

Downtown Heppner establishment Restaurant sold; Rogers to run Hermiston Elks

Jim Rogers has sold the West of Willow Restaurant in Heppner to Phyllis Medearis of West Linn.

Rogers will be the new manager at the Elks Lodge in Hermiston.

Medearis was raised in the West Linn area. She moved to San Francisco for 12 years and owned four restaurants there, the last being "The Wall Street West."

She returned to West Linn 2½ years ago and sold real estate. When the real estate business turned sour recently, she decided to get back into the restaurant business.

"I know what I do best," she said.

Medearis has moved into an apartment in Heppner but is looking for a house. She has two sons, Larry is 17 and Tim 15. Both of them will be working at the restaurant.

"I never heard of Heppner until about two weeks ago," she admitted. "I have since found out that my grandmother Hazel Lord, was born here and then married Carl Gould."

In her spare time, Medearis said she wants to become involved with the Willow Creek Country Club because she is a "duffer."

Medearis and Mary Chatman will do most of the cooking at the restaurant but the new owner said everyone will do a bit of everything.

She plans to open the West of Willow for breakfast to give the townspeople a choice for breakfast serving crepes and other fancy dishes.

"I want to carry on the things he (Jim Rogers) has started with few changes at first," Medearis said. "I think we will have pizza every night and still have the seafood buffet Friday nights. But I am not going to change the name (of the restaurant). I love it."



Larry, Phyllis and Tim Medearis.

Apparel shop sold back to ex-owners

Doris Robarge, owner of Doris LaRae's women's apparel shop for the past 18 months, in Heppner has sold the store back to the previous owners, Hal and Virginia Whitaker.

Virginia Whitaker said the store will be closed for a few days in the near future for some slight remodeling.

When it reopens, the store will carry many of the same

lines of clothing and some new ones.

Melba Quackenbush will manage the shop for the Whitakers and the hours will remain the same, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. six days a week.

The Whitakers also own a women's shop in Hermiston called "Hal's Gals."

"We are pleased to be serving the community again," Virginia Whitaker said.

Land trade involving Krebs lease subject of hearing

Two meetings took place last week, one in Maupin and the other in Arlington, to discuss a proposed land trade by the Bureau of Land Management.

Henry Krebs of Ione attended the one in Arlington as 14 people testified with 10 opposing the land swap.

Glen Ward of Heppner gave testimony against the trade of almost 6,000 acres of land near Arlington for 150 acres along

the Deschutes River. Ward said the 6,000 acres is the last of the desert land owned by the government. It is also the range of the long billed curlew and therefore should be protected. Ward works for Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department.

Krebs Brothers Inc. of Ione have been waiting since Jan. 24 to see if they would be able to continue to lease the 6,000 acres of BLM land. The Krebs use the land to graze their

sheep. Dorothy Krebs said if the BLM trades the land, the company will have to cut back its sheep production by one-fourth since it will be losing one-fourth of its land.

That could have an adverse effect on the six families that work for the company, she said.

Secretary of Interior Cecil D. Andrus will have the final decision on the land trade. The BLM, at first, was

planning on making the swap without public input but because of an appeal made by the ECOAC, Andrus said two public hearings had to be scheduled.

"Justice has been done in Arlington and Maupin," Mrs. Krebs said. "The public should be aware of what is being done with their land. We (Krebs Bros.) had no chance to bargain for the land because it was an open and

shut deal. Now we will just have to wait and see what kind of mood Andrus is in."

Krebs said the BLM wants to trade the land because of the recreation popularity of the Deschutes River area. Mrs. Krebs said the desert area also has high recreational value with motorcycle riders and rabbit and coyote hunters.

Right now, the Krebs sheep are in the Wallows for spring grazing. In the fall, the sheep will be moved back to the pasture near Arlington, if the BLM does not trade the land. The Krebs used to take the sheep by train to Montana for spring grazing.

