

HERMISTON HISTORY

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

25 years ago

JANUARY 1992

Dispatcher saves the day: Hermiston emergency medical technicians helped 27-year-old Bonny Reed deliver a healthy, 7 pound, 11 ounce baby girl with no problems on a couch at a home in Echo. The complete home delivery was only the second in the history of the Hermiston Fire Department. A call came to the department at 1:04 p.m. on Friday but the caller, Reed's daughter, did not know her address. Dispatcher Sharyl Wong was able to trace the call and send a team of three emergency medical technicians to the scene. The EMT's arrived at 1:15 and Reed's baby was born at 1:20 and 28 seconds pm., said Tom Williams, one of the technicians who helped deliver the baby. After responding to countless traumas, Williams said being on hand for something as positive as a birth was a great feeling. "It was quite an experience, I have to say that," he said. Another EMT at the scene, Ken Schlegel, said "we were probably more nervous than she was." Pat Hart was the third EMT at the scene, and a student, Wendy Duff from Pendleton was also present. After the birth, Reed and her daughter were taken to Good Shepherd Community Hospital.

Tanker truck hits police car: A Umatilla police car was totaled when it spun out on Interstate 84 and was hit by a truck pulling two tankers full of gas. Officer Bob Toliver was driving east on I-84 with dispatcher Berniece Roxbury as a passenger when the accident occurred on the icy road near Pendleton. After hitting slick pavement near the Woodpecker Truck Stop, Toliver's car began to slide and was hit and then pushed 75 yards by the tractor and trailers. Umatilla's police department is now left with five cars for six officers. The entire accident occurred

at about 35 mph, said police chief Eldon Olson.

Phony money: Counterfeiters strike in Hermiston having passed fake \$100 bills at Payless Drugs, 7-11 and Quick Stop #2 in Umatilla. Witnesses at Payless said the counterfeiters were a man and woman in their mid 20s driving a small sports car. Hermiston police officer Alan Buchanan said the FBI is looking into a rash of phony \$100 bills being passed throughout Washington and Oregon. The local incidents occurred on Jan. 4th and 9th, possibly by someone moving through the area, Buchanan said. Police Chief Grant Asher is warning local businesses to "Please use caution in taking \$100 bills."

Local area cowboys will represent the Columbia River Pro Rodeo Circuit in the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo March 18-21 in Pocatello, Idaho.

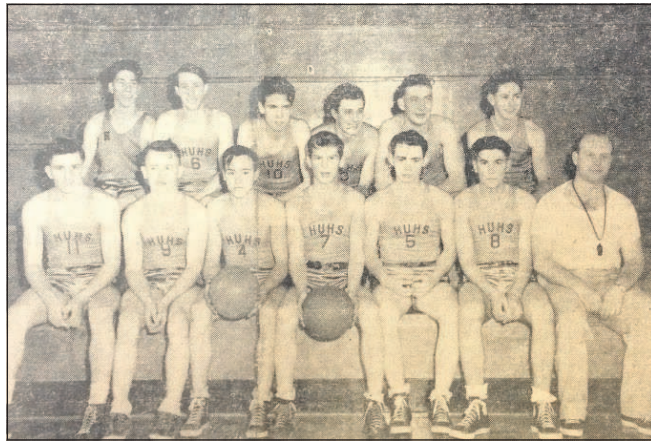
Heading the list is Hermiston's Dave Cannon, the year-end calf roping champion earning \$11,220 within the circuit. Heppner's Butch Knowles, saddle bronc, claimed the year end crown with winnings of \$7,902. Steve Currin, also of Heppner, qualified by winning the year-end steer wrestling title with \$9,431, edging out Hermiston's Marty Britt by just \$117.

50 years ago

JANUARY 1967

Echo city council held its first meeting of 1967, with new council members Bill O'Brien and Lester Murray present. Besides O'Brien and Murray, the council includes Wendell Lampkin, Bob Hawkins, Rich Terjeson and Burl Wattenburger. Dick Snow is city mayor; Bill Schultze, city recorder and municipal judge; and Mrs. Ray Tolar, city treasurer. R.D. Wilson was reappointed as police chief and water superintendent. New hours when the judge will be at the city hall are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 until noon.

