

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## UFO sighting reported near Hermiston in 1967

25 YEARS AGO

APRIL 21, 2017

• Union Pacific workers are assessing the damage from a multi-car collision at the Hinkle Rail yard, which derailed several rail cars and spilled several hundred gallons of diesel fuel. Bill Nolen, manager of terminal operations at Hinkle, said a mechanical failure caused the accident, which occurred Sunday, April 12. "When the engineer started forward, a coupling snapped and the 25 cars behind rolled back into a waiting group of 60 cars," Nolen said. "It was a pretty big mess." Over 600 gallons of diesel fuel leaked from ruptured tanks on two refrigerated cars. Workers hurried to clean up the spilled fuel, but were hampered by the derailed cars.

• Umatilla Sage Riders was host to the Beard Rodeos Rough Stock Schooling over the weekend. Over the three-day weekend rough-stock instruction from three top PRCA cowboys will be given. A National Finals Rodeo veteran gave instruction in saddle bronc riding with current world champion Clint Corey of Kennewick handling the bareback event. Charles Sampson a 1982 world champion bull rider was there to school the local cowboys on bull riding.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 20, 1967

• "It was like looking into a white-hot fire," Mrs. N.V. Ford said, in describing the unidentified flying object she sighted as she stood in her yard on Bridge Road, west of Hermiston,

about 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13. The object was visible for only a few seconds, she said. It came toward her out of the eastern sky, at a very low altitude and traveling at a very high rate of speed. It was round, flat on the bottom, and had a dome-shaped upper portion; something on the order of an inverted bowl. It was of a white-hot color in the center, shading to deep violet on the edges. A cylindrical shaped flame came from the back of the object. These flames were of varying length and looked exactly like those from a blow torch. The object seemed to be very low, almost at house top level, and was traveling on a horizontal course. And though it seemed to be very near her, Mrs. Ford said she could hear no sound from it what so ever.

• Bids will be received for 16.4 mile Interstate project on the Stanfield Junction-Pendleton section of the Old Oregon Trail Interstate 80N. This project in Umatilla County involves paving, structures and signing from point 0.8 miles west of the Stanfield Junction to a point three miles west of Pendleton, near Reith. The project plans call for four 12-foot lanes, continuously reinforced concrete pavement (slip form permitted), eight structures, a 7x5 siphon box, construction of signs and sign supports, and four interchanges. Cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$9 million. Completion time is 480 calendar days.

75 YEARS AGO

APRIL 23, 1942

• Hermiston merchants

and business men who have been in the habit in the past of disposing of excess paper, cartons and other rubbish by burning it in outside trash burners are doomed for disappointment. B.A. Doyle, local fire chief, this week has issued a special notice forbidding this practice within the fire zone, which is composed of the territory from Stone's Market to the Legion hall and from the Methodist church block to Hamby's Auto Parts. Any violation hereafter will be punished by a \$50 fine. Accumulation of rubbish is also included in the above law. All fireman have been instructed to check on the matter and report violations to the chief.

• Stores, business houses, boarding houses, hospitals, other users or sellers of sugar, other than individual families, will register at the high school April 28 and 29, for their sugar rationing booklets. The school has no discretion or authorization in the matter whatsoever. It simply acts as a place of registration and forwards the results to the county administrator. However, there is now a supply of the blank forms available and people may take them home, and make out their report at their leisure, always providing the reports are registered on April 28 or 29.

100 YEARS AGO

APRIL 21, 1917

• Monday afternoon organization of a branch of the National Honor Guard was completed. Twenty-five joined at the first meeting as that was all the application blanks on hand. Another supply has

been sent for and at the next meeting at least 10n more will affiliate. Officers elected were: Vera Purdy, leader; Marion Briggs, assistant leader; Doris Percey, secretary; Esther Graham, treasurer. The honor guard is really a branch of the Red Cross and those joining designate whether they may be had for home work only or whether it necessary they can take up active Red Cross work in the field.

• The campaign by the Civic club to raise funds for fencing the cemetery is making good progress and enough will soon be on hand to start the work. Already about \$40 has been raised. Just now the club is working on chain teas and these are spreading rapidly to all sections of the community. Feeling that the cemetery is something all will want to help with the teas are not being confined to club members alone. The first chain was given last week by Mrs. Handline. This week Mrs. Cressy and Mrs. McNaught each gave one and from now on there will be a number each week. The lady giving the tea invites five for an afternoon. Each guest leaves 10 cents with her hostess, which is turned into the cemetery fund and then each guest entertains five of her friends and so on. A record is being kept and the ladies are not to accept but one invitation, which also means she will only entertain but once. In this way the cost to each one is very light but taken collectively a good fund will be raised.

