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Joyce Kay & Jerry Holloman

THIS IS A 1918 VICTORIAN BEAUTY. 3138 sq. ft. m/l containing 4 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, an open winding stairway of original wood and moldings. French doors, fireplace, built-in china cupboard, wood floors and many more period amenities. Wiring, plumbing, insulation, heating system, storm windows and roofing have all been updated. This price includes an adjoining flat lot, great for 4-H animals. 230 E. Main St., Lexington. #03-01 **This FAMILY HOME is only \$129,000. REDUCED \$110,000.**

COMMERCIAL BUILDING. 5130 sq. ft. m/l, located next to post office on Main Street. 2430' retail space and 2700' warehouse. Sellers will carry contract. Realtor owned. #02-10. **Asking \$135,000.**

SMALL ACREAGE, 10 MILES OUT OF TOWN. 32 acres on Willow Creek; 2288 sq. ft. m/l mfg. home, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, closed deck with hot tub included. Barn, shop, chicken house. Ready for quiet, rural living. Must see to appreciate. 64656 Willow Creek Road, Heppner. #03-03. **\$164,000.**

\$20,000 WILL BUY YOU A 82.5'x114' m/l kit and a 1968 mobile home with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Located out of the floodplain on a dead-end street at the edge of a nice residential area. Lot includes RV parking with full hook-ups. 400 E. Aiken St. #03-08.

Call Linda, Professional Realty, Inc., (541) 384-4193.
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3 bedroom, 3 bath, finest country living. Shop included. 8 acres. Property is agent-owned. Appraisal available. Boardman. Building permit, live spring, 80 acres, mountain property. Heppner.

FOR RENT

Two bedroom available. **Willow View Apartments,** 515 N. Elder, Heppner. EOH. Call (208) 384-1589 or 676-9019.

11-12-tfc

One bedroom apt. Nice neighborhood. Clean and quiet. Utilities paid. Call (541) 676-5773.

12-10-tfc

Two bedroom house. 610 N. Main, \$350/\$100 deposit. W/D, garage, full basement. 989-8142, 676-8118.

12-17-tfc

Three bedroom house, 1 1/2 bath. Call (541) 276-1290.

12-31-1c

3 1/2 bedroom house, rural setting, room for horse. 422-7457.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER 9454
Emert Ranches, Inc., c/o Joseph McElligott filed an application with the Water Resources Department for a change in place of use and to add additional points of diversion of water as provided by ORS 540.510 to 540.530.

Certificate 155, in the name of Hynd and Thompson, includes a right limited to 1.75 cubic feet per second (cfs) from Willow Creek and Rhea Creek, with a priority date of 1878 for irrigation of 105.0 acres.

The points of diversion for this right are located within the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and NE 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec. 12, T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

The applicant proposes to change the place of use for 105.0 acres and to add additional points of diversion: #3 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, #4 - SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, #2 - SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11 and #5 - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 all within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

Certificate 154, in the name of I.L. Howard, includes a right limited to 1.26 cfs from Willow Creek, with a priority date of 1898 for irrigation of 76.08 acres.

The points of diversion for this right are #3 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, #4 - SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, both within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

The applicant proposes to change the place of use for 76.08 acres and to add additional

points of diversion: #2 - SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11 and #5 - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 both within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

Certificate 152, in the name of Eddie A. Hammer, includes a right limited to 0.5 cfs with a priority date of 1898 for irrigation of 30 acres and 0.17 cfs with a priority date of April 1, 1908 for irrigation of 10 acres from Willow Creek.

The points of diversion for this right are #3 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, #4 - SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, both within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

The applicant proposes to change the place of use for 40.0 acres and to add additional points of diversion: #2 - SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11 and #5 - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 both within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

Certificate 124, in the name of W.R. Cochrane, includes a right limited to 0.12 cfs from Willow Creek, with a priority date of 1906 for irrigation of 7.0 acres.

The point of diversion for this right is #4 - SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

The applicant proposes to change the place of use for 7.0 acres and to add additional points of diversion: #2 - SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, 3 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, and #5 - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 all within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM; Certificate 79486, in the name of Emert Ranches, Inc., includes a right limited to 0.33 cfs from Willow Creek, with a priority date of 1908 for irrigation of 20.0 acres.

The point of diversion for this right is 3 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, T 1 S, R 24 E, WM;

The applicant proposes to change the place of use for 20.0 acres and to add additional points of diversion: #2 - SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, and #5 - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 all within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

Certificate 962, in the name of Isaac L. Howard, includes a right limited to 0.42 cfs from Willow Creek, with a priority date of December 20, 1912 for irrigation of 33.31 acres.

