

Wright's Chevrolet

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20 miles from Fossil. He became acquainted with my daughter, Patricia. His name was Bill MacInnes. He began to help out on weekends in the garage washing cars, cleaning up the garage and lubricating while serving out his tour of duty with the Air Force. Bill and my daughter were married. He got out of the Air Force and went to work with me full time, learning car sales and operation of the dealership. Bill was a good learner and not afraid to work long hours to sell cars and pickups.

Wright Chevrolet had an excellent reputation for good customer service satisfaction. Wright Chevrolet was always a top-rated Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealer, competing favorably and usually with a satisfaction rating better than most big dealers in Oregon, Washington and part of Idaho.

I won many prizes and trips to different places by winning over the other Chevrolet dealers in two states, who had much larger and fancier operations that I had.

The only bad part of winning these prizes and free trips was in January, I would get a General Motors IRS form 1099, showing that I owed taxes as income received from taking these prizes and trips. What a revolting development and what a shock that form 1099 was the first time.

About 1978, I incorporated Wright Chevrolet so that I could get Bill and Pat involved with the ownership and the operation of Wright Chevrolet. After about eight years, I moved off to one side, so Bill could take over the direction of the full operation and control its destiny. I cut down a little on my control of the garage and worked in the parts and warranty claims. I also cut my hours down to about six hours. What a vacation that was. Now my grandson is working with Bill in car sales and young Bill's wife is the bookkeeper. My daughter Pat helps out as needed.

This year, March 25, 1999, Wright Chevrolet celebrated 40 years as a Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealer in Fossil. I have seen many changes in the town and area of Fossil and Wheeler County.

I have lived within 10 miles of my birthplace and Fossil except when I ran the service station in Heppner.

I attended school for eight years at a one-room schoolhouse at the Kinzua Fossil Junction. There were six to eight students in grades one to eight. My brother Bill and I walked one and a half miles over hill and dale, rain, snow, sunny and warm or 20 degrees below zero.

Wheeler County and Fossil have been very good to me.

H.C. Wright was on the board of directors of the Oregon State Department of Energy in Salem for six years. He served eight years on the board of directors for the Oregon Auto Dealers and service six years on the board of Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, one of those years as president. The association includes 20 cooperatives, including Columbia Basin Electric and Columbia Power Coop of Monument, Spray and Mitchell.

He also served on the board of directors of Associated Oregon Industries for six years and many local boards over a 40-year period.

Crisis line training offered

Crisis line volunteer training for the Domestic Violence Services of Umatilla and Morrow County will be held April 26-29 and May 4-6 from 6-9 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the evening and weekend shifts for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis line. Those who want to learn more about domestic violence and sexual assault are also invited to attend. The training is free.

For more information or to register call the Hermiston office, 567-0424 or the Pendleton office, 276-3322.

Gun club holds last reg. shoot

The last regular weekly shoot of the Morrow County Gun Club (MCGC) was held on Sunday, April 18, with a family barbecue at noon.

Despite the cooler temperatures, the turnout was larger than expected and a great time was had by all, said MCGC spokesperson Sandi Day.

The winners of the 16 yard event were: first Jeff Cutsforth, 24 of 25; second a tie between Curtis Cutsforth, Harvey Childers and Curt Day, 22 of 25; third a tie between Mike Gorman and Mark Schlichting, 21 of 25.

The winners of the 20 yard handicap event were: first Jeff Cutsforth, 22 of 25; and second a tie between Curt Day and Harvey Childers, 20 of 25.

The winners of the ladies' shoot were: first Bonnie Grant and Sandi Day; second Bobbi Childers and Deona Hodges; third Mary "Hopalong" Haguwood (from her chair).

The Jack and Jill events, round one, winners were: first Harvey and Bobbi Childers, second a tie between Curt and Sandi Day, Troy and Tina Walker and Scott Dougherty and Deona Hodges; third Jeff and Missy Cutsforth; round two-first Harvey and Bobbi Childers, second Curt and Sandi Day, third Shane Laughlin and Bonnie Grant; third round-first Harvey Childers and Deona Hodges, second a tie between Mark Schlichting and Bobbi Childers, Bill Schlichting and Missy Cutsforth, and Kelwayne and Mary Haguwood.

