

# Local & Entertainment

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Milton entered the Army in August of 1944 and took basic training in Fort Bliss, TX. He spent 17 seasick days on the USS William Wiegell's first voyage with 5,000 other men, landing in Europe.

He served as an anti-aircraft gunner and military police in Germany, France, and Belgium. He re-enlisted to get the extra \$300, but the war ended and he was shipped home in March 1946.

His sister Marge introduced him to Norma Faye Porter in 1946. After seven dates, he presented her with a \$100 engagement ring and they married on April 21st in a small Easter ceremony in Corvallis, OR. That fall they moved to Beaver Creek to run the farm.

Life was hard for the city girl who ran the household with no electricity, a propane fridge, wood cookstove, and an "up-town" pitcher pump in the kitchen—the "bath" was a "path." Their daughter, Marlene Louise, was born on 6/4/47 and son Roger Kent was born 9/21/48.

They had two babies under two, no phone, and no near neighbors. Milt worked nights at Baker Mill and Grain for several winters and always said, "Farming was just a hobby!" He had to work for a living!

In the summer of 1953, the Prowell family purchased a house at 2222 Nevada, as Marlene was to start first grade, and there was still No bus service to Beaver Creek.

Three years later, Cal-Pac finally ran electricity to the end of Beaver Creek Road, and the remodel of the farmhouse to accommodate modern plumbing and electrical services, meant that the family could move back to the farm.

Milt rented and farmed 1,000 acres of dry land, so summers were busy with harvesting hay, grain, irrigation, keeping the machinery running, and managing 100 head of cattle.

Winters Milt spent working other jobs: delivering oil for Chet Smith, working in the potato cellars for Clyde Ward, logging for Kenny Miles. He spent several months recuperating from a logging accident in 1959 where a log rolled over him and broke his back.

By 1963, most of the Hayes and Warnock land he had been renting was put into the Soil Bank, a "gummint policy" where farmers were paid not to farm.

Two memorable family vacations were in 1962 to the Seattle World's Fair with Bob and Dorothy Wooters, kids, Mike and Patrick; and a trip to Disneyland for Marlene's 16th birthday, because it was too wet to plow.

Milt and Norma always made time for fun as well. They enjoyed the Crazy 8's Square Dance Club at the Rod & Gun Club, the Pinochle Club with potlucks with the Elms, Pittmans, Georges, Crockett and Doughterys, water sports on hot summer days at Brownlee with JoAnn and Melvin Dunn, and dances at various locations with Warnocks, Perrines, Dufrees, Hayes, Hansons, Simpsons, and Gyllenbergs. Holidays means big dinners with the Prowell relatives, Christmas tree gatherings with hay rides, fire and food. Branding in the Spring and 4-H functions with the kids, and visiting with friends was always enjoyed.

In 1967, with both kids gone from home (no more free help) Milton and Norma decided to put the farm up for sale and bought a house on East Street in Baker.

In 1968 they bought a beer distribution business and named it P & E Distributing, with Blitz-Weinhard as the major product. Milt was widely known for his weekly cards (slightly risqué and funny) that he shared while delivering beer to accounts across the county.

He bought a brand new semi-truck and made weekly trips to Portland and California to pick up beer and wine products. He won several sales trips and traveled to Germany and Sweden, Hawaii, San Francisco and Chicago.

In 1972 Milt and Norma took a month-long trip to Australia and New Zealand to visit their son Roger and his wife Susan.

In 1981, Milton and Norma decided to retire and sold the beer business. Never one to sit around, Milt had lots of "contracts" he worked over the years. He drove truck for Ben's Transfer, Gary Smith, Sno-Cap, Farmaterials, Wards, Kearns, and logged 10,000 miles one year with community Dept. of Human Resources driving clients to medical appointments in Boise, Ontario, La Grande, and Portland.

In 1997 Milton married Wynona Morrison. They enjoyed playing cards, gardening, volunteering, and took their last cruise together two years ago.

Always fond of traveling, Milt visited all 50 states, driving up to Alaska and across the US twice.

He also visited Denmark, Germany, Canada, the Caribbean, Singapore, Australia, Greece, Turkey, and a "sibling trip" to Africa. Milt also traveled to Washington, DC in 2010 on the Oregon Honor Flight for recognition of his military service during WWII.

Thirty years of injuries and accidents may have slowed Milt down a bit, including his ileostomy in 1980, a broken neck in 1985, two broken feet from a roof fall in 1987, a triple bypass in 1997, three heart attacks, two knee replacements, hernia, skin cancer, and a serious bout with pancreatitis, the man never stopped.

He was a lifetime member of the Elks Club and was named Elk of the Year in 1978. He was also a charter member of the Eagles, the VFW, and attended the Christian Church for more than 50 years.

Milt kept 360 acres on upper Beaver Creek and always enjoyed hunting deer and elk with his son and other family and friends. He last killed on elk on this property at the age of 81.

Milt never met a stranger, and could talk to anyone, always make a lasting connection. He was well known for being kind, generous, honest, and trustworthy. He was a true gentleman who loved to dance (never missed a New Year's Eve) and party.

He was preceded in death by Norma, his first wife of 50 years, in 1996 and his son Roger in 2014.

He is survived by his brother Wallace (wife Roberta) of Beaverton, daughter Marlene Prowell of Baker City, grandsons Erik Prowell and Brett Prowell (and his wife Lindsay) of Portland, daughter in law Susan Prowell of Bend, former wife Wynona, several cousins and many nieces and nephews (and special friends Vic and Judy Endicott).

