

21,000-acre farm up for auction in Echo

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A total of 21,000 acres of land, extending 10 miles from Alkali Canyon to Umatilla River Basin near Echo, is now up for auction.

The property, sold by the Estate of H. Richard Snow and Shirley Snow, includes rangeland, pivot irrigated and dry cropland and residential plots. John Rosenthal, president and principal broker for Realty Marketing/Northwest, said a third of the property is dry cropland, which is used for wheat.

“We’ve had a lot of interest in [the property] just because of the size of it,” Rosenthal said. “It’s one of the largest contiguous blocks of land that’s probably been on the market for some time that’s both farmland and rangeland.”

The Bulk Published Reserve for the full property is \$8,495,000 or \$375



Northeast Oregon Farm Estate Portfolio located near Echo.

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per acre, with an option to place bids on seven separate properties that comprise the land portfolio. Bids also can be submitted on two parcels, one containing 16,187 acres and the other 4,816. Other properties include a

149-acre pivot irrigation tract containing grain silos and feedlot and a 2.8-acre Umatilla River tract. Residential properties up for bid include two parcels located within the city of Echo and two residential lots.

Sealed bids for the property are due by Friday, July 10. For more information or to receive a bid packet, contact the Auction Information Office at 800-845-3524 or info@rmnw-auctions.com.

Umatilla Electric Cooperative awards annual scholarships

Umatilla Electric Cooperative announced that 14 individuals have received \$3,000 college scholarships for the 2020-21 academic school year, for a total of \$42,000 in awards. Of the total, five are in college and nine graduated from area high schools this spring.

“We are grateful we can act on behalf of UEC’s membership to enrich our communities by offering these scholarships,” Robert Echenrode, UEC general manager and CEO, said in a statement. “We wish these recipients the best in their future studies.”

The recipients include:

- **Laura Ponce**, a 2015 Riverside High School graduate, studying diagnostic medical sonography at Spokane Community College.
- **Fabian Meza**, a 2018 Riverside graduate, Studying computer science at Oregon State University.
- **Zulema Gaytan**, a 2019 Riverside graduate, in the nursing program at Western Oregon University.
- **Nicole Phillips**, a 2019 Irrigon High School graduate, studying marketing and digital media at College of Idaho.
- **Kellie Zepeda**, a 2017 Hermiston High School graduate, will receive a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology at Oregon State University in fall 2021 and will seek a doctoral degree in physical therapy.
- **Jazlyn Romero**, a 2020 Hermiston graduate, will study business administration at Oregon State University.
- **Eliana Esparza**, a 2020

Hermiston graduate, will study entrepreneurship at Linfield College.

- **Josie Goodrich**, a 2020 Hermiston graduate, will study criminal justice law enforcement administration at Washington State University.
- **Kelson Robertson**, a 2020 Hermiston graduate, will study accounting at Blue Mountain Community College.
- **Cloe McMichael**, a 2020 Nixyaawii Community School graduate, will study education and history at Oregon State University.
- **Ellie Scheibner**, a 2020 Weston-McEwen graduate, will study nursing at Montana State University.
- **Tyanna Van Pelt**, a 2020 Nixyaawii Community School graduate, will study chemistry at Oregon State University.
- **Jazmin Macias**, a 2020 Hermiston graduate, will study biology on a pre-med track at the University of Washington.
- **Emily Wadkins**, a 2020 Hermiston graduate, will study elementary education at Eastern Oregon University.

The UEC scholarship program is available to the utility’s cooperative members and their dependent children. Deadline for 2021 scholarship applications will be March 1, 2021, through the state’s Office of Student Access & Completion (OSAC) scholarship application process.

For more information, please visit www.umatillaelectric.com or call UEC at 541-567-6414.

Good Shepherd expands services during Phase 2

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Good Shepherd Health Care System has resumed many of its services after Umatilla County moved to Phase 2 of its reopening.

The hospital had already resumed nonemergency surgeries May 1, according to a news release, after “Oregon’s epidemiological curve is considered flattened and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) capacity is intact, with no significant prevalence rate

of COVID-19 hospitalized cases in Umatilla County.”

Under Phase 1 guidelines of Oregon’s reopening, hospitals were not allowed to exceed 50% of their pre-COVID patient volumes, in order to preserve that capacity and PPE for any spikes in cases. Phase 2 allows hospitals to ramp up to 75% of pre-COVID volumes.

Additional services have opened up in June, including but not limited to screenings, preventative medicine, wellness checks,

cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, physical therapy and speech pathology.

“The safety of our patients, staff and guests is our top priority as we have implemented several protective measures in each of our service lines to provide care safely,” CEO Dennis Burke said in a statement.

All GSHCS facilities will continue to screen patients and other visitors with temperature checks and health questions before they enter the facility, and social distancing measures.

Patients are encouraged to bring a mask with them; if they don’t they will be provided one on arrival. One visitor per patient is now allowed for patients who do not have COVID-19.

Many services will continue to be available virtually or over the telephone for patients who wish to stay home, and education department classes will continue to be online-only. Good Shepherd Pharmacy and Home Medical Equipment will continue to provide curbside deliveries.



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