

PROPERTY WANTED

David Sykes Real Estate recently received the following email from person looking for property.

Property description: Currently we ranch in Wyoming and are planning to relocate to North Eastern Oregon. Let me give you a little background on what we are looking for.

Currently we own about a 460 AU ranch in WY. We direct market our range-fed beef and have a small "working ranch vacation" business in addition to our custom grazing business. We are looking to relocate to OR to possibly run similar enterprises. We are interested in a smaller place with the potential of leasing/managing area ranches for absentee landowners. If we are taken by a larger ranch we have the ability to work with partners. Here are some of the values we are looking at:

- 1) Water rights and live water.
- 2) Good drinking water.
- 3) Deeded land.
- 4) Scenery, wildness, open space.
- 5) Accessibility while private and open.
- 6) Low fossil fuel operational requirements.
- 7) Secure mineral rights or little mineral development potential.

We like the North Central/ North East part of OR (Pendleton, La Grande, Enterprise, Heppner) generally the north side of the Blue Mountains region.

We are planning a trip to your part of the country in April. If you know of any that fit our parameters please let me know.

Also have buyer looking for 700 + acres for hunting.

He is selling property in another area and will do a 1031 soon.

Have buyer interested in Mountain property 160 or more contiguous acres for LOP tags.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Mary E. Dolman, have started divorce proceedings. Published: March 21, 28, April 4 and 11, 2007 Affidavit

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to ORS 477.250, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held to receive from any interested persons suggestions, advice, objections or remonstrances to the proposed budget for the forest protection district. Hearings will be held on Friday, April 27, 2007, 1:30 P.M., at the following unit headquarters: Prineville Unit, 3501 NE 3rd, Prineville, The Dalles Unit, 3701 W. 13th St., The Dalles, John Day Unit, 400 NW 9th, John Day.

Copies of the tentative budget may be inspected during normal working hours. To ensure the broadest range of services to individuals with disabilities, persons with disabilities requiring special arrangements should contact 541-447-5658 at least two working days in advance.

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY
MARVIN D. BROWN,
STATE FORESTER
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DA's Report

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12/7/06, post-prison supervision for five years minus time served, recommended for sex offender follow-up treatment while on post-prison supervision, ordered to submit blood or buccal sample and thumbprint pursuant to ORS 137.076, ordered to submit for HIV and other communicable diseases pursuant to ORS 135.139, ordered to register as a sex offender pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes, §173 in fines, fees and assessments.

Deadline for All News, Advertising and Legal Notices Mondays at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
A public meeting of the Budget Committee of Morrow County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 will be held at the Morrow County Annex, 150 Rock St., Heppner Oregon. The meeting will take place on the 18th-20th day of April, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 18th, 2007 at the Morrow County Courthouse, 100 Court Street, Heppner, Oregon, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.
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Community safety web site up and running

A Web site that aims to serve as a safety resource for schools and the community is up and running, functioning as a one-stop shop for information about various types of emergencies.

The Safe and Healthy Communities site - www.ercm.umesd.k12.or.us - is administered by the Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (UMESD), thanks to the Emergency Response Crisis Management (ERCM) grant. This federal funding has helped to pay for various safety and crisis trainings for school administrators and staff, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in schools, safety presentations and safety equipment in local school districts.

The new Web site, developed by the UMESD's Web designer Erika Lasater, provides information about how to respond to different kinds of natural, chemical, medical, violent and criminal emergencies. It also provides links to area emergency response agencies, public health agencies, community agencies and school districts. It also has information about upcoming events and trainings related to community/school safety, as well as information about the UMESD's Crisis Flight Team, which responds to schools in the event of a traumatic event, such as a student or teacher death.

Community members and school officials are encouraged to utilize the site to help prepare for disasters.

A view from the hill

By Doris Brosnan
The ten Willow Creek Terrace residents who attended *Emigration to Happiness* on March 15 had a perfect view of the stage production at the Catholic Church parish hall. Fr. Gerry Condon had reserved front-row seats for them. They enjoyed the drama, the music of the Sentimentalists, and the evening's dessert.

The St. Patrick's Day weekend celebration in Heppner was especially enjoyable for the residents, as they enjoyed several visitors home for the festivities. Six residents rode the bus downtown to watch the Big Green Parade, and several went out with family and friends to enjoy the many activities on March 17. Just the day before, residents had had a great view of some local talent, when the Terrace was the scene of a mini talent show. Joe Lindsay led some of the Heppner Elementary students in song. Mary Ann Elguezabal presented her Sunday school class reading poems and an Irish blessing. Irish tenor Bill Kenny sang some Irish songs, as did Joe and Leanne Lindsay. Kenny Turner tickled the ivories of the Terrace's piano, and Fr. Gerry Condon contributed a few jokes. A fine time had by all.

On the day after the busy Saturday downtown, the residents were again entertained by the Ol' Time Fiddlers, who often visit the Terrace. A toe-tapping, hand-slapping good time.

On March 22, Melissa Anderson came to the hill with one purpose in mind: to pamper the residents. Melissa, a Mary Kay representative, again gave some hand massages and care products. Participating residents view that treatment as welcome relaxation.

Gloves will be in order to preserve those tender hands when the residents get outside to plant the primroses that Joan Basile and Sheree Mahoney recently gave them. They plan to surround the gazebo with color. The flowerbeds, too, will soon provide a spectacular view of colors and textures, including some vegetables and, maybe, a pumpkin patch this year.