The point of diversion for this right is 3 - SW 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, T 1 S, R 24 E, WM;

The applicant proposes to change the place of use for 33.31 acres and to add additional points of diversion: #2 - SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 11, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, #4 - SE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11, and #5 - NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 10 all within T 1 S, R 24 E, WM.

Protests may be filed by persons who think this transfer application would result in injury to an existing water right as defined by OAR 690-380-0100(3). The fee to file a protest is \$250.00. Additional information, forms and rules for filing protests are available from the Water Resources Department by calling (503)986-0852. If a protest is filed, a hearing may be held.

The last date of publication is December 31, 2003. IF NO PROTEST IS FILED BY JANUARY 30, 2004, THE CHANGE MAY BE APPROVED WITHOUT A HEARING.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program has allocated approximately \$9,122 to Morrow County for 2004. These funds are available to agencies and organizations who furnish temporary emergency food and shelter (which includes rent, heat and similar services) to Morrow County families in need of this emergency assistance. Agencies who provide these services may contact the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families at 120 South Main St., P. O. Box 544, Heppner, Oregon, or telephone 541-676-9675 to request an application or receive further information. Applications must be returned to the Morrow County Children & Families Office, at 120 South Main St., Heppner, or at P. O. Box 544, Heppner, OR 97836, by 5 p.m. Friday, January 9, 2004.
Published: December 31, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY FOR SALE
Six lots of government property including, computers and office equipment will be offered for sale January 12, 2004. Bid packets may be obtained from the Umatilla National Forest, 2517 SW Hailey Avenue, Pendleton, OR and Heppner Ranger District, 117 South Main Street, Heppner, OR. Sealed bids for the Sale (R6-14-04-12) will be accepted until 1:00 pm. local time January 12, 2004. Items are located at the Heppner Ranger District office, 117 South Main Street. Inspection will be by appointment only by contacting Debbie Gutierrez or Marcia Kemp at 541-676-9187. For additional information contact Debbie Gutierrez or Marcia Kemp at 541-676-9187.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in City of Heppner Water
Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took two samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during December. Both samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may test positive for coliform.

What should I do?
• You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
• People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791

What does this mean?
This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E.coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.

What happened? What was done?
We have increased sampling for coliform bacteria to catch the problem early if it recurs. We are also actively seeking to detect and repair leaking pipes that may allow water to reenter the water supply. We will continue to track down the source of the coliform and correct any problems that we find. The City of Heppner is pursuing a project that will replace most of the old and leaking pipes in the water system. The project is anticipated to break ground next fall.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 676-9618.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Heppner. State Water System ID#: 410036. Date distributed: 12/31/3, 2003
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Off the Wall
By Merlyn Robinson

Good grief, talk about the Grinch who stole Christmas. What kind of Scrooge would steal someone else's Christmas lights? (As reported in the newspaper.) Can't they just enjoy the show that ambitious folk stage by climbing ladders and performing contortions for everyone's enjoyment?

Gee whiz, I'd donate my unused outside lights. Loss of agility doesn't facilitate ladder climbing safely. I can do the "whoops fandango" with lots of gestures while standing on solid ground. And then there's the old job in the side of "are you as young as you feel?" At what age does one automatically ground oneself from minor risk taking jobs such as welding sharp tools or other limb-threatening chores. I can do plenty of damage with just a hammer. It took me eight months to grow a new fingernail after I managed to slam a car door on that digit. Lately my "troops" are "bird-dogging" and monitoring my actions to keep me from self-destructing, so I get quite clever with my late night antics.

Some people defy gravity and get away with it. Others take minor issues to ridiculous heights. It was illogical that the tableau of the Ten Commandments engraved in stone had to be removed because of placement at a public building in this nation. In Pendleton, the wooden angels that were meticulously cut and painted by Eastern Oregon Corrections Institution inmates, were removed from where they flanked the Life Memorial Tree at the Pendleton Library. All because some woman with nothing better to do left a message saying that the prayerful posture of the angels conflicted with the U.S. Constitution's provision of separation of church and state. I thought Christmas was all about prayers and being thankful for what we have. Perhaps that person needs one of those angels on her shoulder.

It's a wonder that along with the appreciative attendance for the live performance of the true Christmas story in the Roy Raley Park, some protesters didn't show up claiming that religion was being promoted on public grounds. Well, I surely hope so. Talk about a production. It took about 100 actors with some 50 people working behind the scenes. I sure hope they had a hot tub waiting for Sean O'Grady and his alternates whom portrayed Jesus on the cross while wearing little more than their birthday splendor, brr. Why is there fault finding when someone tries to do the right thing? Regardless of religious preferences, what better basic scruples are there for people to live by than that Ten Commandments?

