

Policeman finds a 'cat' burglar under his own roof

A police sergeant got a shock when he realized he was living with a felon—a four-footed felon.

West Linn Police Sergeant Dave Kempas, stepson of Rudy Bergstrom of Ione, found he had a "Kleptokitty" under his own roof, in the form of household pet, Tigger.

Kempas said Tigger has become a proficient thief over the years, stealing everything from french fry boxes to candy wrappers to rubber gloves. Monday's offering included a sock and a red licorice rope package with some licorice still inside.

Kempas first noticed his cat's thievery about four



Tigger the "Kleptokitty" is caught on a trail camera as he brings home a stray sock—one of many thefts the cat burglar has committed. —Contributed photo

years ago, when he discovered strange items scattered around his house—including a hat, gloves and even

a bag of marijuana. None of the items belonged to Kempas.

Since the house is home

to several cats, Kempas followed his investigative instincts and bought trail cameras to help pinpoint the thief. Thanks to the night vision cameras, Kempas soon determined that Tigger was the culprit.

Rather than arresting the bandit, though, the amused Kempas started posting photos from the trail cams on his personal Facebook page. He soon created a Facebook page dedicated to his "Kleptokitty," on which he posts update on Tigger's latest capers.

Follow Tigger's adventures on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/KleptoKittyGstone>.

Heppner celebrates Homecoming week

Its homecoming week in Heppner. Heppner Junior/Senior High students are celebrating with theme days including Monday's Nerd Day, Tuesday's Movie Character Day, and Wednesday's Superhero Day. Thursday it's all about the Blue and Gold, with the homecoming parade at 2 p.m. on Main Street. The

volleyball homecoming game also will Thursday, as the hometown girls face Irrigon across the net at 5 p.m.

The week will wrap up with the homecoming football game Friday. The Mustang will tackle Tri-Cities Prep at 7 p.m., with the Homecoming Dance to follow.

HES Parent-Teacher Club to hold Scholastic book fair

The Heppner Elementary Parent-Teacher Club will host its annual Scholastic book fair in the HEROES Room on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 3-7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 24 from 3-6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 28 from 3-6 p.m., and Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 3-6 p.m.

A variety of books will be available from preschool to adult, and all proceeds will be used to purchase books for teachers and reading programs at HES.

Excel class offered in Boardman

Blue Mountain Community College in Boardman is offering a live, four-week class in Microsoft Excel 2013. The class is set for 5-7 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning Oct. 8 at the Boardman Center of BMCC. Cost is \$59 payable to BMCC.

Excel is one of the most used spreadsheet programs in the modern workplace. This class is intended to help students who are just beginning or are already "muddling along" in Excel. The class will break down the program into bite-sized pieces, making it much easier to understand. Each week participants will be provided with a CD con-

taining what is covered in class plus working data files that are ready for them to use in practice.

Course topics include creating simple formulas; formatting; inserting shapes and graphics; adding, deleting and hiding data; creating and formatting charts; sorting and filtering data; moving, copying and pasting; and much more.

Beginners are welcome, although basic keyboarding skills and a working knowledge of computers is helpful. Register online at www.bluecc.edu or contact BMCC Boardman by phone, 541-481-2099, or email amorter@bluecc.edu for more information.

SKINNY BULL MUSEUM

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grass hay. Rather than just retire, when it came time to sell the farm, Wayne made a deal with Bellinger's to throw in the purchase of the former grocery store as part of the deal. That started a year-long renovation to ready the building to be worthy of their collection.

One of the featured items in the museum is the John Deere Model A tractor that Wayne's father purchased new in 1941; the tractor has been in the family since then. Other items include pedal cars, bicycles, a room-by-room depiction of early 1900s living, complete with authentic furnishings, old pictures, even an old Mustang that Wanda bought new in 1967. The couple wanted to make sure anyone could enjoy their museum, so their entrance fee is by donation only. The

additions to the museum are ongoing; Wayne says he has over 20 additional tractors, balers, mowers, etc. that he needs to get added to the collection. He has the first hay baler made, which was a horse-pulled implement. He has almost every baler that John Deere has built. They are interested in adding old photographs to preserve history, so anyone can donate if they are willing to have them displayed.

"I went all over Oregon buying up old tractors, trying to make a buck!" says Wayne. "You get one, and then you get another, then pretty soon you have a whole collection!"

The couple has a lot of friends and family to thank for assistance in renovating the building and the equipment displayed. Just to name a few, friends, Ray Warlick from Tillamook

(Ray who just happened to graduate from Irrigon High School with Wanda in 1956) drives up from Tillamook to assist with rebuilding the old equipment and whatever else he can help with, and Sandra, Ray's wife, who put together all the small display cases. Another friend, John DuBois of Hermiston, has also helped with the restoration of the farm equipment. Burrell Cooley, a friend from Irrigon, replaced all the screws holding the metal roof on the building as well as other renovations. Wes and Linda Wise of Wesley Wise Excavating have been special friends throughout the years, particularly when the Schnell's were opening their museum. The Wises provided the gravel for the outdoor display of tractors, and purchased an advertisement in the Capital Press

to give exposure to the museum.

