

## HERMISTON HISTORY

Hermiston History is a regular *Hermiston Herald* feature looking back at items in the newspaper from years past. It is compiled by officer coordinator Shannon Reed Paxton.

## 25 Years

JANUARY 21, 1992

The 22nd Annual Greater Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Awards Banquet honored two of its finest local citizens.

Honored as man and woman of the year for lifetime achievements were Tom Davidson, former superintendent of the Oregon State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Jaqueline Page, an office manager and community activist. Faramand "Fred" Ziari, a consultant on water issues, received honors as business person of the year.

Also recognized at the Thompson Hall banquet were Shawn Worstell, selected educator of the year by the Hermiston School District, and JoAn Caldwell, chosen Altrusan of the year by the Altrusa Club of Hermiston.

Medical Advancement by Hospital replaces scalpel with laser: By combining various technologies such as the laser, fiber optics, and television, surgeons are changing the implications of surgery.

Good Shepherd community Hospital has recently acquired the latest in cosmetic surgery, a Hexascan.

The device, developed five years ago by researchers from the Department of Dermatology at the University of Lille, France, was formally introduced to the U.S. two years ago.

The Stardust dance team from Hermiston High School, consisting of 24 girls and two boys, performed well during a competition in Pendleton.

A number of schools in the area participated. The HHS team won first place overall and first place in the kicks and showmanship categories.

Junior Carin Koehne won the Miss Superstar all-around award.

The dance team planned a clinic fundraiser for February 1. The cost is \$10, which includes a T-shirt. All participants will dance at halftime the same day during a HHS boys basketball game.

## 50 Years

JANUARY 19, 1967

The Westland bridge crossing the Umatilla River is now 80 percent completed. Gene Palmer says traffic should be able to cross the new bridge about February 10, weather permitting. Paving of Westland Road from W. 11th Avenue (Buttercreek Highway) to state highway 30 will then be started.

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Hermiston on Monday, January 23, at the Civic Recreation Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to an announcement from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

The 1965-66 biennial report of the Oregon State system of Higher Education, just released, shows that 40,540 Oregonians attended the public colleges and universities of the state during the 1965-66 year.

Of these, 620 students from Umatilla County were enrolled in nine institutions in the state system. A total of 90 students from Morrow County were enrolled in the nine colleges and universities in the system as well.

## 75 Years

JANUARY 1, 1942

Hermiston Scouts this week began a project to collect all waste paper in the city to be used for national defense. The Scouts ask that any persons having paper on hand leave it at any of the following concerns: Farm Bureau Mill, Hermiston Trading Co., Dr. F.B. Belt home, Co-op Cold Storage or Safeway. Anyone living in the city with large amounts of paper should call either 3832 or 3571 to contact the Scouts who will pick up the paper.

A special mass meeting will be held at Stanfield Monday night, January 26, at the high school auditorium beginning at 7:30. All residents within the city limits of Stanfield are asked to attend. Lloyd Russell will act as chairman for the meeting.

At this gathering, pledges for defense bonds and stamps will be signed.

The Hermiston Bulldogs made a valiant stand in closing minutes of play at Heppner last Friday but succumbed to a vicious attack which scored 13 points in a few minutes to give the

## Jeanne Echols turns 90

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Longtime Hermiston resident Jeanne Echols is joining the ranks as a nonagenarian.

Friends and family are invited to help Echols celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday from 2-5 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave.

Born Jan. 23, 1927, in Lincoln, Nebraska, she moved to California as a baby and graduated from high school in 1944 in Orange, California. In 1945, she married Herald Echols, who had just returned from serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II.

Jeanne followed her husband as he went to college and pursued a career in the Army. For 22 years, they moved to different assignments all across the United States and overseas. Jeanne was often a single parent to their five children while Herald served two tours in Vietnam or was as-



Echols-past



Echols-now

signed places his family couldn't go.

The couple moved to Hermiston in 1973 when Col. Echols was assigned as commander of the Umatilla Army Depot. They remained in Hermiston after retirement, buying a ranch in the Buttercreek area. Jeanne became active in the Methodist church and the Christian Women's Club.

An avid seamstress, Jeanne still sews clothes and quilts for a mission in Honduras. She's also an accomplished artist and

has always sung in choirs and played the ukulele and violin.

Jeanne, though not as active as she once was, is still very involved in the lives of her large family, which includes children Kristin Adams of Lakeside, Kurt Echols of Anchorage, Mark Echols of Houston, Jennifer Diallo of Portland and Scot Echols of Hermiston, 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They look forward to gathering to celebrate Jeanne's 90 years of life.

Morrow County team a 38 to 25 triumph. Only two points separated the two teams at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but when Cullen and Holloman went out via the foul route, the Bulldog cause was lost.

The Bulldogs played excellent ball in the first half but could not keep up the pace.

The lineups: Hermiston - Tiller 5, Wilcox 7, Rugg 4, Holloman 3, Cullen 3, Bucknam 1, Miller 2.

Heppner - Barratt 14, Skuzeski 9, Snow 3, Pinckney 2, Scrivner 6, Drake 2, Padberg 2.

The first game of the annual district playoff between Pendleton, Mac High and Hermiston will be played February 16 when Hermiston meets Pendleton on the latter's court. Pendleton will play Milton-Freewater February 17, and Mac High comes to Hermiston February 18. The best two teams will meet in a final series February 20 and 21.

The winner of this playoff will meet the winner of The Dalles, Hood River and Redmond series. This year finds the western lads coming to this territory for

the series which determines the entry for the annual state tournament at Salem.

