

HERMISTON HISTORY

Hermiston History will be a regular feature in the *Hermiston Herald* looking back at items making the newspaper from years past.

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25 years ago

JANUARY 1992

• Dehydrated potatoes introduced to Russia. Dave Landon of Hermiston, president of Oregon Potato Co., returned from the Russian city of Khabarovsk after donating 10 tons of dehydrated potato flakes to the elderly, disabled veterans and the handicapped. "Potato flakes make sense for Russians," he said. "They can set on the shelf for long periods and their intense cold weather won't hurt them as freezing enhances their quality." People of the Russian republic, though poor, were appreciative of the generous gesture by the potato processing plant.

• Hermiston Eagles Lodge scheduled two concerts for new year. The world famous Drifters and Box Tops, were scheduled to play two shows at the lodge. Since the days of their first hit records, both the Drifters and Box Tops have hit the top in record sales with over 30 recordings. Their line up of hits include such numbers as Stand By Me, This Magic Moment, Under The Boardwalk, The Letter and Cry like a Baby.

• Blue Mountain Community College planned to hold a class on eastern Europe during the winter term. The course was schedule to feature Joan Soderstrom of Hermiston who has traveled extensively in the region. The cultures and historic events of the region, which

influenced the people of the area were expected to be reviewed.

•The league leading Hermiston Bulldog girls, regained a share of first place in the Intermountain Conference race with an impressive road sweep of Crook County and Mountain View. The team, 8-2 overall and 5-1 in the IMC, was scheduled to visit La Grande before returning home to battle co-leader Pendleton.

50 Years Ago

JANUARY 1967

• The first baby born in Hermiston in 1967 was Alex Lynn, 7 pounds 10.25 ounces, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Zemke, Hermiston. He was born at 8:23 a.m. Sunday, Jan 1.

• Mrs. McCullough to host Home Extension Unit study meeting: The subject for this meeting will be furniture arrangement and those attending will meet at the CRC and then go by cars to the Fred McCullough home. Leaders for the meeting will be Mrs. McCullough and Mrs. John Walchli. A salad pot luck will be served.

• Switching defenses proved effective in the Bulldog's basketball bout with the highly-rated Pioneers of Oregon City on Hermiston's court, as the home crew left the floor with a 68-49 win. Coach George Delap's hoop squad used a well-handled zone-type defense, built around Hermiston's height, to throw up a wall of tall bodies and long arms between Oregon City's backboard-bangers and their interlaced objective. Skip Weitzel led both teams' twine twangers with 24 points, dropping in 10 from the floor, and 4 out of 5 from the free throw line. Second high scorer for



HERALD FILE PHOTO BY GARY L. WEST

Workers from Jack's Masonry and Concrete of Portland work near Elm Avenue and Highway 395 in January of 1992 on walls for a new Wal-Mart discount store. Construction on the 73,000 square-foot building was expect to be completed by summer 1992. The store was later expanded and converted into a Walmart Supercenter. The store currently has 185,000 square feet of sales area.

the game was sophomore center, Ron Scott, with 20 points, hitting 4 for 6 charity shots.

75 years

JANUARY 1942

• America will need millions of eggs as part of the "defense food" production. Many poultry producers will follow the practice of turning on electric lights in laying houses early in the morning during winter months. The practice compensates for the fewer hours of daylight and gives hens a full day of eating and laying.

• The Hermiston Trading Co. and the Hermiston Food Store have announced a new policy of only one delivery daily, at 10:30 a.m. beginning the first of the year. This step was taken to fall in line in the conserving of vital products such as rubber and gas for national defense.

• For the first time in recent years, little fear is felt

that Cold Springs reservoir will not be full when irrigation season rolls around next summer. According to E.D. Martin, manager, the reservoir is over half full at the present time and with the falling snow in the mountains a full reservoir is assured. Irrigation officials are greatly relieved concerning the condition, as it is now possible to shut off the flow in the feed canal during sub-freezing weather, thus avoiding any trouble from frozen ditches and canal gates.

• W.C. Kik farmer residing north Hermiston, broke into the limelight this week by shipping in 205 head of long yearling Herefords from Los Banos, California. Due to U.S. Troop activities, it took a full week to make the shipment here, necessitating four stops for feed and water. Mr. Kik plans to feed the stock for a month or so and then dispose of it. De-horning operations began Wednesday

morning in charge of D.D. Follett. The entire herd makes quite a pleasant sight.

