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Carlson announces re-election bid for judge

Louis Carlson announced last week that he will file for reelection for the position of Morrow County Judge. Carlson, the incumbent, was elected to the position in 1986 in the general election and took office January 1987.

Judge Carlson indicated his prime reason for a second term of office as county judge was his interest in community development, senior services and continuity in the work being done with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program at the Umatilla Army Depot. "The incineration program will impact all of us in Morrow County and I believe that the public needs to be informed of the program and be confident in the plans now being implemented for

the safety of all citizens," stated Carlson.

Carlson added, "with the impact of Measure 5 on county government and upon the cities of the county it is imperative that care be given to not assume state program funding at a local level. Holding the line on tax levies will continue to be of prime consideration."

Carlson serves as co-vice chairman of the Oregon Rural Development Council and vice chairman of CAPECO (Community Action Program East Central Oregon). Low income and disabled citizens of Morrow County are currently being served by the Heppner Neighborhood Center and the Irrigon/Boardman Emergency Center in conjunction with CAPECO.



Louis Carlson

Get your duck for O'Ducky race

The third annual O'Ducky Race will be held again this year on Saturday, March 14 during the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Four hundred "Olympic winning" plastic ducks will be dropped off the bridge in front of the courthouse at 4 p.m. Minutes later the winners will start "swimming" across the finish line behind the library. Watch your duck go for the gold on Willow Creek.

Prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second, and \$50 for third. T-shirts with the O'Ducky Race logo will be given to the first 10

duckies to cross the line.

Duckies will be for rent at Cheri's Hair and Nails until the big day and at a booth on Main Street in front of Bud's Pub the day of the race from 9 a.m. until they are sold out.

Ione boys, girls to compete at Big Sky District Tournament

By Anne Morter

The Big Sky Tournament will kick off for the Ione basketball teams Friday, Feb. 21 and Saturday, Feb. 22 at Umatilla High School.

The Lady Cards will play Friday at 1:30 p.m. when they take on the Dufur Rangers. If all goes well in that game, they will advance to Saturday, Feb. 22 play where they will meet the loser of the Condon-Sherman game with the Big Sky's second state tournament berth on the line.

The Cardinals will play Sher-

man County Friday night at 8 p.m. in the battle of the "number ones" in opening round play of the Big Sky District Tournament. The winner goes on to the state tournament as the Big Sky's number-one seed. Dufur will play Condon in the battle of the "number twos," with the winner of that game playing the loser of the Ione-Sherman game for the last state playoff berth. Both the girls and boys games will be broadcast on KOHU-Hermiston, 99.3.

Mini pageant new to Irish festivals

New to the annual St. Patrick's weekend this year will be a mini-pageant of the story of the Irish in Morrow County to be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday March 14 in the Heppner Junior High auditorium.

The show entitled "Erin Came to County Morrow," has been researched, written and will be presented by the community theater group HIT, sponsored by the Morrow County Children Youth Services Commission, to encourage intergenerational experience in theater arts and to assist pre-school programs here.

Narrated by Tony Becket, the show will trace briefly through skits, letters, stories, music, songs and dances the life of the Irish here from the 1870's to the 1920's.

The performers from Heppner, Lexington and Ione range in age from six months to 87 years. Musical numbers will include among others, the South Morrow

Fossil auto dealer honored by TIME

TIME Magazine has named Herbert C. Wright, vice president, Wright Chevrolet, Inc. of Fossil, as a recipient of the 1992 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award. The TMQDA announcement was made February 8 by Elizabeth P. Valk, publisher of TIME Magazine, during the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) convention in Dallas. Wright and other award winners were honored at the opening business meeting of this year's NADA convention, attended by more than 15,000 individuals involved in the automotive industry.

Wright is one of only 65 dealers nationwide to be nominated for the magazine's award, sponsored in cooperation with the NADA since 1970. The annual TMQDA program recognizes outstanding franchised new car dealers for exceptional performance in their dealerships and distinguished community service. Winners are selected by a panel of faculty members from the University of Michigan graduate school of business ad-

ministration. In acknowledgement of the University's participation, TIME Magazine makes a grant of scholarship funds to the graduate school of business administration in the names of TIME, NADA and all TMQDA winners.

