

# The game of life features friends, connections

It seems that I'm getting to that age where I meet up with old friends at formal gatherings. And, such was the case during a recent weekend when I attended a celebration of life service and a marriage ceremony.



**Tammy Malgesini**  
INSIDE MY SHOES

Although I had only met mama Briley a few times, I went to the service out of respect for several of her children — including her youngest son, Mark. My friendship with Marko began when we started working together. With an adventurous spirit and a sarcastic sense of humor that often came out in made-up songs, Marko and I hit it off right away. Acting as Mark's seeing-eye person, we've skied some of the best powder in the Rocky Mountains and swam in the warmest waters in the Gulf of Mexico.

When we discovered we were born two days apart, we started telling people we were twins. While it's a

medical oddity, it is possible for twins to be born on different days. However, it's generally not possible for twins to have different fathers and mothers.

Also, John and I, along with Marko and Teri, have taken many family vacations together. We've flown in a helicopter over the Grand Canyon, ended up in total darkness in Carlsbad Caverns when the electricity malfunctioned and egged Mark on to share a fabricated abduction story at the UFO Festival in Roswell, New Mexico. We've also gone to more baseball games than I can count. And, Mark's love for the game, I learned, was passed down from his mother.

As far as the wedding, it was special to be there when Isaac Williams tied the knot with Tonieshia Rich. I met Isaac's mother, Matilda Ritter, shortly after we moved to Hermiston.



STAFF PHOTO BY TAMMY MALGESINI

Isaac Williams smiles prior to kissing his bride, Tonieshia Rich, during an Aug. 27 wedding ceremony on the grounds of the River Lodge & Grill in Boardman.

When she found out she was pregnant, Matilda invited me to be present when she gave birth. Knowing that John and I weren't going to have children, she wanted to share the wonder of childbirth.

I'm still not too sure

how thrilled her then husband was about the whole thing, but Bruce did call me in the wee hours of the morning on July 6, 1987. I had fingernail indentations that lasted for hours from Matilda gripping my hand so hard while she was in labor.

Isaac Alvin Williams made his appearance at 5:15 a.m. A few days later, he wore his first Yankees jersey that I had gotten him.

Before he started kindergarten, John gave Isaac a cool haircut in our bathroom. And, even though John hadn't stepped foot

inside a church for some time, we both attended Isaac's baptism a handful of years later.

Through life's transitions, we grew apart for several years. However, I met up with Isaac again when he was a senior in high school. Catching up, I asked about his interests and activities. He shared about skateboarding, playing guitar and watching the Yankees play baseball. "I got that from you," he said with a smile.

At the wedding reception, I overheard Isaac introducing his wife to John. He proudly told her that I was in the room when he was born.

That weekend reminded me that the connections we have with people is what really matters in life.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Library display features inmate art**

The artwork of inmates of Two Rivers Correctional Institution is featured during the September display at the Hermiston Public Library.

The inmate artists create artwork during their personal time and also during some shop training time. The display includes several pieces of metal work and some sketches.

The library is located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. For more information, call 541-567-2882.

**Reception welcomes new library director**

The public is invited to a welcome reception for Mark Rose.

With more than 25 years of library experience, Rose recently assumed duties as the Hermiston Public Library director, replacing Marie Baldo, who recently retired.

Light refreshments will be served during the gathering, which is Thursday from 4-6 p.m. at 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-567-2882.

**Library friends set book sale in Hermiston**

Everything from volumes to complete a collection of fiction writers to books on cooking, travel, history and just about any subject you can think of are featured in the annual book

**Boardman quilters create for charity**

The Boardman Quilt Group recently displayed a number of quilts in the flower and land produce building during the Umatilla County Fair in Hermiston.

A labor of love, the quilts were created with the purpose of donating them to charitable organizations. Last year, the group gave 12 quilts to Martha's House, a homeless shelter in Hermiston that is operated by Agape House.

The quilters will host its 12th annual Boardman Quilt Show Oct. 7-8 at the Boardman Senior Center. More about the Boardman Quilt Show, including how to enter a quilt, will appear in the Sept. 21 edition of the *Hermiston Herald*.

For more information, contact Lila Killingbeck at 541-481-9426 or tlkranch@centurytel.net.

sale of the Friends of the Hermiston Public Library.

The event opens with a special member's only sale Thursday, Sept. 22, from 5-7 p.m. in the Lanham Room, downstairs at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For people who want to get an early start for the best selection, friends memberships are available for as little as \$10 at the door.

The sale opens to the public Friday, Sept. 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The final day is Saturday, Sept. 24m, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which features a \$1 per bag sale.

The Friends of the

Hermiston Public Library are dedicated to promoting libraries in general and specifically providing financial and donated time to the library. Those interested in becoming a member can pick up a form at the library.

For more information, call 541-567-2882.

**Revival features former FLDS member**

Brian Mackert of Short Creek Fellowship in Colorado City, Arizona, is the special speaker for a revival that starts Sunday in Hermiston.

Born and raised in the

Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — a polygamous sect most recently led by Warren Jeffs — Mackert is now an author, Baptist minister, evangelist and missionary.

Rev. Jay Barnett is excited to announce the event, which starts Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship, 700 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Everyone is invited to attend. In addition, the revival continues Sunday evening at 6 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 19 through Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact pastor@newbeginningscf.com.

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9am-2pm

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- Blood Glucose Level

- SHIBA (Medicare), Oregon Health Plan, Veterans Information
- Health-related Classes & Activities (Cooking Classes, Exercise, Etc)
- Teddy Bear Clinic
- Children's Developmental Screenings
- Community Resource Referrals
- Tobacco Cessation
- Car Seat Clinic
- Alcohol Addiction Resources

For more information: Good Shepherd Education Department: 541-667-3509 or healthinfo@gshealth.org

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**541-567-8441**

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DAILY MASS: Monday-Friday  
.....English 7:00 am  
Thursday.....Spanish 6:00 pm  
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SUNDAY.....English 9:00 am  
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Office.....567-5812

Echo Community Church

21 N. Bonanza Street, Echo OR  
Phone: (541) 376-8108

Sunday School • 9:30am  
Worship • 10:45am  
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Sunday School.....10:00 am  
Worship.....11:00 am  
Evening Service.....7:00 pm  
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1 Pet. 5:7

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