"Sheep need to graze on green grass to fatten them

up," Dorothy Krebs said. "In the spring they need to be taken to higher elevations. It will be hard to find low elevation grazing land (for the sheep if the BLM makes the land trade.) It will not be economical if it is too far away from our home base in Ione."

Krebs said that Morrow County used to be a very popular area for sheep farmers because the sheep would graze in lowlands near the Columbia River in north Morrow County in the winter and then travel to the south end of the county in the spring and summer. But when fences were built and Morrow became a wheat-growing county, the sheep herds diminished.

Ullman's committee orders federal study of impacts of St. Helens eruption

Oregon Congressman Al Ullman has announced that the House Ways and Means Committee has directed the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) to conduct a comprehensive study of the present and potential economic impacts of the Mount St. Helens eruptions on the Northwest and the nation.

Ullman, who is Ways and Means Chairman, said a resolution requesting the study was adopted late last week at his request. The ITC is required by law to perform studies requested by Ways

and Means. "The recent major eruption of St. Helens already has had a serious, adverse impact in the Northwest," Ullman told a press conference in Portland. "All forms of transportation in the region have been affected, vegetable and fruit crops have been damaged, fisheries and forest products have been hurt."

"It is painfully obvious that long-term or periodic stoppage or disruption of river traffic could put a severe dent in the economy of our entire region. Nearly \$3 billion in

exports and over \$2 billion in imports travel up-and-down the Columbia each year.

"We need to get a handle on the economic dimensions of this problem, from both a Northwest and national standpoint, and the International Trade Commission is well-placed to undertake this work at once."

Ullman said he has asked the administration to cooperate with the ITC in making certain the study is as comprehensive as possible.

The ITC is an independent federal agency with quasi-legislative and quasi-judicial responsibilities. As a fact-finding agency, the Commission has broad powers to study and investigate all factors relating to U.S. foreign trade and its effects on domestic production

and employment. Two of the Commission's six members, Katherine May Bedell and William Alberger, are from the Northwest. Alberger is from Oregon, and Bedell is a former U.S. Representative from Washington.

Forest thinning course slated

A forest thinning course will be conducted by the Morrow County Extension Service July 2.

This session will be in the conference room of the Morrow County Extension Service office beginning at 7 p.m.

The course will familiarize individuals with basic tree growth, thinning methods, and advantages of both commercial and pre-commercial thinning.

Interested persons may contact the extension office at 676-9642.

Five precinct workers left out of story

The names of five precinct committee members were inadvertently left out of last week's election story.

Lexington's precinct will have James and Barbara Bloodworth as the Democratic representatives.

For the N.E. Heppner precinct, Ken Turner and Pauline Winter are the Republicans and Mike Sweeney the only Democrat.

Summer schedule set for license office

The Heppner Motor Vehicles Division office will begin a summer vacation schedule on June 16.

While Gene Murty is on vacation, the office will be closed part of the time between June 16-27.

A DMV employee from Hermiston, Lou Voytko, will open the office for business on June 17, 19, 24, and 26. It will be closed June 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 and 27. Voytko also will provide DMV service in Condon on June 18.

During July, the Heppner office will also be closed part of the time during the week of July 16.

The office will close in the afternoon on July 14th, but will be manned by Voytko on July 15 and 17. It will be closed on July 16 and 18.

DMV's travel July stop in Fossil will be moved from July 16 to July 23.

Area residents who have car or driver licenses expiring during these two months should call the Heppner office to see if it is open before traveling to the office only to find it closed while Murty is on vacation.

Ullman eyes short-term timber jobs

Oregon Congressman Al Ullman said recently that some 3,000 short-term jobs can be created in the Pacific Northwest under an emergency timber salvage program in the national forests.

"These jobs will help offset the tremendous slump in the timber-dependent communities of Oregon caused by current economic conditions," Ullman said.

Ullman, who represents the timber-rich 2nd District, asked the Forest Service to develop the emergency salvage program to make available additional supplies of wood chips, for which there is a good market.

"The Pacific Northwest region of the Forest Service is now prepared to go ahead with such a program," Ullman said.

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