• An item in the paper mentioned several local residents who were home for Christmas vacation from college are: Tom Fraser, Gale Felthouse, Bob Jackson, Russel Piersol, Nina Rae McCulley, Cecil and Glenn Warner and Bill Belt from the University of Oregon. From Oregon State is Jim Jackson, Kenneth Benschel, Henry Sommerer and Gilbert Dyer.

100 years

JANUARY 1917

• High School Notes: The high school girls basketball team went to Pendleton to play the girls team of that city. Gladys West and Durrell Murchie, who represent the high school in the debating contest, were at Stanfield for the first debate. The high school boys and alumni played basketball at the auditorium. The

proceeds from the game amounted to \$85.50.

• The Parent-Teacher Association was planning to hold its regular monthly meeting in the high school auditorium. The business session will be largely taken up with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Dr. Wainscott, who was unable to be present at the last meeting, will give a talk on first aid. In addition the program will include several musical numbers.

• A cent is a little thing, but in the aggregate it is mighty. We speak of the "copper cent," but it is not entirely copper. Its composition is 95 percent copper, 3 percent tin and 2 percent zinc. That alloy is in reality bronze. And the official name of the cent is "bronze." There used to be a copper cent, but an act discontinuing its coinage was passed in 1857. For seven years (1857-64) we had a nickel cent and up to 1857 a copper half cent.

• Grandmother's Recipe to Bring Back Color and Lustre to Hair: You can turn gray, faded hair beautifully dark and lustrous almost over night if you'll get a 50 cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulfur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old famous sage tea recipe, improved by the addition of other ingredients, are sold annually, says a well know druggist here, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied. Those whose hair is turning gray or becoming faded have a surprise awaiting them, because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

BABY BOOGIE & TAPPIN' TODDLERS, 10-10:45 a.m. Hermiston Public Library, 235 E Gladys Ave, Hermiston (541-567-2882).

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m. Costs \$3.50 for seniors over 50, \$4 for adults under 50, \$1 for children 10 and over, \$3 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Transportation arranged by donation. Thrift Store open 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston (541-567-3582).

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

SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m. For children from birth to age 4. Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman (541-481-2665).

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m. 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. The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston (541-567-7615).

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

HEALTHY FRIDAYS, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Free health screenings including cholesterol, blood sugar, BMI, blood pressure checks, weigh-ins and health information. For cholesterol and glucose tests, fast 10-12 hours prior to blood draw. Open to all community members. Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room 7, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston (541-667-3509).

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).

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m. Costs \$5 for full breakfast/\$3 for light meal. Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield (541-449-1332).

SATURDAY CRAFT TIME, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Free craft projects for children in 5th grade and younger. Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston (541-567-2882).

ORIGAMI CLUB FOR ADULTS, 1-4 p.m. Classic Japanese paper craft for adults only. Hermiston Public Library, 235 E Gladys Ave, Hermiston (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882).

"HISTORY OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER PART 2", 5 p.m. Presented by Don Eppenbach and sponsored by Friends of Irrigon Library. Refreshments will be served. Free. Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main Ave., Irrigon (Loa Heideman-Renick 541-922-0683).

HERMISTON HIGH SCHOOL TALENT SHOW, 7 p.m. Local talent vies for bragging rights; all ages show. Cost to attend is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Proceeds benefit the transportation budget of the Hermiston High School swim team. Hermiston High School performing arts auditorium, 600 S. First St., Hermiston (Lynn

Hamblin 541-571-5691).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

HYMNINSPIRATION, 5-6 p.m. Join old and new friends singing the old hymns to start the new year. Refreshments will be served. Free. Victory Baptist Church, 193 E. Main St., Hermiston (Chris Finley 541-571-2515).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m. Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield (541-449-1254).

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INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING, 6-7:30 p.m. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon (541-922-0138).

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DANCING WITH HERMISTON STARS, 7 p.m. Local community members pair up with professional dancers from the Utah Ballroom Dance Company to vie for bragging rights and raise funds for local charities. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students in advance, \$5 more at the door, available at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Hermiston Parks office or online at www.desertartscouncil.com Hermiston High School

performing arts auditorium, 600 S. First St., Hermiston (Larry Fetter or Phyllis Shoveliski 541-667-5007 or 541-379-6992).

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 9-10 a.m. Falls prevention program for older adults. Space limited to 15 participants. Free, but registration is requested. Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St. (modular behind hospital), Hermiston (541-667-3509).



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