"The museum is definitely an asset to our community," said Wes Wise.

Wanda's three children, Dean Olson, Cathy Campbell and Lorrie Hastings, all have helped remodel, moved equipment and assist with running the museum.

Although people enjoy touring the museum, they also stop by to have coffee with friends and visit. Every third Sunday of the month, the Butter Creek Boys, a group of five local talented musicians, plays old-time music from 1 to 3 p.m. Jim Simpson on banjo, Curtis Claughton on bass, Rusty Roe on saxophone and Tom Watkins on fiddle are from Hermiston, while Win Weston, guitarist, is from Irrigon.

Forest management prepares to implement fall prescribed burn plan

Pendleton—Fire management officials on the Umatilla National Forest are preparing to implement the fall prescribed burn plan, which could impact camping and hunting opportunities in the Heppner and Ritter hunting units in Oregon and the Lick hunting unit in Washington.

Any road and trail closures will go into effect prior to and during burn operations, which typically take two to five days to complete.

Hunters are advised to plan ahead and avoid

camping in the following designated prescribed burn areas during this 2015 hunting season:

-Morphine Ridge Burn (located on the Heppner Ranger District in the Heppner Hunting Unit) encompasses a 3,400 acres area east of Forest Road 22 in the Morphine Canyon and Bacon Creek drainage near Forest Roads 2202 and 2120.

-White Tail/Rimrock Burns (located on the Heppner Ranger District in the Heppner Hunting Unit) encompasses two areas of

operation.

The White Tail Burn is 1,900 acres and located west Bull Prairie Lake, north of Forest Road 2039 and south of Colvin Creek.

The Rimrock Burn is 2,600 acres and located south of Forest Road 2307, west of Grassy Butte Creek, and north of Forest Road 23.

-Bone Point Burn (located on the North Fork John Day Ranger District in the Heppner and Ritter Hunting Units in Oregon) covers 1155 acres in the Bone Point area, between

Forest Roads 700 and 725, and along Forest Road 3963 south and southeast of the Bone Point Lookout.

"Unfortunately, hunting season coincides with prescribed burning season and can impact our hunters, but controlled burns are necessary to reintroduce fire to the landscape and encourage healthy vegetation that will ultimately improve landscapes and forage for big game," said Lizzy Berkley, Forest Wildlife Biologist.

Maps and additional information on the prescribed burn closures is available on the Umatilla National Forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla/ or at any forest office.

For more information about the Umatilla National Forest's Prescribed Burn program, please contact Chris Johnson, Deputy Fire Staff Officer, at (541) 278-3704.

USDA extends Dairy Margin Protection deadline

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Tuesday that the deadline to enroll for the dairy Margin Protection Program for coverage in 2016 has been extended until Nov. 20. The voluntary program, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, provides financial assistance to participating farmers when the margin—the difference between the price of milk


and feed costs—falls below the coverage level selected by the farmer.

"The fall harvest is a busy time of the year for agriculture, so this extension will ensure that dairy producers have more time to make their choices," said Vilsack. "We encourage all operations to examine the protections offered by this program, because despite the very best forecasts, markets can change."

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

-Charlene M. Thompson, 50, of Watertown, WI was found guilty of Violating the Basic Rule 75/55 and was fined \$260.



Please join us for


Ione Education Foundation's 13th Annual Dinner and Auction

Saturday, September 26, 2015
Ione American Legion Hall
Social Hour 6:00 PM / Dinner 7:00 PM
Prime rib and salmon dinner
Auction to follow including raffles & grab bags

Tickets available at Ione branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon or at the door
\$25 adults / \$10 ages 7-12 / free under 6

Thanks to our dinner sponsors! Morrow County Grain Growers, Wheatland Insurance, ICABO, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Mid-Columbia Producers, and Devin Oil

All proceeds support grants to Ione School and the endowment fund



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Morrow County Health Department upcoming flu vaccine clinics


Irrigon Stoke's Landing Sr. Center Irrigon 9/28/2015 10:30-1:00 p.m.	Boardman Senior Center Boardman 09/29/2015 10:30-1:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Senior Center; Heppner 9/30/2015 9:30 - 2:00 p.m. And Ione Fire Hall 9/30/2015 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.	All day Flu Clinic at Heppner City Hall 10/08/2015 9:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Boardman Health Dept All Day Flu Clinic 10/06/2015 9:00 - 7:00 p.m.	

You can also get your flu shot at

Morrow County Health Department during regular clinic hours:

Heppner-Wednesdays
8:30-12:00 and 1:00-4:30

Boardman-Monday and Tuesdays:
8:30-12:30 and 1:00-4:30



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