

County Court news

The following is provided by Commissioner Leann Rea.

The Morrow County Court met on November 2 in Heppner with Judge Tallman and Commissioners Grieb and Rea in attendance.

The court reviewed and approved the minutes of Oct. 26, 2011. The court also reviewed and approved account payables in the net amount of \$66,272.10.

Road Dept: Spring Hollow Bridge project: The crew successfully moved the old (built 1867) wooden grain bin that was in the way of the new road to its new location selected by the land owner. The crew started by building a new floor and bracing up the inside, then shored up the outside with logs and tie-down straps, then put four logs under it so it could be skidded to the new location. The bin was moved to its new location with an excavator. The crew and the driller then began to work on the new road south of the bridge site. The pilings for the south bridge abutment have been driven in place. They are currently working on welding steel caps on those pilings and leveling the ground around the pilings so the concrete forms and rebar for the abutment can be installed.

They have been working on the road on the north side of the bridge, getting it to sub-grade, as well as excavating out for the bridge abutment on the north side of the new bridge. The driller has finished drilling holes on the south side of the bridge where the new road will be. They plan on blasting that part on Wednesday afternoon.

Clarks Canyon/Hwy. 207 Intersection project: Some equipment has been moved to the site and started sloping banks and filling in some low spots to sub-grade. The crew is just getting started on this project and will continue as people and time allows.

Misc: The paint striping is completed for this year. Dave Pranger has been working on the paint truck getting it ready to store for the winter.

Graders: The graders are working on the gravel roads. Roads that have been graded are: Sunflower Flat, Bill Bergstrom, Valby, Redding, Stock Drive, Perlberg, Meadowbrook, Nolan, Kenny, Spur Loop, Hanna-Arbuckle, and Spring Hollow Roads and East of Morphine, Carlson, Stock Drive, and Peck Lanes. The graders are currently working in the Liberty School Road area, Blackhorse Canyon area, Lexington area,

Tupper area, and the Spring Hollow bridge project.

Permits: The court reviewed and, on the recommendation of the Road Master Burke O'Brien, approved Permit #011, between the county and Century Link to replace a telephone line along Liberty School Road near Barlow Canyon Road.

CSEPP Transfer: The court reviewed a notice of intent to transfer/retain items purchased related to the Wifi equipment and traffic camera systems as listed on an attached inventory sheet.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Ken Matlack presented the court with the following recap of recent events: North County: picnic table loaded into a pickup at the Irrigon Marina; a welfare check on an 86-year-old female, located and transported to Good Shepherd Hospital; a motorcycle pursuit and foot chase, items recovered and suspect identified. South County: dump truck full of gravel ran off road, driver airlifted out, seven-year-old boy not seriously injured; welfare check on individual threatening suicide and injury to others; a landowner was informed that he was not allowed to place a locked gate across a county road; rollover

accident on Gooseberry Road with three occupants and ambulance response. A welfare check regarding attempted 911 calls from a female; was determined the individual was gathering cattle and had been attempting to report a forest fire. The following press releases were provided for review: Robbery of Devin Oil; rash of vehicle entries in the Irrigon area; possible shots fired, pursuit, vehicle abandoned, and suspect lodged in regional jail; and an aircraft crash near Lexington.

Finance Dept. Report: Finance Director Rick Worden informed the court that in order to repay the short-term loan, a resolution will need to be drafted or a supplemental budget would need to be prepared. The court opted to have a resolution drafted for signatures on Nov. 23, 2011. Worden then provided information regarding the county's disability and retirement plan along with the questionnaire that needs to be completed for the disability application. Worden will conduct more research regarding the matter.

Assessment & Tax Dept. Report: County Assessor Greg Sweek provided and reviewed the 2011 taxes imposed comparison to the court. The county value is

up by 6.78%, which is a little higher than anticipated at budget time. In part the increase is the result of the Oregon Dept. of Revenue increasing the value of the two power plants in the City of Boardman, also a new dairy, Three Mile Canyon Farms, and some housing and business growth contributed to the increase. Sweek also provided a review of the Morrow County SIP and Enterprise Zone projects, which included dates and amounts of future payments.

Mid-Columbia Council of Governments (MCCOG): Executive Director John Arens and Director Bill Fashing of MCCOG presented information to the court regarding the possibility of Morrow County joining with Wasco, Hood River, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler Counties on the development of renewable energy projects. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the costs to the county as well as potential long-term returns. No decision was made regarding the proposal.

The court conducted the following business: The court reviewed and approved a warranty deed between the county and Carl Thorpe in the amount of \$1,000 to allow the realignment of the Shobe Canyon

intersection. The court reviewed and took no action regarding tax foreclosure property in the Cain Lane area. The court reviewed and approved the Morrow County holiday schedule for the 2012 calendar year. The court reviewed and approved the payment of some SAIF claims in the total of \$1,938.21 rather than process them through the Insurance Company, causing a much greater increase in premiums. Reviewed and approved the payment of \$100 for membership to the Community Renewable Energy Association. The court reviewed the insurance claim settlement for the clean-up at the fair grounds following the fire just prior to the beginning of the fair. The court appointed Betty Gray to the Special Transportation Board.

Reviewed misc. correspondences and discussed upcoming meetings.

