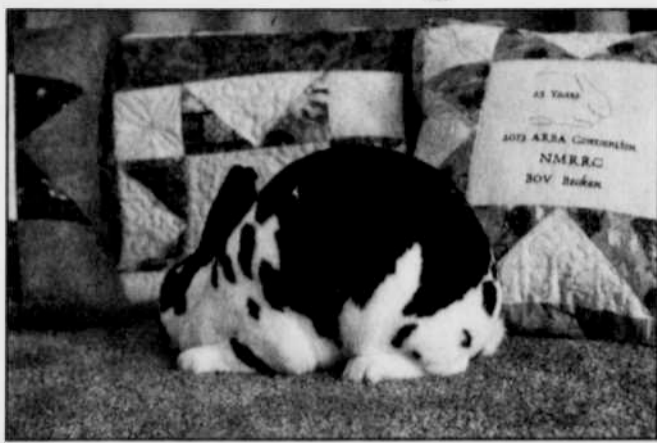


## Local rabbit earns Lexington owners national recognition



KT'S Carbon Frost won big for Lexington owners Kathy Tellechea and Pamela Renfro at the American Rabbit Breeders Convention in Harrisburg, PA on Oct. 20. —Contributed photo

KT'S Carbon Frost, a broken black senior Mini Rex doe, won big at the American Rabbit Breeders Convention in Harrisburg, PA on Oct. 20. She won Best of Breed and first place in Colored Fur. KT's Carbon Frost is co-owned by Kathy Tellechea and Pamela Renfro of Lexington. The National Mini Rex Club is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a recognized breed. This is the first time in the history of the breed that the prize-winning owners are from Oregon.

Tellechea flew with the show team while Renfro stayed home taking care of all the other critters. Tellechea took only eight rabbits, but it was the elite eight.

"Placing in the top 10 is always what you are at least hoping for when many of the classes have 100 or more entries," said Tellechea.

As it turns out, only one out of their eight entries didn't place in the top 10. They also had the Best of Variety Blue and first place Otter senior doe in the show.

More than 1,800 Mini Rex entered the show.

Tellechea and Renfro are going into their 12<sup>th</sup> year of raising and showing Mini Rex. They say a quote from Colin Powell pretty much sums up their philosophy...

"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."

## Heppner, Boardman chambers receive publication award



Boardman and Heppner chambers of commerce received recognition for the 2013 "Chamber Tourism Piece for a Small Chamber" at the annual Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Conference recently. This last year the Boardman and Heppner chambers worked together to update the "Discover Morrow County" brochure. Each year, local chambers submit their publications for recognition; this year Diane Wolfe, Executive Director of the Boardman Chamber, submitted the brochure for consideration of a publication award. "We are so excited to announce that we were a recipient at last week's annual Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Conference," says Heppner Chamber Executive Director Sheryll Bates. —Photo by David Sykes

## Cows find their way to town

Heppner residents are used to seeing cows, including cows on the highway, but not always in town in the small hours of the morning.

That's what happened last week, however, when about 75 cows escaped

from Brian Thompson's feedlot four miles outside of Heppner on Hwy. 74.

The cows got out around 9:30 p.m. and were rounded up by the tennis courts in Heppner by 2:30 a.m., Thompson said.

contact and the cows were put back in their pasture.

MCSO received report from a woman on Gun Club Lane that someone had been on her property, leaving footprints in the drive and disconnecting the sprinkler, leaving standing water in the yard. MCSO made phone contact and took the report.

MCSO received report of a suspicious dark red SUV with Washington plates that drove by a man's residence in Boardman, pointed a high-powered rifle with a scope out the window toward the field and then drove back by, pulling over quickly when the deputy passed them and then continued on. A deputy and officer were unable to locate the vehicle.

MCSO received report of a 71-year-old male in respiratory distress in Irrigon. The caller reported that the door was unlocked and a dog was inside, however it wouldn't bite. The subject was transported.

MCSO received report of a suspicious vehicle parked on Riverview Lane in Irrigon. A deputy made contact and the subject was walking with a friend near the hatchery.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that her neighbor's three dogs were in her yard and she was worried that they would get stomped on by her horse.

MCSO received report of a horse walking on "Depot" in Irrigon. The person who found the horse put it on their property and advised that if anyone calls that's where the horse is.

