

## Feds: Evidence of firearms training

PORTLAND (AP) — Federal officials in a new complaint say they found evidence at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge of firearms training near a boat launch.

The complaint says agents discovered about 1,685 spent shell casings in that area of the refuge after a 41-day armed occupation led by Ammon Bundy that included more than two dozen others.

*The Oregonian/Oregon Live* reports the government is seeking the civil forfeiture of 50 guns and caches of ammunition seized by federal agents in a search of the refuge after the occupation and from the cars and homes of defendants in the case.

Notices will go to owners of the weapons, who have the right to challenge.

The FBI says the guns were used in the alleged conspiracy to intimidate and impede 16 federal refuge employees from working.

## Sisters Hometown Realty sets up shop

By Jim Cornelius  
News Editor

Sisters Hometown Realty has set up shop in the Hardy Allen House at the corner of Larch Street and Main Avenue.

The venerable Sisters building is the perfect location for Norma Tewalt and Ali Mayea, as it evokes the pioneering spirit of Sisters, which means a great deal to both women.

With 34 years of combined real estate experience, and 86 years of combined time in Sisters, Tewalt and Mayea base their work on a bedrock of time-tested values of community, hard work, square deals and “old-fashioned hometown service.”

“We’re with you from showing you property to closing the sale,” said Tewalt. “We’re not going to give you to an assistant.”

Buying or selling a home is a major endeavor and can be stressful. Mayea and Tewalt are used to their clients relying upon them — and they relish the ability to come through for them.

“I think a lot of it is the trust factor,” Mayea said.

Mayea has been

self-employed in Sisters for 31 years, including many years as a real estate agent, and has raised her kids here. Tewalt was a pioneer in the real estate field in Sisters, and for the past 12-1/2 years has operated Sisters Hometown Realty, the past several years out of her home.

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When she and her husband put down roots here in the 1970s, the conditions weren’t all that far removed from pioneer days.

“I’ve seen the logging, the ranching — the different faces of Sisters. I sold a lot of the old-timers’ homes,” she reflected.

While both women extol the virtues of old-school Sisters, they are technologically advanced. The service they offer is based on timeless values, but it’s as



PHOTO BY JIM CORNELIUS

Norma Tewalt and Ali Mayea have set up shop in the Hardy Allen House.

up-to-date as a real estate outfit can be.

The location had strong appeal for Mayea, who walked by frequently to go to the post office. For a time, she considered leasing the building, but then decided to buy. She restored the lighting and got it set up to be her and Norma’s headquarters.

“Everybody that’s come in says it’s the perfect real estate office,” Mayea said.

While both women honor the values of “old Sisters,”

they are looking forward.

“This is a great town,” Ali said. “Look what it’s blossomed into.”

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