There were three Annie Oakleys held, with Curt Day, Kelwayne Haguwood and Scott Dougherty each winning one.

There will be a shoot next Sunday of the MCGC at TKO in Ruggs, beginning at noon.

Legion, Auxiliary to hold meeting

American Legion Post #87 and Auxiliary will meet on Monday, April 26 at the United Methodist Church basement in Heppner for a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m.

A meeting will take place after the potluck. The poppy day sale date will be set. Election of new officers will take place.

Eleven members attended the District 6 President Delores Gilmore's visitation at Ione. The Ione unit was second to reach their goal and Heppner was third in the District.

The caucus will be Sunday, May 16 at the Legion Hall at Baker.

Members and guest are welcome to attend the potluck and meeting.

Long time members honored



Left to right: Ed Luttrell, Kenneth Smouse, Gerald Bergstrom and Elmer Palmer

Presentation of national Grange awards was held Monday, April 19, at the Lexington Grange. Those who have been Grange members continuously for 25, 50 and 75 years were honored. Kenneth Smouse, who joined the Grange the first year it was organized, received a 70-year award and Gerald Bergstrom and Elmer Palmer both received 50-year awards. Those not present were Velve Becholdt and Betty Brown, who both received 50-year awards, and Frieda Slocum, who received a 25-year award.

Oregon State Grange Master Ed Luttrell made the presentations. Lecturer Jean Nelson said that many people have been Grange members for 25, 50 and 70 years, but they must have been continuous members to receive the award.

HIV prevention

An HIV prevention planning meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at the Family Service Center in Heppner.

For more information, call 676-5421.

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

Attending the senior dinner April 14 were 99 persons over 60 and six under 60. Members of the Seventh-day Adventist and Nazarene churches served. The Senior Board met after the meal. The tenants and office receptionists met at 3 p.m. Carol Mitchell asked that each tenant have a "Buddy" who would call each day to check whether they were all right. Barbara Hayes discussed the Dollaride van and provided new forms to fill out when taking appointments for rides. Howard Gilliam reminded the receptionists also about telephone etiquette. It was a very interesting and informative session.

The menu for April 28 will be spaghetti with meatballs, seasoned Italian vegetable, garden green salad, plums, garlic bread and peanut butter pie. Members of the Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will serve.

The senior bus with eight passengers and driver Floyd White made the trip to the Condon Meal Site Thursday, April 15. A delicious meal and visiting was enjoyed.

The Garden Club held their annual plant exchange Saturday, at the center. What a great way to get new plants for your yard.

Dates to remember include: exercise, Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.; Senior Meal Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; cards Tuesday, Thursday and Friday or whenever enough people get together to play. Bingo is Friday evenings 7 p.m.. The bus will go to the Stokes Landing Meal Site, Irrigon, on Monday, April 26, departing Senior Center at 10:30 a.m.

Happy 92nd Birthday!

on April 24th to

RALPH BEAMER

From Friends and Family

Crawfords to celebrate 50th anniversary

Delmer and Francine Crawford, Hermiston, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 24, at 4 p.m. at the Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Delmer Crawford and Francine Ely were married on April 22, 1949, at Stevenson, WA.

Mrs. Crawford was a bookkeeper in the family business for 27 years. The last 10 years she has been in real estate sales.

Mr. Crawford spent two years in the U.S. Navy, stationed in the South Pacific. He has been in the grain business for 10 years.

They are members of St. John's Episcopal Church and the Elks

Club and are past members of Rotary, Kiwanis and the Emblem Club.

The couple have three children: Marlene Bush, Hermiston; Anita Kongsli, Richland, WA; and Cyndee Falconer, Hermiston; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Correction

A news story in the April 14 Gazette incorrectly stated that Morrow County School District lunch prices have been increased. Lunch prices have not increased.