A native of Fossil, Wright began his automotive career in 1953 when he began buying cars from a franchised dealer 60 miles away and then selling them through the service station he had operated since 1941. Wright purchased the Chevrolet dealership which bears his name in 1959. He acted as the organization's president until 1988, when he appointed his son-in-law, William Mac Innes to succeed him.

Wright Chevrolet has been the recipient of many factory sales awards during Wright's tenure; he has also participated on numerous dealer councils since 1972. Wright was nominated to receive this year's TMQDA by the Oregon Automobile Dealers Association, to which he has belonged since 1959. He served as a member of its board of direc-



Herb Wright

tors from 1973-1986.

Wright is also active in civic and community affairs. He currently serves as a board member of the Oregon Retail Council and as a director of the Oregon Rural Electric Co-Operative. He is also a member of Associated Oregon Industries.

In his community, Wright was chairman of the Fossil City Council from 1968-72 and presently is a member of the local school district's budget board. In 1985, he was named Wheeler County's Outstanding Citizen of the Year by the Fossil Community Club, in recognition of his contributions to the county.

Mr. Wright and his wife, Margaret, reside in Fossil.

Wright Chevrolet dealers honored

Wright Chevrolet, Fossil, has been notified that the dealership has been included on the 'Top 50 SDA Customer Service Index Dealers.' The listing is compiled from Chevrolet owners surveyed through Nov. 1991.

Wright Chevrolet is the only Portland Branch Chevrolet

dealership to appear on the national ranking.

The Fossil dealership has been on the top of the list in the customer service index during all 33 years of operation.

Owner Herb Wright has also been chosen winner in his group in 'Service Images '91.'

Donkey basketball planned at HHS

Heppner High School will be featuring donkey basketball on March 5 at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Four teams will compete: Heppner High seniors-Brody Struckmeier, Travis Greenup, Richard Pettyjohn, Jim Kindle, Jason Britt, Ryan Currin, Becky Norton, Charlie Rathbun, Sheila Dunaway, Kim Johnston; faculty members-Les Payne, Mark Dowdy, Bob Sagely, Steve Dickenson, Greg Grant, Bob Ployhar, Dave Gunderson, Dave Fowler, Lee Padbeg, Bryan Traylor; a town team-Wayne Evans, Steve Rhea, Archie Ball, Kenny Eckman, Dave Eckman,

Rick Johnston, Dicky Devin, Russell Britt, Slater Mitchell, Bob Krein. The fourth team is still in the making. Announcer is Larry Mills and Joe Kindle and Becky Evans will be pooper scoopers.

Advance tickets are available at Murray's Drug and from HHS senior class members. Tickets sell for \$4 adults, \$3.50 for students grades seven through 12 and \$3 for children kindergarten to sixth grade. Tickets will be 50 cents more at the door. Proceeds will go toward the '92 senior class trip.

Jill Barber on to state



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Jill Barber practices for her upcoming free throw shooting contest

Onion workshop slated Feb. 27

A lower Columbia Basin Onion Workshop will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Heather Inn at Umatilla.

There will be no charge for the workshop and lunch will be provided.

For more information call the Morrow County Extension office 676-9642 or the Hermiston Extension office 567-8321.

Jill Barber, daughter of Don and Judy Barber, Heppner was the winner of the North-East hoop shoot age group 10-11, held in Hermiston February 8.

Jill advances to the Oregon State Elks Free Throw contest held in Corvallis this Saturday, Feb. 22.

Jill's grandparents are Don and Jean Bennett also of Heppner.

Chamber seeks auction donations

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking donations for the St. Patrick's auction.

Anyone having items they wish to donate should contact Bob Kahl or Steve Rhea, 676-9113.

Proceeds will go towards St. Patrick's festivities.

Day Care to offer child care during St. Pat's festival

Heppner Day Care will be open on Saturday, March 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. for parents who need child care during the St. Patrick's festivities.

The charge will be \$1.50 per hour per child. Reservations are

required. The day care can care for 33 children maximum. "We will play games, show a movie and have lots of fun activities along with a snack," said director Kathy Tellechea.


Call 676-5429 for reservations.



Happy Valentine's Day with a song....Matthew and Darren Van Cleave entertained Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home resident Marjorie Worden with a Valentine song.

The boys and their mother Myrna Van Cleave entertain nursing home residents each year.

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