And color will be the focus on April 6, when residents will have an opportunity to color Easter eggs, great as added decorations for the season and great on the menu!

Joining the other residents for this spring's activities is new neighbor Alberta Johannes. "Bert" joined the Terrace family on March 5, just in time for a view of the Willow Creek Valley below dressed in spring green!

Take pride in having your own little piece of heaven on earth

By Sylvia (Ladd) Sandford

As I sat in my small travel trailer in my reclaimed hometown's RV Park in Eastern Oregon I was amazed at the scenery and took in a deep breath to allow the change to soak into my senses. I saw lush green grass, beautiful old tall trees and newer trees waving in the wind back and forth as if they were rocking a restless child to sleep.

I looked past the detailed landscape of the city park, and could see the downtown businesses that keep our small community alive and wonder how anyone could ever leave this small, untainted piece of heaven. I also wondered in my abundance of free time, now that school had restarted for the year; if you invested in a portion of heaven wouldn't you try to secure it? Try to maintain the quality or value of that investment? Wouldn't you want to be able to walk or drive by your home and be proud of what you have?

Small Town America has come and gone in many other States. I have lived in other areas where a town was once just that, a town; and then in the following next five to ten years "boomed" into a city. What happens to the "locals" you might ask? They either move onto another area that isn't growing as fast, or they possibly ride it out and adapt to the growth. Some even prosper from it by selling their farmland to the developers who are bringing the growth with them.

I chose to come home to my small piece of heaven after living on and off again in the over populated East Bay area in California. Family pulled me there twice over that last four years but this last move tore at my heart more than ever. With a family of two small children, I wanted the quality of life that I had, for them. I wanted them to have every opportunity that I had to succeed in school and extra curricular activities. I found while in California my children were the politest of most their classmates. Then upon meeting the other parents, found out why. We lead by example; we are role

models and need to lay the foundation for our children to continue thriving in rural America as quality adults and citizens.

I guess what I am trying to get across is the ideal of taking care of what you have, being proud of who you are and making your community proud of your "choices". We live in a small farming community that everyone knows practically everything there is about us. Whether we know it or not. But my children are basically my community's children and we are all family. We support one another, we trust one another, and we call upon each other for help and guidance. So if we are truly that close; then we need to really open our minds to making our community the best it can be. We have a scenic highway right through our community, we offer several yearly celebrations that draw hundreds of people to our town and we have community leaders and volunteers that work very hard to maintain our livelihoods and pride. Our town lives on volunteers and I am excited to become more involved in the future of my hometown.

So as I looked back out my window of my temporary home across the City Park with lush, green grass and waving trees that rock in the comforting winds in our little valley. I remember Ione in 1970, walking down Second Street to my best friend's house.

Looking at the beautiful yards and old homes that stood so tall. Children riding their bikes and climbing trees with no cares in the world. It is so good to be home. The skies seem bluer, the clouds whiter and the winds stronger. But the faces are the same and my best friend; is still living here, just on Third Street now.

Everyone should get a chance to own a piece of heaven on earth; but you have to take care of it first and always. Be proud of who you are and where you live. We live in a huge puzzle and each piece needs to fit together to make the picture perfect.

Justice Court Report

Judge Charlotte Gray, Heppner Justice Court, has released the following report:

- Richard L. Johnston, 57, Heppner, failure to use seatbelt, \$99 fine.
- David T. Lee, 54, Troutdale, hunting on the enclosed land of another, hunting from a public roadway, \$630 fine.
- Robert Ellis Richards, 64, Vista, CA, violation of the basic rule by going 83 in a 55, \$185.
- Yoon A. Zuez, 55, Portland, hunting on the enclosed land of another, hunting from a public roadway, \$630 fine.
- Daniel Wayne Wilhelm, 20, Heppner, failure to use seatbelt, \$76 fine.
- Ryan M. Wagner, 24, Portland, drove past barricade, use of throughway when prohibited, \$99 fine.
- Stacy Wayne Dow, 30, Heppner, failure to drive within lane (MVA), \$210 fine.
- Stanley Dean Huling, 43, Milton-Freewater, violation of the basic rule by going 74 in a 55, \$113.
- Taomi D. Matthew, 34, Heppner, dogs running at large x3, \$76 fine.
- Garrett E. Wilhelm, 29, Heppner, driving while suspended violation, failure to carry proof of insurance, \$614 fine.

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TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Several years ago, you didn't need to ask, "Why buy real estate?" Investors were seeing 10-20 percent inflation, so they simply bought, watched the property appreciate and took the tax write-offs allowed. However, in the past several years, inflation has quieted down. As a result of the Tax Reform Act, investors lost many of the write-offs they had under the old tax code.

Today, you should buy investment property on the basis of its economic soundness instead of its tax benefits. Have a plan or goal. Perhaps you want to build an estate, generate extra cash, or provide for your children. You may seek real estate as a way to diversify your investments or as a hedge against future inflation.

Real estate is for the investor who has patience and patient capital. Think long term - 5-10 years. When inflation increases again (and it will), it will be a lot easier to make those payments that are paying off the principal and making your equity grow.

Property listings are available at www.sykesrealestate.net

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Ione School holds mini concert



Monday, March 19 Ione's high school and middle school music students performed a mini concert. Groups of students played a range of instruments, such as recorders, fiddles and guitars. A duo was sung by Christine Raible and Thomas Holland, accompanied on the piano by Eric Jepsen. In all, eight middle school students and four high school students made for a great show. Pictured is Carl Blaeuer playing with student Cory Peterson.

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