Wedding Tables

Alecia Colleen Tarnasky and Craig Kelly Angell
May 1st

Randi LeBoeuf and Jonathan Garrett
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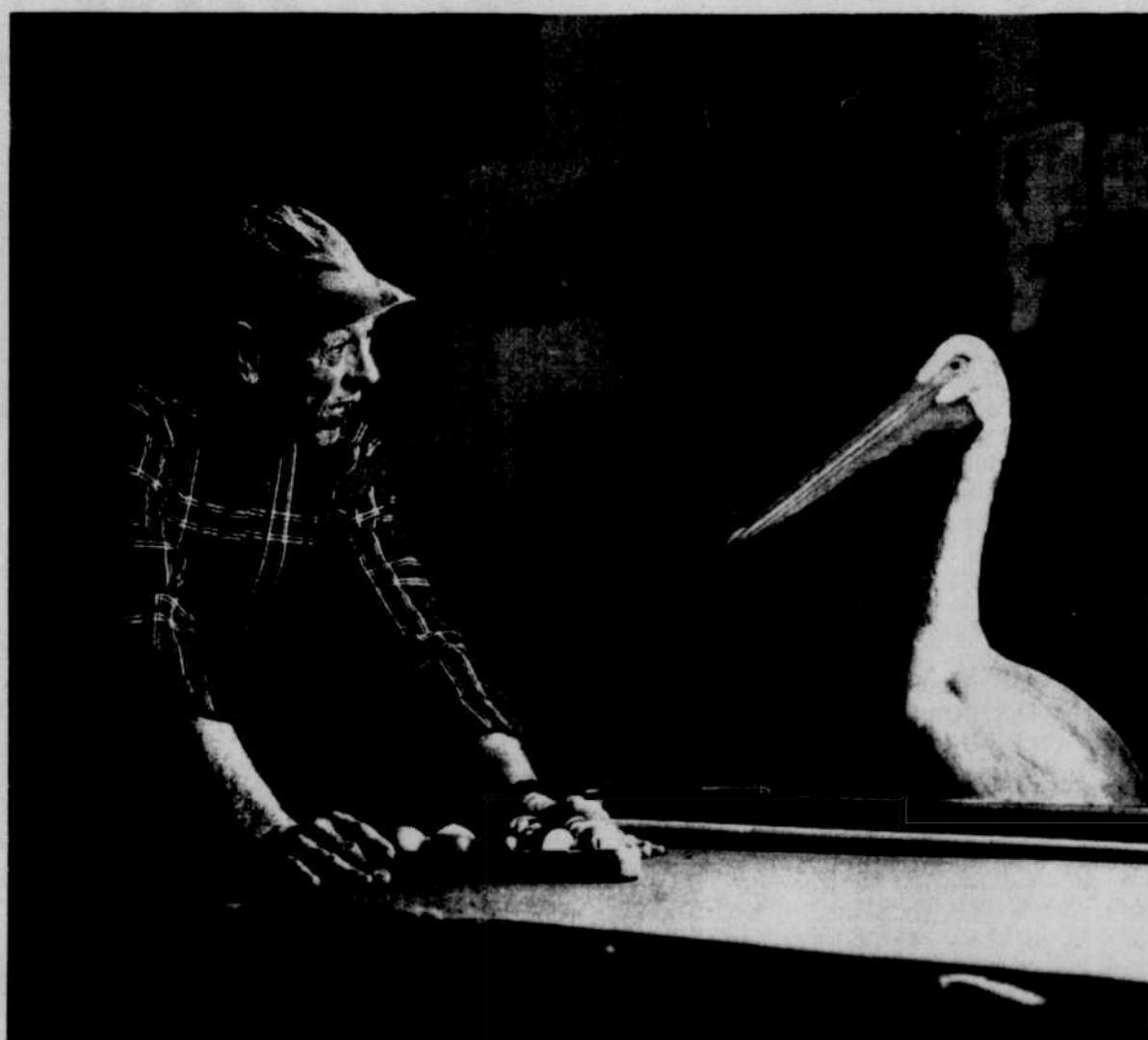
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Pelican: It's enough to make you molt.

Walt: Seems like you folks at the bank are the only ones who still like doing things face to face.

Pelican: Just our instincts kicking in, I guess.

Walt: 'Scuse me, my friend. You're nesting on the cue ball again.

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