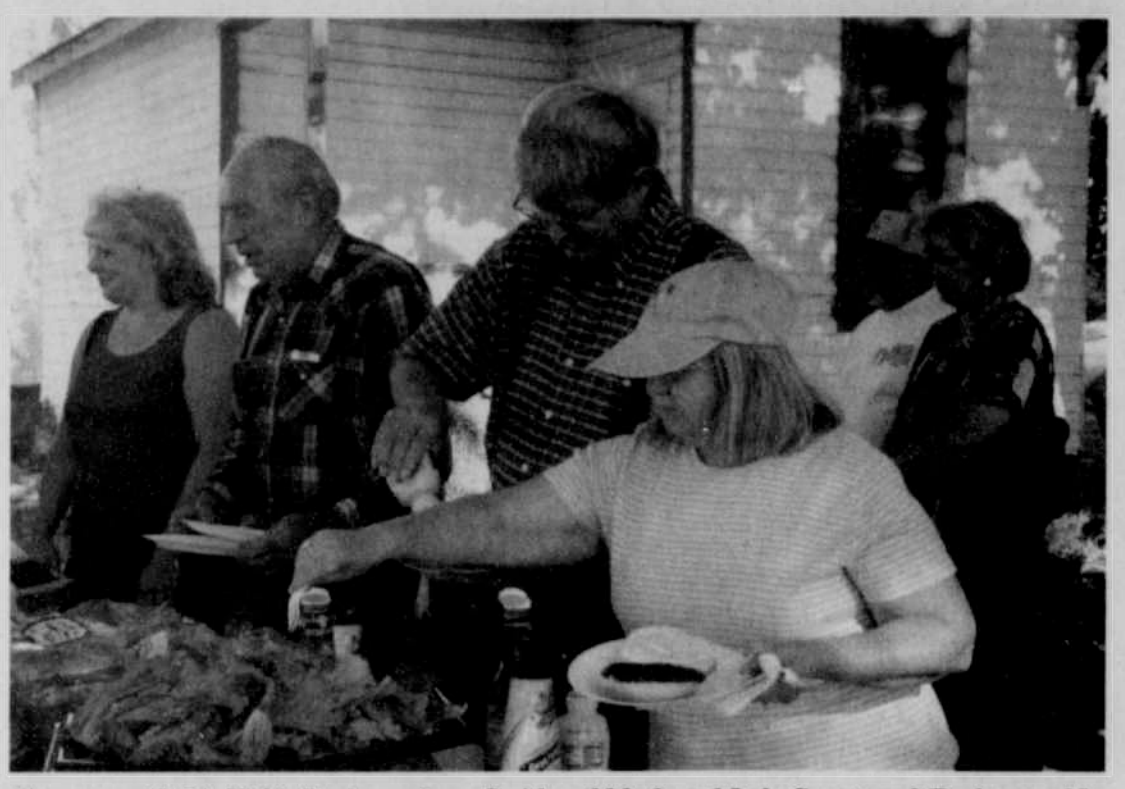
Marriage Licenses

July 27: Rusty Glen Harley, 28, Irrigon and Karri Ann Whitbeck, 28, Irrigon; Junior Humberto Ortega, 21, Hermiston and Eriselda Arely Lopez, 19, Hermiston.