MCSO received report of a black and white Palouse horse on the golf course in Heppner. A deputy responded, found the owner and determined the horse was not on the course.

MCSO received report from an Irrigon woman that a male subject texted her boyfriend's phone looking for her. She said she ignored him, but then he showed up at the game and there was a harassment issue in the past. A deputy told them to leave each other alone and not to contact each other on the phone.

MCSO received report from a Boardman woman that there were two cows in her pasture that had broken down her fence and she doesn't know who they belong to. MCSO made

## Boardman car crash fatal for horses

Kunze Lane was the end of the trail for three Boardman horses on Sunday.

Around 6:45 a.m. on Oct. 27, the Morrow County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a report of a car accident involving multiple horses on Kunze Lane near Toms Camp Road in Boardman.

According to MCSO, a 1996 Honda Accord driven by Alfredo Cobarruvias-Ramirez of Boardman struck three horses that had gotten out of their pasture and wandered onto Kunze Lane.

The horses belonged to

Mike and Sheila Corpus of Kunze Lane. One animal died from injuries sustained during the impact, while the other two had to be put down at the scene due to injuries they received during the crash. No injuries were reported for the driver.

Police say poor visibility, including patchy fog and early-morning darkness, was a contributing factor in the accident. However, the investigation is ongoing.

MCSO, Boardman PD, Boardman fire department, Boardman ambulance and Morrow County Public Works all responded to the incident.

## Area churches take on food challenge

Several area churches accepted a challenge by the Heppner United Methodist Women (HUMW) to collect food for the Heppner Neighborhood Center each Sunday through Dec. 8. Donated items will enable the center to fill Christmas baskets for those in need.

Along with the Methodist congregation, members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Church of the Nazarene and the Ione Community Church will participate in

the Neighborhood Center Sundays and collect food each Sunday for the center.

Participants are asked to show up each Sunday with the item of the week, including peanut butter and jelly, Nov. 3; soup and crackers, Nov. 10; hot drinks and creamers, Nov. 17; toiletries, Nov. 24; pasta and rice, Dec. 1; and Jell-O and pudding packages, Dec. 8.

Any church that was overlooked in this challenge and that would like to participate can call Patty at 541-676-5444.

## BEO announces new mortgage program

Bank of Eastern Oregon announced recently the addition of RuralLiving, a new rural residential mortgage program. Under the new program at Bank of Eastern Oregon, qualified borrowers can receive affordable, flexible financing for the "country home of their dreams."

Until now, acquiring financing for rural and hobby farm properties has been met with limited financing options.

The RuralLiving Home Mortgage program offers long-term 30-year and 15-year fixed rate financing, with a competitive rate

advantage.

"RuralLiving is different than most traditional home mortgage programs," said Arletta Arnspiger, BEO's Mortgage Lending Manager.

"This program is specifically designed for rural homes and hobby farm properties that do not follow traditional mortgage financing guidelines."

To learn more about this new residential mortgage program, contact a Bank of Eastern Oregon loan officer at your local branch or loan production office, or call 1-877-472-6217.



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Last week's ad regarding the football playoffs incorrectly stated the Mustang game time versus Weston-McEwen as 3 p.m. Friday. The Heppner Mustangs will play the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in Athena at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1.

M.C. Public Works was notified and will take care of the problem.

MCSO received report of a cat that needs to be picked up in Heppner and taken north.

MCSO received report of Black Angus calf loose in Boardman. The owner was found and the calf was put back in.

MCSO received report of a big dog that ripped the caller's screen and tore the drapes out of his window in Irrigon.

MCSO received report of a white, chubby, balding man in his mid-40s in the middle of the road in Boardman. The caller advised that the subject was possibly someone from Columbia River Ranch. MCSO made contact with the ranch and they advised they would go get him and there was no need to send law enforcement.

Lexington Fire Department, Ione Fire Department, Heppner Fire Department, Heppner Ambulance received report of a blue 1994 Toyota in a motor vehicle accident on Hwy. 207/Lexington. The caller did not know if there were any injuries.

Boardman Fire Department received report of a truck and trailer going over the railroad tracks on the north side of the bridge going east on Marine Drive. The truck ran through the guard rail and was off the road on the embankment.