

## 1971 GMC C1500



This 1971 1/2 ton GMC pickup was originally bought in Minot, North Dakota, by Martin Eversrud, of Balfour, North Dakota. Martin was a bulk oil salesman for Standard Oil and owned the Standard Oil Station in Balfour, North Dakota at the time the pickup was purchased new from the dealer. Martin drove the pickup until the early 1990's when it was retired to his son Tom Eversrud of Balfour, North Dakota. Tom used the truck for daily chores such as hauling trees and trash to the local landfill. Tom later decided to sell the pickup on behalf of his dad, and put a for sale sign in the pickup after parking it in the lot at the Standard Oil Station in Balfour, North Dakota, on Hwy. 52.



While driving truck, my father, Ross Eriksmoen, Sr. spotted the pickup with a for sale sign in the window in the parking lot of the Standard Oil Station in Balfour, North Dakota. Knowing that I had been looking for a pickup of this year model and vintage, he called my mother and left a message for me to call the number on the for sale sign in the window. I called and spoke with Tom, who agreed to meet me at the service station the next morning. Upon arrival I observed that the pickup was all original and was in good shape with 97,000 original miles. I purchased the pickup with help from my parents, for \$2300 (asking price was \$2500), from Tom and drove it home. It was registered to Eriksmoen Family Farm Inc. at this time.

After getting the truck home, I did some minor body work, replacing the rocker panels that were rusted out, and fixed a couple of rust spots in the floor boards of the cab. I repainted the upper portion of the cab, installed a sliding rear window, purchased chrome modular 15" wheels with new tires, and installed a new radio with a CD changer. I later added headers and dual exhaust and replaced the motor with a new remanufactured Chevy 350, after the original motor lost the timing chain at 110,000 miles in 1994. This was approximately one year after I purchased the pickup. After marrying in 1995, I drove the pickup this way for the next 15 years as my main mode of transportation.



After graduating from college in 1997, I entered on duty with the United States Border Patrol in May of 1998, and this pickup with a topper and a U-haul trailer in tow, hauled all of our worldly possessions to Blythe, California, to start a new career with the U.S. Border Patrol on the southern border after I had graduated the academy in Glynn, GA, in September of 1998. The pickup served me well while on the southern border, transporting me back and forth to work and hauling groceries and other large household goods around southern California and southern Arizona, from 1998 to 2002. During this time, I installed an Old Air (original equipment) air conditioning system in the truck to deal with the extreme heat that we dealt with in the southern desert.

In 2002, the pickup traveled with me from Arizona, to Minnesota, Colorado, and back to North Dakota, arriving in February of 2003. After arriving back in North Dakota, the pickup once again served its purpose well, transporting me back and forth to work and back and forth to the farm during daily travels. The pickup was parked in the garage in 2015, where it remained until 2016, when I decided that it was time to give the faithful old truck an extreme makeover with a frame-up-restoration and modern day updates to the drivetrain. It was time to restore it to its prior grandeur with a few major upgrades.



Photo by Gina Perkins

At left, Paul's wife, Debbie with the 1971 GMC.

The information at left is from Christina Witham of Oregon Sign Company, LLC.

## Letters

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### Disappointed in Direction

To the Editor:

Stormy Ray is running for the Democratic Primary on May 17. I know Stormy works hard for the common citizen and will continue to do so if elected. She is not in the pocket of any big business or vested interests. Her priorities are education, community and equality.

I am disappointed in the direction things are going in Eastern Oregon and I believe that Stormy is the change that is needed to help Oregon prosper.

**Ben Fortner**  
Huntington

### May 18 PubTalk

The BMCC SBDC Baker City May 18 PubTalk features speakers who will address economic development for Baker County.

Presenters will be Shelly Cutler, Executive Director of the Baker County Chamber of Commerce; Larry Abell representing Historic Baker City; Julie Hicks from Baker County Economic Development; and Northeast Oregon Economic Development District's Lisa Dawson.

Rounding out the presentation are Phillip O'Reilly and Jeff Nelson with their perspectives on the economy from the viewpoint of SBDC business advisors.

Guest speaker is Judy Goodman of BGOOD Bars who will share her experience with Community Public Offering.

For more information email:  
Jeff Nelson  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee for the City of Haines, Baker County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 will be held at the Haines City Hall, 819 Front St. Haines, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 24, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be obtained on or after May 17, 2016 at the Haines City Hall at 819 Front Street.

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 including the use of State Revenue Sharing Funds.

City of Haines complies with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the American Disabilities Act. Assistance is available for individuals with disabilities by calling (541) 856-3366.

### NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee for the Hereford Recreation District, Baker County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget of the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 will be held at the Hereford Community Hall t 23213 HWY 245, Hereford, Oregon. The meeting will take place on May 25, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comments from the public on the budget.

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.

A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 25 at Hereford Community Hall between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.



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