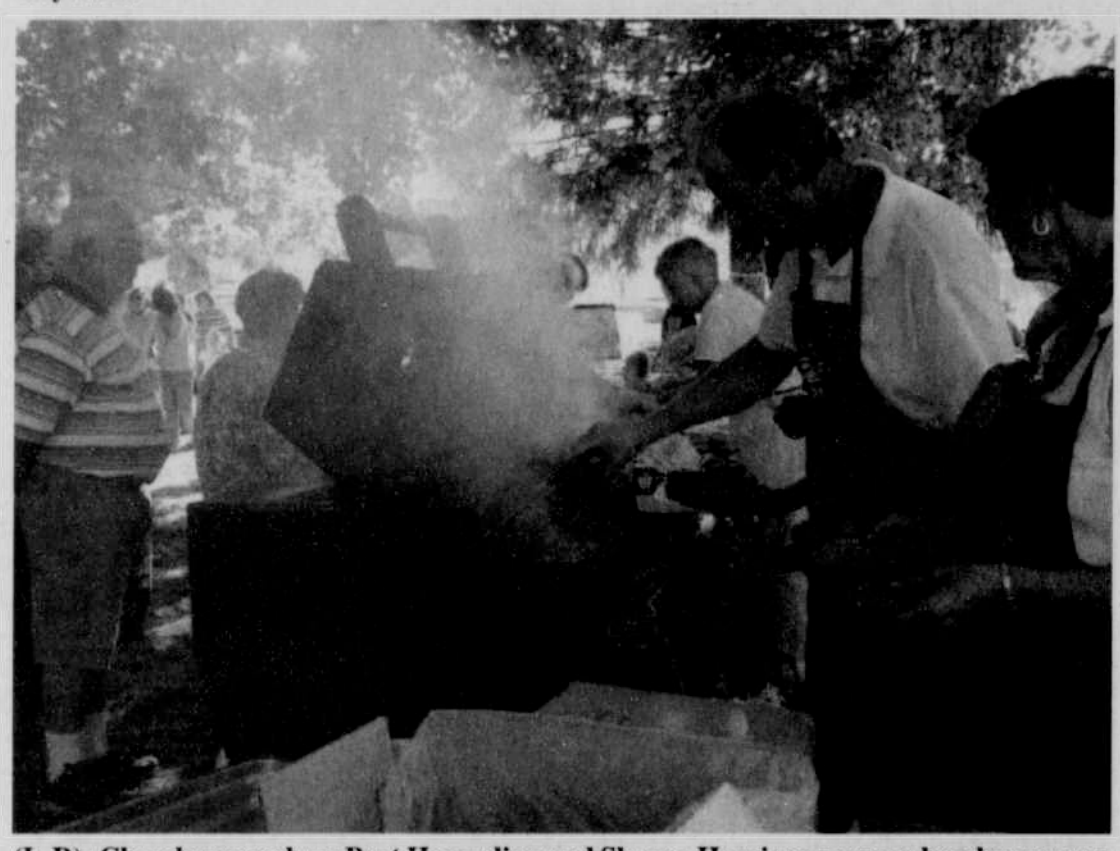
July 29: Richard Remuel Poulsen, 74, Boardman and Geraldine Louise James, 67, Boardman.

July 30: Steven Mauriece Tompkins, 38, Hermiston and Christina Marie Berger, 27, Hermiston; Vernon Ray Simmons, 27, Irrigon and Samantha Renee Henry, 26, Irrigon; Danny Luis Rivera, 40, Umatilla and Marin Isabel Tovar, 35, Umatilla.

Highlights of 2004 Celebrate Historic Heppner



(Foreground L-R): Vickie Rayburn, Jerry Smith and Merle and Judy Cowett and (Background L-R): Rusty and Cyde Marie Estes, were out July 30 enjoying the BBQ and entertainment at Heppner City Park.



(L-R): Chamber members Bert Houweling and Sharon Harrison prepare hamburgers on the BBQ during the Celebration Historic Heppner "BBQ in the Park," sponsored by Bank of Eastern Oregon, held on Friday, July 30.

Free Music in the Park in Ione

Bring your smiles, hand clapping and chairs to this outdoor event on Friday, Aug. 6, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Ione Park, featuring Joe and Leanne Lindsay of Lexington.

Known for his outrageous humor and heartfelt songs, he writes about the people and places he loves. Joe has recently completed two CDs. He performs this music with his wife, Leanne, backed with his acoustic guitar.

He also performs in a cappella quartets including, "Absolutely Nobody" and "Somebody Else."

This event is sponsored by Willow Valley Service Club and is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District.

John Gochnauer made an appearance as President Teddy Roosevelt at the "Dinner on Cemetery Hill" production.

Rev. Keith Brudevold played a key 1904 Heppner figure, the Rev. W.E. Potwine, at the "Dinner on Cemetery Hill" performance.

Leanne, Joe and Cori Jo Lindsay played Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Cox and baby in the Third Annual "Dinner On Cemetery Hill" held on Saturday, July 31, sponsored by the Morrow County Heritage and Agriculture Museum Farm Foundation.

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