Hermiston Police and fire department officials are making two requests of the public. In the first request, they ask that un-



FILE PHOTO, COURTESY OF THE BULLDOG

Pictured above is the Hermiston High School Bulldogs basketball team. From left to right are: (top row) Jerry Coxen, Richard Rugg, Francis Foss, Gene Miller, Ray Molloman, Kenny Elwood. (Bottom row) Bernard Cullen, Lester Wilcox, Lowell Tiller, Bill Bucknum, Jim Naughton, Carl Langhorn and Coach Ray Critchfield. After this picture was taken, Gene Miller joined the Army and Francis Foss and J. Coxen had dropped basketball.

authorized vehicles do not follow fire trucks to fires. In the first place, this is against the law, and in the second place, it impedes the firemen in their work. For example, it was explained, if vehicles follow the first truck en route to fire, they slow up the progress of second or third trucks that may be summoned if the blaze is serious. In another request, fire and police officials ask that nobody call the police or fire departments to find the location of fires. After a fire siren sounds, the fire and police telephones must be used for official calls, including those to the electric power company and natural gas office. Chief of Police James Pollard, from whose office the fire calls are handled, said that insurance men, people fearful that their home might be on fire and the idly curious often phone to ask location of a fire. Instead, he suggested that they tune into their radio station KOHU, which will broadcast the fire location as soon as possible.

Echo high schools' basketball team narrowly edged by Pilot Rock, 45-44 in Echo. The win came when Dave Miles dropped in two free throws with 47 seconds remaining in the game. Miles was also high-point man for the Cougars with 14 points. The accuracy of Miles at the basket plus the defensive efforts of Dave Colburn led Echo to victory. Miles was the only Cougar to hit double figures. Joe Harrison was

high-point player for Pilot Rock with 12 counters.

75 years ago

JANUARY 1942

A welcome envelope was received by Hermiston school officials this week, when the second installment of the original sums allotted for school purposes was received. This money must be used only for school operation and cannot be spent for equipment and repair. In the grade school the original allotment was \$20,160, of which figure the following amounts have been received: \$6,720 and \$6,480. In the high school the original figure stood at \$11,340, of which sum the following amounts have been received: \$3,780 and \$3,480.

Save scrap iron: A request has been issued for scrap iron of all sorts to be used for defense purposes. Farmers interested in the move have planned a pool of this material to be held in the near future at the Inland Cooperative. Prices quoted F.O.B. Portland are as follows: cast iron, \$17.50 gross ton; scrap steel, \$9 gross ton. Farmers are urged to gather all available material, which will be picked up in the near future.

The Ridgefield service station across from the Hermiston Depot was broken into sometime early Monday morning. Included in the loot was a quantity of inner tubes, cartons of cigarettes and a penny slot ma-

chine. Entrance was gained by prying off the side door of the station. Dale Draper, manager of the station since the death of H.V. Gifford, could offer no clues to the officers. The cash register was not molested and a revolver, lying by the cash register, was not taken.

The Hermiston Bulldogs have found one team they can defeat and consequently made it two in a row over the Helix Grizzlies by taking 24-19 decision on the local court Tuesday evening. Coach L.S. Burrell's grade team won a 24-4 contest in the preliminary. The Bulldogs missed innumerable lay-in shots in the feature contest but far outshone the visitors in their floor game. The Bulldogs eked out a narrow 13 to 12 victory at Irrigon last Thursday night.

Hay prices in the west end of the county have been steadily advancing in the past few weeks. Due to fall rains, the loss in the second and third cuttings was quite heavy, cutting the production considerably. Fall sales averaged around \$7 and \$8 per ton but have now advanced to \$13 and \$15 per ton. At the present time there is little hay for sale by producers, although considerable hay has been purchased in the Butter Creek area.