The Hermiston water department this week is adopting an ironclad ruling which will be strictly enforced in the future. During the past several years this department has realized that at times it was difficult for some citizens to promptly pay a \$3.00 monthly rate.

However, beginning with the new year the rate has been reduced to \$2.00 but with the understanding that "everyone pays." The new water master has been given instructions to cut off a delinquent account.

## 100 Years

JANUARY 20, 1917

Commercial Club to hold get together meeting: The new officers of the commercial club are planning something besides the regular meeting for the first Monday in February. It will be more along the lines of the "get together" meeting held in the past and all who have heard the plan are greatly in favor of it.

The Hermiston auditorium is to be secured to insure room for the big crowd certain to be out. There will

be a program including three or four short talks, music, etc. Efforts are being made to secure a male quartet for several numbers and possibly the orchestra. There is also some thought of a one or two reel moving picture comic. At any rate a splendid program is assured by the committee and full announcement will be made next week.

Each lady attending is requested to bring a lunch for two. After the program is complete the lunches will be sold for 50 cents per basket. The expenses of the evening, which will be very light, will be paid from the lunch money and all remaining will be given to the neighborhood club to use on the park improvement.

Hermiston country people have always shown a desire for this sort of gathering where all can get together for a good time and become better acquainted. Besides providing for such entertainment, the evening should net a good sum for the park. The committee felt all would be willing to assist in this as it is the only park being projected at this time. Last, but not least, it is hoped the gathering will create as increased interest

in the Commercial Club and more clearly emphasize the fact that it is an organization working for the good of the entire Hermiston country.

Umatilla Mayor Laura E. Starcher called a special meeting Wednesday evening to devise some plan in which they can cooperate with other towns between here and Pendleton to have the Columbia Highway come this way as it naturally leads to better roads to the Columbia River which means cheaper rates by boat to ship their grain out.

World Happening of the week, compiled for busy readers:

The car shortage is reported from New York as 50 per cent better than it was in November.

Strikers and the Northwest ship building plant at Portland have settled their differences and the men have gone back to work.

The German government, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's, has confiscated all the organ pipes for the use of government.

Ways and means committee Democrats met Wednesday and informally agreed on a revenue program embracing a bond issue of \$289,000,000 an increase of the estate or inheritance tax to produce \$22,000,000 and an 8 percent tax on excess profits above 8 percent on capital of corporation and partnerships.

Efforts to bring about harmony between Republicans and Progressives in New York produced a the first conspicuous result a stormy protest from George W. Perkins and Everett Colby, Progressive leaders, that Republican leaders were not acting in good faith. Later a statement declaring the charges unfounded was issued by members of the Republican committee.

Miss Margareta Washington, a great-grand-niece of George Washington died at her home in Philadelphia. She had a wide reputation among physicians and medical schools for her skill in drawing anatomical sketches.

The Berlin municipality, says a Reuter's correspondent, has announced that, notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions of production, it will be possible for every citizen to have one egg daily until January 31.

## COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

**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., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

**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)

**TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Falls prevention program for older adults. Free; no registration needed. (Helena Wolfe 541-561-5443)

**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)

**GRIEFSHARE MEET-AND-GREET**, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, 200 Willow Fork Drive, Boardman. Learn about the new grief support group meeting Thursdays from Jan. 26-April 20. Free. (541-481-9437)

**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, JANUARY 20

**HEALTHY FRIDAYS**, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room 7, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. 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. (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., 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, JANUARY 21

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

**WIL ERICKSON BENEFIT BAKE SALE AND DINNER**, 2 p.m., Irrigon Moose Lodge, 220 N.E. Third St.,

Irrigon. Bake sale begins at 2 p.m., followed by dinner at 4 p.m. (Salisbury steak and sides) for \$9 per person. Proceeds benefit Wil Erickson, who was hurt Christmas morning, and his family. Donations accepted. (541-922-1802)

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

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**Tuesday, January 24**  
**PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

**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)

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**POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Self-care classes for family caregivers. Classes meet for six consecutive Tuesdays through Feb. 28; class closed to new attendees after first session. Free, but pre-registration requested. (541-667-3509)

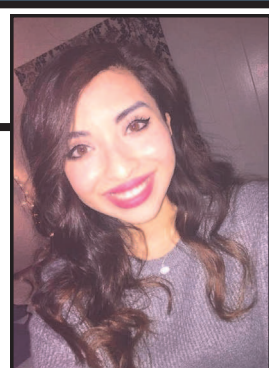
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**THE ARC ACTIVITY NIGHT**, 5:30-6:30 p.m., The Arc Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Games, crafts and refreshments. (541-567-7615)

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

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Jennifer Rodriguez-Pena**  
-Boardman/Riverside



Jennifer Rodriguez-Pena is a senior at Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Jennifer is the daughter of Dalia Rodriguez. As a student at Riverside, Jennifer has been a leader on both the girls soccer and cheer teams. She has been active in a number of school organizations including ASB, Key Club, and Honor Society. Jennifer is known for her willingness to volunteer to help throughout the community, she can always be relied on to help those in need. Jennifer's future plans include attending college, though she is still undecided on where.

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## GRANT FUNDING

Requests for grant funding for projects that promote health and wellness in West Umatilla and Morrow county communities are still being accepted for spring funding. Application forms are available on line at [www.gshealth.org](http://www.gshealth.org) or by calling 541-667-3405.



Spring grant deadline is January 31, 2017

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