The family wishes to acknowledge the loving care Milton received from the staff at Meadowbrook Place and the faithful friends who visited regularly in the past six months. Also the caring ways of the staff at Heart 'n Home Hospice care.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite Charity or to the Elks Meadowood Speech Camp through Gray's West & Co. Pioneer Chapel, 1500 Dewey Ave., Baker City OR 97814.

To light a candle in memory of Milton or leave a condolence for the family, please visit: www.grayswestco.com.

## Bebe's word search

### Types of Dog

S	H	R	R	E	B	D	L	B	F	R	G	G	H	CHIHUAHUA
H	D	B	L	T	U	R	O	F	L	R	E	O	D	BULLDOG
E	E	H	T	E	R	R	I	E	R	I	G	D	C	TERRIER
P	C	L	O	E	C	T	B	F	L	B	U	L	M	COLLIE
H	E	P	G	D	S	O	B	L	F	U	D	L	U	SHEPHERD
E	S	W	E	A	X	O	O	U	C	N	T	U	C	BOXER
R	E	D	M	E	E	C	E	E	U	C	D	B	R	HOUND
D	C	O	R	G	I	B	O	O	R	H	H	H	D	BEAGLE
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E	O	O	M	R	X	A	H	F	C	T	R	I	A	SETTER
O	O	D	O	R	E	T	T	E	S	S	B	U	E	MASTIFF
A	R	O	T	T	W	E	I	L	E	R	L	E	O	DACHSHUND
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## The Littles' crossword puzzle

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### Across

- 1- Riyadh resident;
- 5- Songs for two;
- 10- McNally's partner;
- 14- Gaucho's weapon;
- 15- Take pleasure in;
- 16- Controversial orchard spray;
- 17- Fashionable;
- 18- Mental lapse;
- 20- Looks for;
- 22- Swelling reducer;
- 23- Au contraire!;
- 24- Bias;
- 26- \_\_\_-cone;
- 27- Bonelike;
- 30- Explorer;
- 34- Spread out;
- 35- Tyne of "Judging Amy";
- 36- French friend;
- 37- Layer of paint;
- 38- Mr. Magoo, for one;
- 40- Singer Redding;
- 41- Jackie's second;
- 42- Dynamic intro;
- 43- Cash register key;
- 45- Comes back;
- 47- Disperse;
- 48- Fido's appointment;
- 49- Twice, a comforting comment;
- 50- Boatswain;
- 53- Nectar collector;
- 54- Femme fatale;
- 58- Having three sides;
- 61- Up \_\_\_ good;
- 62- Sicilian resort;
- 63- African language group;
- 64- Are you \_\_\_ out?;
- 65- \_\_\_-do-well;
- 66- Japanese dish;

### Down

- 1- Basics;
- 2- Architect Mies van der \_\_\_;
- 3- I cannot tell \_\_\_;
- 4- Inferior position;
- 5- Narc's employer;
- 6- Unfasten;
- 7- Bounce;
- 8- Got ripped;
- 9- Isr. neighbor;
- 10- Shoot from the root of a plant;
- 11- Touched down;
- 12- Greek temple;
- 13- Bond classic;
- 19- Harass;
- 21- Gradual;
- 25- Illness;
- 26- Absence of sound;
- 27- Movie award;
- 28- Future fungus;
- 29- Characteristic;
- 30- Baby food;

- 31- Really bother;
- 32- Author Zola;
- 33- Stair part;
- 35- Scooby-\_\_\_;
- 39- Decade divs.;
- 40- Inflammation of bone;
- 42- Concert venue;
- 44- Long objects used to row a boat;
- 46- Type of consonant;
- 47- Close-fitting dress;
- 49- Slender gulls;
- 50- Bingo call;
- 51- Writer Sarah \_\_\_ Jewett;
- 52- Trig function;
- 53- Boyfriend;
- 55- Barrett of gossip;
- 56- Hydroxyl compound;
- 57- Writer Ephron;
- 59- Atlanta-based cable channel;
- 60- Him, to Henri;

## DMV warns of scam

Oregon residents have reported telephone calls from someone claiming to be collecting DMV fees and insisting upon immediate payment.

The scammers may ask for payment by wire transfer or prepaid debit/credit. Or they may ask for personally identifiable information, such as Social Security number, bank account number, debit/credit card number or other information that could be used to steal money, commit fraud or perpetrate identity theft. Some callers threaten arrest, lawsuits and/or criminal prosecution.

In addition to telephone calls and robo-call machines, these scammers often use email, social media and texting. Scammers have found ways to fool caller ID and appear to be calling from a real DMV phone number, so customers who try to call back reach the real DMV call centers. Remember that:

DMV never calls customers to request unpaid vehicle or driver-related fees. DMV sends correspondence by mail.

DMV is not able to accept payments by phone, wire transfer or prepaid card. DMV asks for pay-

ment by check mailed to Oregon DMV or by our online Vehicle Registration Renewal at OregonDMV.com.

DMV never calls and asks for debit/credit or other account numbers or Social Security Number by phone.

DMV never threatens arrest or lawsuits for allegedly unpaid DMV fees.

DMV does not collect state or federal income taxes. There is no connection between income taxes and vehicle registration fees.

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