With our prayers and concerns centered in Iraq these days, it's easy to overlook other woes in the world. I happened to catch one of Oprah's shows filmed during her visit to bring toys, clothing and to throw a big party for thousands of unfortunate South African children. What a tearjerker. So sad to see hundreds of orphans that have become homeless because their parents are all dying of AIDS. One more important steps in helping that situation is to concentrate on AIDS education to those children so they won't be the next generation to die young.

The trickle effect of an upward economy is slow to reach us in agriculture. And the Grinch just about stole ranchers' Christmas just when they had been handed the opportunity to recover from past lean years. The shocker came in the form of mad cow disease or "bovine-spongiform-encephalopathy" that knocked beef futures off the way. Newspapers put the worst-case scenario on it even before there was proof. And out-of-date television videos of "downer" cows that had been slaughtered in England were also deceptive. The disease is only found in the brain, spinal cord and lower intestine, parts seldom eaten by the majority of consumers. It is never found in the muscle cuts of beef.

U.S. beef producers have upgraded to raise the finest product and have the most sanitary processing methods, unlike some countries with random inspections. Yet to date, there has been no control over how quality beef is blended with meat from other sources, be it dairy cows or imports. Who doesn't think we need "country of origin labeling"? Even better would be totally different processing plants, more testing and longer holding periods for ground beef. More to come on this situation.

For now think 2004 and put away the glitter and the tinsel and the tired Christmas tree and let your holiday mood carry into the New Year with a smile on your face. Like Christmas, income taxes only come once a year, so get your calculator and get posting. Forget that you spent too much on holiday gifts or that there was a gift mix-up. At least we're here to cheer on another New Year and ho, ho, ho- here come the snow.

Mustang girls' rally falls short at Grant Union
By Rick Paullus
A bad third quarter was too much to overcome as the Heppner Mustang girls rallied to within one point, but fell short in falling to the Grant Union Prospectors 43-38 on Tuesday, Dec. 23 in John Day in a non-league game.

The Mustangs fell to 2 and 6 overall and have non-league games with Riverside at home on Saturday, Jan. 3 and at Hermiston JV on Monday, Jan. 5.

The Mustangs held early leads at 2-1 on a Brooke Rust lay-in, 5-4 on a Stefanie Hanson 3-pointer and 8-6 on a Katie Britt 3-pointer, but the Prospectors tied it at 8-8 after one.

The Prospectors scored six straight before Susan Southworth hit one of two free throws and Britt hit another 3-pointer to get the Mustangs within 14-12. Shanna Rietmann scored twice and Brooke Rust scored inside to make it 21-

19 and Rietmann hit a 3-pointer to make it 25-22 at the half.

It was 30-22 early in the third when Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer and got a steal and lay-in, but the Prospectors went on an 8-0 run to end the quarter leading 38-27.

The Mustangs rallied in the fourth when Rietmann hit a baseline jumper and two free throws, Bailey hit a jumper and Terra Wilson scored three points to make it 38-36. Hanson made one of two free throws and Bailey hit one of two free throws with 1:25 left to get within 39-38, but they couldn't get over the hump, losing by five.

Rietmann led the Mustangs with 11 points, eight rebounds, five steals and two assists. Bailey added nine points, eight steals, four rebounds and two assists. Britt had four steals and two assists, Blair Keithley had four rebounds and two assists, Hanson had three steals and two assists, Rust had two assists and Southworth had two steals and a cut under her eye thanks to a Prospector elbow.

Heppner 8 14 5 11-38
Grant Union 8 17 13 5-43

Heppner- Shanna Rietmann 3 2-4 11, Madison Bailey 3 2-5 9, Katie Britt 2 0-0 6, Brooke Rust 2 0-0 4, Stefanie Hanson 1 1-2 4, Terra Wilson 1 1-4 3, Susan Southworth 0 1-4 1 and Blair Keithley 0 0-2 0. Team: 13 7-21 38. 3-pts: Britt 2, Hanson, Rietmann and Bailey

Grant Union- Becky Landis 5 2-8 12, Jessyka Reyes 3 2-2 10, Whitney Simmons 4-16 9, Maci Mascall 2 4-4 8, Kim Matthews 1 0-0 3, Whitney Moore 0 1-2 1, Cassie Coxen 0 0-2 0, Jessie Legg 0 0-1 0 and Kaylee Lemcke 0 0-1 0. Team: 15 10-26 43. 3-pts: Reyes 2 and Matthews.