100 years

JANUARY 1917

Umatilla's set of women officials assumed office Tuesday evening and the city hall was crowded. The new officials are Mrs. Laura Starcher, mayor; Mrs. Bertha Cherry, recorder; Mrs. Lola Merrick, treasurer; Mrs. Stella Paula, Mrs. Gladys Spinning, Mrs. Anna Means and Mrs. Chauncey Brownell, councilwomen. The other two members of the council are men holding over. Mayor Starcher appointed her committees, leaving the men out and then had her message read. She declined to appoint on the ground that it was an unnecessary expense as long as there is a deputy sheriff on the streets. The council was asked to take up at once the lighting of the streets and other needed improvements. In her message Mayor Starcher said: "There

has been a great deal said about the so-called petticoat government and many wild speculations made as to how we would manage the city affairs, being 'mere women.' How ever we will manage the affairs of this municipality in a creditable manner without a shadow of a doubt, and if I did not believe that any woman on this council was not as competent and capable as any man who ever occupied a chair in this council I would resign right now. "It is a long way from the early steamboat days, when Umatilla was the distributing point for all inland towns of Eastern Oregon, and the days of wild Indians and cowboys to the so called petticoat government, but we are here, ladies, nevertheless, so let us all pull together for the improvement of what is left of the once famous city".

At the Civic Center room here will be a meeting for the purpose of considering the desirability of forming a farm loan association under the new rural credits law. A number from Irrigon are coming up with those about Hermiston interested in the proposition a good meeting should be had. While it is realized this law is not now applicable to government projects, there seems to be a general feeling this defect will be remedied soon. It is the desire of those back of the meeting that an association be formed at this time and then when loans can be secured everything will be in readiness for quick action.

By a deal completed this week E.W. Mack, of the Hermiston drug store, purchased the two story brick building at Second and Main, generally known as the Skinner building. Mr. Mack took possession at once.

The upper floor of this building is used as a lodge hall, all orders of the city meeting there. Mr. Mack will fit the rooms out, install water and make other improvements for the convenience of his renters. He is already having the roof repaired and will be to the lodge rooms soon. As of yet Mr. Mack has no renter for the ground floor but several parties are figuring on it.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
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 12
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).

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m. 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.

Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston (541-567-3582).

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 13
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 14

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).

SAGE SATURDAY, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free admission and activities for children and parents. This month: make a sock snowman. SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman (541-481-7243).

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 Shovelski 541-667-5007 or 541-379-6992).

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR THE CAREGIVER:
Caring for Children with Special Needs: Build a toolkit for taking better care of yourself while caring for your child, grandchild or other child with special needs. Learn how to reduce stress and relax, communicate effectively, reduce guilt and anger, make tough decisions, set goals and problem solve. **FREE.**
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Starting Jan. 24 through Feb. 28
Call 541-667-3509
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PREVENT TYPE 2 INFO SESSION
One out of every three American adults has prediabetes - and 90% don't know it! Learn how the Prevent T2 program can help prevent or delay the progression to type 2 diabetes. (Prevent T2 classes will be scheduled to meet participants needs.) **FREE.**
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Wednesday, January 11
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Have you been diagnosed with high blood pressure, heart disease, arthritis or another long-term health condition? Find practical ways to living well by making a step-by-step plan to improve your health...and your life. 6 weekly **FREE** classes, open to patients, caregivers/support person or both. Pre-registration required.
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CHASE MAYERS
is coming to Hermiston from Baton Rouge Louisiana for the first time. Chase is a comedy club headliner in the Gulf Coast area. He also appeared in the movie "The Butler". Chase is a Back Porch Comedian.

GABRIEL RUTLEDGE
Another regular on the Bob and Tom Radio show has appeared at the 2006 Melonville Comedy Festival. He is on the comedy stage nightly all over America. Gabriel's TV credits include Nickelodeon, Comedy Central, and HBO. Two of his albums are on the Sirius Satellite radio comedy radio top ten. Rutledge finds humor in his family and everyday life. Gabriel is based in Olympia.

DWIGHT SLADE
is a regular guest on the Bob and Tom Radio show. He appeared on the Tonight Show, and on Comedy Central. Dwight is a headliner on the biggest stages of standup comedy throughout the world. Slade started working in comedy clubs as a teen and at the Melonville Comedy festival in 2004. His humor covers everything from driving to pets. Dwight is based in Portland.

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