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## FRAN RICE

Facilitator for Leadership Hermiston

## 1. When and why did you move to Hermiston?

*We moved in the spring of 2006 because of the long sunny days, cool nights and lots of outdoor living days in Hermiston. And, because my husband took a job with Potlatch Corp.*

## 2. What's your favorite place to eat?

*Other than barbecuing on a boat on the Columbia River, that would have to be Walker's Farm Kitchen or Hales.*

## 3. What is your favorite activity in your free time?

*We love to float on the Columbia River, and enjoy it with friends.*

## 4. What's the last book you read?

*Believing God by Beth Moore*

## 5. What app or website do you use most often, other than Facebook?

*Daily Audio Bible and GLSNext (leadership videos)*

## 6. What surprises you about Hermiston?

*Hermiston has a history of people getting behind a project and making it happen. In 1994, people raised over \$600,000 to renovate the old Safeway store into a community Conference Center "because Thompson Hall was not doing it." More recently, we have gained the great Kennison Stadium through skilled planners and generous people.*

## 7. If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

*Sunny, warm beaches in the Caribbean Sea.*

## 8. Describe the funniest thing that's ever happened to you.

*We added an upstairs onto the house we bought here. In the process of taking the top off the old portion, my perfectionism forced me too vacuum between the old rafters. I didn't want that "stuff" between the new floor and the old ceiling. As I was carefully moving along with the shop vac, I got to a place that I needed one more step to get the final corner clean. I forgot to step on the rafter and put my foot and leg through the ceiling of the lower floor. Was that funny or just embarrassing?*

## 9. Name one of your goals for the next 12 months.

*It is so easy to accomplish what affects me. I want to become more aware of needs around me that I can meet.*

## 10. What is your proudest accomplishment?

*We have six wonderful, successful adult children that we homeschooled.*

## LETTERS POLICY

The Hermiston Herald welcomes original letters for publication on public issues and public policies. Submitted letters must be signed by the author and include the city of residence and a daytime phone number. Phone numbers will not be published. Letters may be mailed to the Hermiston Herald, 333 E. Main, Hermiston, OR, 97838; or emailed to editor@hermistonherald.com

## COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

**BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY**, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

**BMCC ARTS & CULTURE**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. 10 a.m. "Sex Trafficking in Thailand"; 11 a.m. "Myanmar: A Case Study of Social Isolation and Its Effects on a Nation"; noon ASG free barbecue lunch and Service Peace Warrior dogs; 1 p.m. "Black Lives Matter: A Performing Artist's Perspective"; 2 p.m. Bosnian war refugee; 5 p.m. "Art and Activism" (541-276-1260)

**STORY TIME**, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

**BMCC ARTS & CULTURE**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. 9 a.m. "The Space Between the U.S."; 11 a.m. "Stories of Surviving the Warsaw Ghetto During WWII"; noon "Common Threads: Similarities in the Liberation Movement in Black and Latino Communities"; 1 p.m. "Trans 101"; 2 p.m. Rotary presentation on Peace Pole Project, followed by installation of Peace Pole at 3 p.m. (541-276-1260)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to Senior Center by donation. (541-567-3582)

**SENSORY STORY TIME**, 12:30 p.m.,

Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

**ARTISTS' RECEPTION**, 4-6 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Hermiston High School students whose works are on display will be present to discuss their work. Refreshments. Free. (541-567-2882)

**YARN CLUB**, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO**, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

**FIDDLERS NIGHT**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

**STORY TIME**, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

**TIME TO SHINE IRRIGON CITIZENS RECOGNITION BANQUET**, 5-8 p.m., Irrigon Senior Center, 195 N.W. Opal Place, Irrigon. No-host social hour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and awards at 7 p.m. tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Irrigon Library or by calling 541-922-3857. (541-922-6259)

**VFW BINGO**, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

**INVASIVE WEED INFORMATION EVENT**, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Riverfront Park, 302 S.W. 23rd St., Hermiston. Learn about invasive weeds in Umatilla County and what you can do to prevent their spread. Free. (541-278-5462)

**PARKING LOT SALE**, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Agape House, 500 W. Harper

Road, Hermiston. Clothing is five items for \$1, furniture and bicycles priced as marked, knick-knacks you-name-the-price. (Dave Hughes 541-567-8774)

**YARN CLUB**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**SEN. RON WYDEN TOWN HALL**, 10 a.m., Riverside Jr./Sr. High School auditorium, 210 N.E. Boardman Ave., Boardman. Sen. Wyden will discuss current legislation and answer questions. (Hank Stern 503-326-7539)

**GLASS BEADMaking**, 12-4 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Kevin Boylan will show students how to make patterned glass beads using oxy/propane torches. Includes demos and lectures, but mostly hands-on torch time. Cost is \$85 for members, \$90 for non-members plus \$20 materials fee. Glass continues Sunday f (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

## UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ANNUAL MEETING & MEMBERSHIP DINNER



**Saturday, April 22, 2017**  
**Hermiston Conference Center**  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Our Annual Meeting theme

*"Reaching New Heights" is a recognition of the milestones reached over the last 80 years and what we expect in 2017.*

*As always, attendance is free to UEC members. We hope you will join us!*



**Featured Speaker**  
**Bob Welch, of Eugene**  
*a celebrated author, will highlight Umatilla Electric's 2017 Annual Meeting!*



### Vote Yes For Kids Hermiston Enrollment Growth

The current growth trend predicts the district's population will increase 24% which equates to 1,100 additional students in seven years. Without new construction and renovation, the district could need 56 more modular classrooms. 1/5 of the student population will be served in temporary classrooms by 2023.

**A YES VOTE is less than \$0.90 per thousand assessed value. \$175,000 home = \$157.50 a year. Less than \$14.00 a month.**

#### PROPOSED PROJECTS:

- Replace Rocky Heights Elementary School
- New elementary school on district-owned Theater lane property
- Expand Hermiston High School - safety/access improvements
- Sandstone Middle School maintenance and repair
- Replace Highland Hills Elementary School

Nine years ago, the Hermiston School Board asked for \$1.40 per thousand. This is significantly less, because of business and population growth.

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