

## Heppner, Ione & Lexington PROPERTIES FOR SALE

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Drive-In Restaurant and Bakery in Heppner. Includes 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, large shop, extra lot and car wash (needs repairs). Live in the home and run the business!

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**Sale Pending**



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2 bedroom, 1 bath home in Heppner with propane heat, new cabinets in the kitchen and built-in air. Big 38'x28' metal shop/garage in back.

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### 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home



Take this one "as is" and get a good deal! 1967 3 bedroom, 1 bath mobile home in Heppner. 30'x22' garage, two additions make for a roomy single wide.

**\$39,000**

### 5 bedroom, 3 bath home

5 bedroom, 3 bath home with view of city. 2857 sq. ft. makes this a great home for kids! Yard, garage, hot tub.

**\$110,000**



### 3 bedroom 1 bath with extra lot



Home on double lot. Insulated shop with its own drive. Lots of storage. New lower price!

**\$89,000**

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### 3 bedroom home in Ione



3 bedroom, 2 bath (one with shower and garden tub). Newer manufactured home on a foundation. Oak cabinets and many upgrades, including underground sprinklers and 26x24 double garage/shop on 1.72 acres.

**PRICE REDUCED \$99,500**

### Two lots above lake

Ready to build on. One lot \$20,900 the other \$19,500. View of the lake.

### 3 bedroom in Lexington



3 bedroom, 2 bath home on double lot. Garage and shop.

**\$85,000**



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### A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan

Celebrations are a mainstay of the Willow Creek Terrace, for the residents and staff view them as necessary ingredients in life on the hill. April began with an especially important celebration and included several more, large and small. And looking into May sees it beginning on the same high celebratory note.

On April 5, Elmer Meligan celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday with family and friends. Meligan moved to Heppner and Willow Creek Terrace, near his son Jack and daughter-in-law Jo, after living in Oregon City for almost six years and Portland for forty years. Minnesota, Iowa, Texas and Montana also provided homes for Meligan and his wife, Violet, with whom he shared 68 years of adventures.

Meligan's mother sensed that her little boy would become a carpenter and he did. Still today, he looks at many constructions, small and large, with a carpenter's eye. Along his life's way, however, adventures also took him into underground mining for three years, through 19 years' challenges of fox farming and to sometimes-hazardous heavy-construction work. This family man with three boys and two girls helped build dams. Some Meligan has mentioned are the Canyon Ferry Dam in Montana, the Chief Joseph Dam in Bridgeport, WA, and The Dalles Dam.

Photos displayed in "Elmer's Lovenest" (according to the sign on his door) do depict many years of a lot of love, of friends and family. Meligan enjoys reading, playing Bingo, visiting and getting out and about.

Most of the Terrace residents look forward to getting out and about more often as the weather warms. Soon, some will be working in the soil a little and some will be enjoying a new walk. The recent rainfalls have been music to the ears of those who understand the increasing need for moisture in the Willow Creek Valley and those raindrops are also bringing their terraced landscape to life again and preparing the soil for their flower and vegetable seeds. The walkers look forward to the addition of a new sidewalk, in a couple of weeks, which will complete a circuit of the facility. Along the already-completed sidewalk, from the patio to the gazebo, lay the bricks purchased by donors to the Terrace, which provides some reading material for strollers.

Some residents have recently been out and about for an evening of music, the Willow Valley Symphony and Singers concert at Heppner High School. "It was wonderful," one reports. Three residents and two staff members were out and about town, literally, last weekend in support of a worthy cause. They participated in the MS Walk, even though the weather was not toasty and dry.

All pleasures do not require getting out and about, however, as the recent "high tea" proves. The Terrace hosted the afternoon affair for the local Red Hat Society, and both the men and the women joined in. In preparation, the residents created individual high fashion designs for the high tea: red visors personalized with a variety of baubles, bangles and beads. A good time was had by all, celebrating just because.

May 1 will bring another birthday celebration to the Terrace, as Joe Wright turns 94. Wright lived in Gresham for 50 years and was in a freight business with a brother for over 20 years. Among his many stories from his freighting days are the ones of hauling thousands of pheasants to Reno and the one of the fateful trip to Burns in 1930, soon after starting the business. That winter trip, on unimproved "cow trail" roads, in a blizzard between Burns and Bend, was filled with drama and trepidation. It included vehicles stuck in snow and cars "frozen up" in the sub-zero temperatures. It ended for Wright and some other travelers at a ranch on the desert, to which he had to walk, during which his hands lost feeling and were burned in a campfire. Eventually, he and others were rescued and taken back to Burns, where his hands were kept wrapped but not truly treated. Not until two weeks later was he able to travel by train to Ontario and then on to Portland, where he had to have several fingers removed.

From the freighting business, Wright moved into the hauling of lumber and, eventually, logs. He and his wife of 60 years, Maryette, lived on both sides of the Oregon Cascades. They moved to Heppner many years ago and joined Maryette's parents, the Hamblins, in the Aikens Pastime business for a year, but Wright says that his "ears would prick up every time I heard a log truck go by." He decided that driving log truck was what he really wanted to do, so he bought a truck and began hauling locally. The couple also owned a flower shop in Heppner for a couple of years, and Wright would help Maryette after his runs. They moved back to the west side for another several years before returning to Heppner. Wright's daughter Joan, now deceased, worked for many years as a nurse in Heppner. His daughter Judy and her husband Delmer Buschke live in Heppner, too. For his birthday, at least three of his five grandchildren will join him for the celebration.

Yes, May will begin with another celebration at Willow Creek Terrace, just as April did, and celebrations big and small will surely continue throughout the month.

### Gazette-Times makes local archives accessible to the world

As more and more Americans turn to the internet for news and information, The Heppner Gazette-Times is partnering with a Seattle-based company to make its local newspaper archives accessible online.

The Pew Internet and American Life Project estimates that on an average day, 77 million Americans go online. Until now, they have been unable to tap into the newspaper archives of many American small towns because the digital archiving technology was simply too expensive for publishers with limited resources.

SmallTownPapers, founded by Seattle entrepreneur Paul Jeffko, is opening the door to news from small towns including Heppner. His company provides for free the same cutting-edge, digital archive technology used by large companies, universities and the government to newspapers from small towns in an effort to preserve and make accessible the rich history contained in their archives.

"I knew from working in a newspaper myself that, depending on their age, archived editions can be delicate. Often there is only one copy remaining of each issue and retrieving an article is difficult," said Jeffko. "I wanted to provide a service tailored specifically for newspapers in small towns that can give readers and researchers online access to this unique portal to America's story."

David Sykes, the publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times, believes his partnership with SmallTownPapers complements his newspaper's current online presence. "SmallTownPapers allows us to have our newspaper on the internet for everyone to read," said Sykes. "It is a good addition to the Heppner website at www.heppner.net."

SmallTownPapers is of particular interest to the millions of people who want to read newspapers from their hometowns, learn about history, or research their genealogy. SmallTownPapers provides a high-quality, completely searchable, online version of The Heppner Gazette-Times and other newspapers. "[This] is a valuable service to both historians and genealogists... small town newspapers provide a history of a community rich with details found nowhere else," said Barbara Vines Little, President of the National Genealogical Society.

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