

NRCS funding here for Oregon projects

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Oregon State Conservationist Ron Alvarado announced Monday a funding opportunity for wetland protection, restoration and enhancement activities on eligible lands in Oregon. Proposals for projects are due by Feb. 10. Funding comes through the agency's Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program (WREP), with up to \$17 million available nationwide.

"This is a great opportunity for Oregon stakeholders to carry out high-priority wetland protection and improve wildlife habitat," Alvarado said. "WREP is an important conservation tool for our Oregon partners and I encourage eligible organizations to apply."

WREP is a voluntary conservation program that works through partnership agreements with states, nongovernmental organizations and tribes. WREP is a component of the Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), through which NRCS enters into agreements with eligible partners to leverage resources to carry out wetland protection and improve wildlife habitat.

Benefits to partners in WREP agreements include wetland restoration in high-priority areas; the ability to cost-share restoration or enhancement components beyond those required by NRCS; participating in management or monitoring of selected project locations; and opportunities to use innovative restoration methods and practices.

Eligible partners may submit general WREP proposals for individual, watershed-wide or larger geographical area projects. WREP partners are required to contribute a financial or technical assistance fund match.

Oregon NRCS will use a competitive process to evaluate the proposals. Recommended proposals will then be competed nationally for final selection and funding.

To submit a proposal or receive information about WREP, visit <http://www.or.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrep/index.html> or contact Loren Unruh, State Programs Leader, at 503-414-3235 or loren.unruh@or.usda.gov. WREP proposals submitted by fax or through grants.gov will not be accepted.

NRCS community meeting scheduled

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will host a public meeting Feb. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon in the USDA Service Center Conference Room at 430 Linden Way in Heppner. The purpose of the meeting will be to gather input regarding natural resource opportunities and priorities across the county.

The goal of the NRCS is to bring together individuals with a variety of expertise and knowledge, allowing NRCS and others to build on collective successes while focusing efforts to make the greatest impact with available staff and funding.

EQIP, CSP sign-ups extended

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has extended the ranking period cut-off date for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to Jan. 27, 2012. The ranking period cut-off date for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has been extended to Feb. 3, 2012.

Producers who are located in the Upper Rock

NRCS seeks to identify where the best investments can be made to address natural resource problems, share the work that has already been done in the county and share visions for what the county will look like when these natural resource concerns have been solved.

Information provided by attendees will help guide conservation efforts and funding over the next five to 10 years.

"[Community] input in this process is very valuable, as we will be using this information to focus our work in the future," states an NRCS spokesperson.

Creek or Thirty Mile Creek Watersheds and are interested in EQIP should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during the 2012 ranking period. Producers interested in CSP should submit applications to their local NRCS office by the deadline so their applications can be considered during this ranking period.

Rep. Smith thanks Senator Nelson for legislative service

Representative Greg Smith (R-Heppner) today thanked Senator David Nelson (R-Pendleton) for his legislative service and accomplishments for Eastern Oregon. Nelson Monday announced his retirement after serving 16 years in the Oregon State Senate.

"Throughout his years in the Oregon Legislature, Senator David Nelson has been a leader in promoting education, agriculture and economic development in rural Oregon," Rep. Smith said. "Senator Nelson has served our region with integrity and distinction, and I wish David and his family all the best in his retirement."

Smith also said he will not be a candidate in Senate District 29, but will continue to seek a seventh term in the Oregon House of Representatives.

"I'm honored to serve the citizens of House District 57, and I look forward to continuing my work on the Joint Ways and Means Committee," Smith said. "After securing over \$30 million for local capital construction projects in the 2011-12 budget, I believe I'm most effective working with Republicans and Democrats in the Oregon House. I'll continue to work closely with Eastern Oregon's delegation in 2013, including our next state senator."

NHS donation drive

By Justin Pranger

The Heppner National Honor Society is putting on a donation drive on January 31.

One of the chapter's main focuses is community service. To that end, the chapter would like to gather any extra clothing or used furniture to donate to local charities.

The NHS chapter will be picking up the donations the day of the drive. Anyone who would like to arrange for a donation pick-up can contact chapter president Justin Pranger at 541-256-0069, or advisor Petra Payne at 541-676-9138 or 541-676-5466. Anyone leaving a message is asked to state their name, address and what the donation is.

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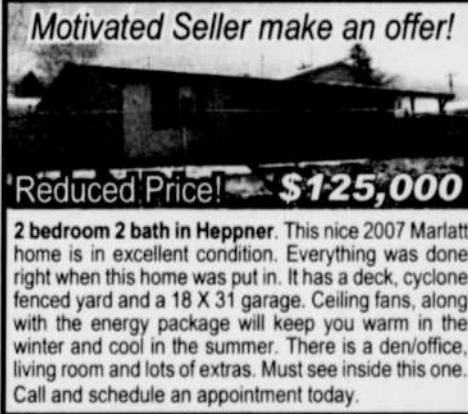


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Have your own cabin in the mountains to live in or use for weekend get aways. Surrounded by Pine and Tamarack trees. Sit on the deck and look out at the forest. **\$70,000**

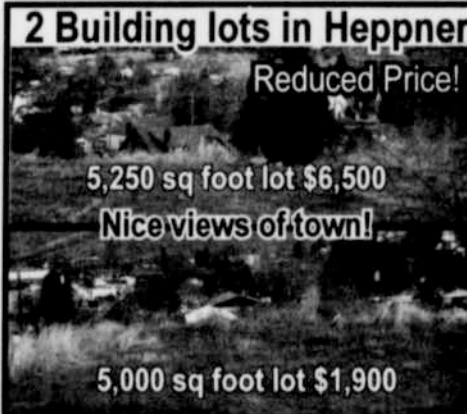


Home with acreage!
24.26 acres

2 Bedroom 1 bath home on 24.26 acres in Lexington. Close to town with your own piece of land. Rare small parcel with home and shop. Have some animals or just elbow room from your neighbors. Several parcels could be resold. Home is in good condition with foundation, newer septic system, metal roof and large upstairs that could be used as another bedroom. **\$175,000**



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2 Building lots in Heppner
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5,250 sq foot lot **\$6,500**
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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.



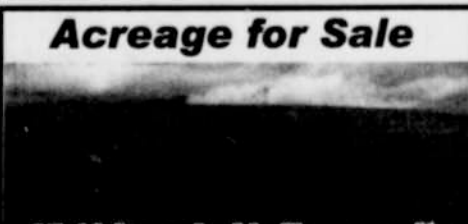
\$110,000
2 apartments and shop building for Sale in Lexington On the bottom floor is a former auto body shop and a 1 bedroom apartment newly remodeled renting for \$350. Upstairs is a 2 bedroom apartment that has been completely redone renting for \$375. Building has a good roof and owner says the shop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



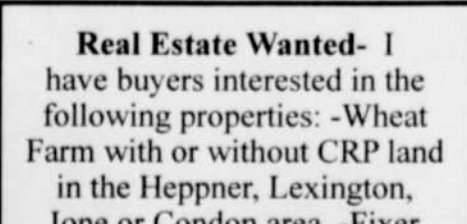
\$82,500
Price Reduction
Cute 3 bedroom in Heppner. A nice fenced yard for the kids located on a quiet street. Storage shed outback and new lawn just planted makes this three bedroom one bath home ready to move into. Vinyl siding and windows, side deck, stove-refrigerator-washer-dryer included. Great 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**



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