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2 bedroom home on large lot in Lex Lots of room for a garden and other activities with this 2 bedroom 1 bath single wide mobile home in Lexington. Lots of upgrade including new flooring, new roof, insulation, new vinyl windows, water heater and much more. **\$60,000**



Mountain Cabin!
Have your own cabin in the mountains to live in or use for weekend get aways. Surrounded by Pine and Tamarack trees. Sit on the deck and look out at the forest. **\$70,000**

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Good buy on this new Heppner listing. New listing. 2 bedroom 1 bath starter home or will make a good rental unit. New chain link fence, new electric wall heater, nice fixed up shop, good roof and foundation. 355 W. Linden Way Heppner. Priced right at **\$55,000**



\$105,000
Classic home near downtown Heppner. Enjoy the unique look of this classic home, including a covered upstairs porch and ornate wood designs. This 4 bedroom 2 bath is close to shopping, the city park and school. Nice neighborhood, well kept yard.



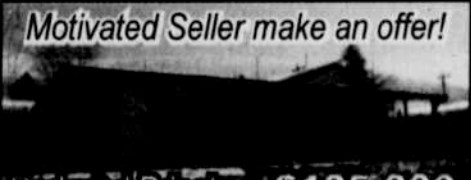
Auto Repair Business in Heppner, OR This is a going concern which shows a profit each year. Includes real property, business, inventory and equipment. Loyal customer base and good reputation. **\$339,000**



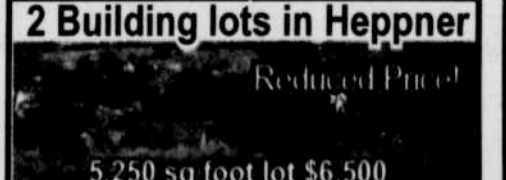
\$38,000
New Listing!
4 bedroom 1 bath fixer upper Owner will carry contract on this fixer upper in Heppner. Needs work but would make good first home or turn into a rental. Make an appointment to see today.



Irrigated \$460,000
Home & Shop
72.21 irrigated acres with home - Boardman - Two irrigated parcels each with circles and solid set irrigation. 30.71 acre parcel has a 1974 doublewide with large shop, small barn and carport. 41.5 acre parcel has a well and septic system ready for a home. Good water rights from irrigation district. Irrigation equipment in good condition. Other features: 6 fruit trees around house, 30 X 50 ft shop with concrete slab floor and 14' door. Manufactured home sits on a foundation with crawl space. Corrals, grain feeding bins, small 4 stall barn and shade trees. 30.71 acre parcel is zoned Farm Residential for possible dividing and development. Owner would consider selling parcels separately.



Motivated Seller make an offer!
Reduced Price! \$125,000
2 bedroom 2 bath in Heppner. This nice 2007 Marlatt home is in excellent condition. Everything was done right when this home was put in. It has a deck, cyclone fenced yard and a 18 X 31 garage. Ceiling fans, along with the energy package will keep you warm in the winter and cool in the summer. There is a den/office, living room and lots of extras. Must see inside this one. Call and schedule an appointment today.



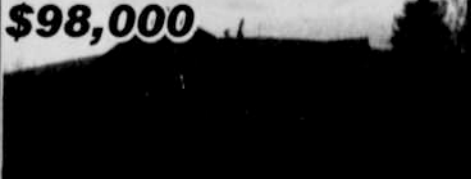
2 Building lots in Heppner
Reduced Price!
5,250 sq foot lot \$6,500
Nice views of town!
5,000 sq foot lot \$1,900




3 Bedroom 2 bath home in Lexington This home has metal roof, cement foundation & propane F/A. 128 X 121.66 lot. 2465 sq ft home has full basement and large fenced yard with apple, nectarine and cherry trees. Garage. **\$116,000**



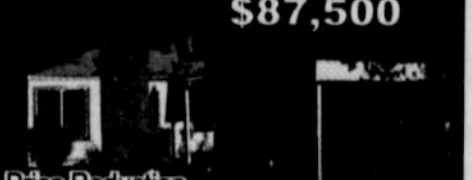
Price Reduction \$129,000
4 bedroom 2 bath home in Heppner. You won't feel cramped in this 4 bedroom 2 bath 2146 sq ft home. It has a full basement with mini kitchen downstairs, and fully carpeted rooms upstairs. Enjoy barbecuing on the covered patio. And there's lots of room for a garden in the large backyard. Call now for an appointment to visit this home.



\$98,000
2 Bedroom near schools and downtown Heppner Just blocks from school and downtown shopping, this 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath charmer has a fenced yard for children and a separate small yard in the back. Enjoy your reading room, living room and kitchen with window looking out on the street.



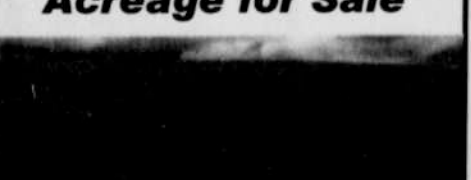
3 Bedroom 2 bath near downtown This two story home is close to grade school and has fenced back yard. Central A/C and Electric F/A. Carpet, laundry room and large family room downstairs. Dishwasher refrigerator and stove included. **\$120,000**




\$87,500
Price Reduction
Cute 3 bedroom in Heppner. A nice fenced yard for the kids located on a quiet street. Storage shed outback and new lawn just planted makes this three bedroom one bath home ready to move into. Vinyl siding and windows, side deck, stove-refrigerator-washer-dryer included. Great starter home or pick it up as a rental. Has a carport too.



View lot at Lakeview Heights. Own one of the last view lots at Lakeview Heights. 84 X 120 approx. Water, sewer, phone and power available. **\$25,000**




Acresage for Sale
38.67 Acres inside Heppner city limits Has a good building spot and room for animals. Water and electricity located nearby. **\$65,000**



\$110,000
2 apartments and shop building for Sale in Lexington On the bottom floor is a former auto body shop and a 1 bedroom apartment newly remodeled renting for \$350. Upstairs is a 2 bedroom apartment that has been completely redone renting for \$375. Building has a good roof and owner says the shop has been completely rewired.

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