

HERMISTON HISTORY

Women's Ambulance Corps learns mechanics and driving skills 75 years ago

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25 YEARS AGO

JUNE 9, 1992

• More than 600 acres were burned last week when a fire broke out on rangeland near the city of Echo on Nolan Grange Road. Tom Enright, fire chief for the Echo rural fire department, said the fire started when two men were driving four-wheel drive vehicles around the property. "We were trying to put it out for two hours, and ended up burning a fire from spreading to adjacent property." The two men were arrested later and charged with recklessly burning property.

• Mayor Robert Swales of Stanfield said he will not seek re-election when his current term is finished. Swales jokingly made the statement at last week's city council meeting, but when asked later, said he was serious. "I've served my time in hell, now let someone else do it." Swales said, smiling, "Seriously though, I will not seek re-election." Swales said he has served on the city council, several committees and as mayor, and now needs a rest. "I'll continue to be active, but I won't be in the lead," Swales said.

• Hermiston High School recently elected new varsity and JV cheerleaders for the 1992-93 school year. The varsity squad, consists of Stacy Follett, Olivia Brooks, Kikey Koenig, Stefani Green, Tanya Allen, Bethany Nichols, Tammy Reese, Sandie Walker and Shannon Prewitt. The JV squad, is Stephanie Ford, Randi Franklin, Brandy Koehler,



HERALD ARCHIVES

Above: This photo is from an advertisement celebrating the fifth anniversary for First Federal Savings & Loan, Hermiston Branch in June 1967. Currently, the building houses City Hall on the corner of NE Second Street and Gladys Ave.



Left: Two Hermiston men active in the 1967 Oregon state convention of Disabled American Veterans at the CRC building were Ray Moses, (standing) convention chairman, and Don Alstott, publicity chairman.

Jessica Almaguer,
Desiree Helfrecht,
Andrea Madrigal and
Catherine Fobi.

50 YEARS AGO

JUNE 8, 1967

• M.H. Wolff, owner of Shorty's Union Station, 205 S. Highway 32, informed Hermiston police last Thursday, June 1, that he attempted to unlock a soft drink machine that morning and noticed that someone had unlocked the door with a make shift key and removed coins.

• Building permits issued by Harry Keller, Hermiston city building inspector, during May totaled \$22,239 in value.

75 YEARS AGO

JUNE 11, 1942

• Members of the Hermiston Women's Ambulance Corps are now taking a course in motor mechan-

ics from R.C. McReynolds and Aalan Langenwalter at the Rohrman Motor Co. The course will cover such items as tire changing, how to drive a car out of deep sand or mud, how to replace distributor heads, change batteries, clean spark plugs and other such functions.

• If the "boom" continues in Hermiston as it has during the past week or 10 days, the city fathers will find it necessary to enlarge the city jail. Chief of Police B.J. Nation and Deputy Leland Smith have worn a path to and from the caboose during this time. Drunkenness has been the principal "ticket" with disorderly conduct running a close second.

• Gut Shaw of the Inland Cooperative was informed Tuesday that his firm was the successful bidder on

900,000 feet of cull lumber at the Umatilla Ordnance Depot. Mr. Shaw states that he will haul the lumber into his yard here and dispose part of it for garages and other small buildings and cut up the remainder for stove wood.

It is estimated that approximately 400 cords of wood can be cut from the huge pile.

100 YEARS AGO

JUNE 9, 1917

• With a very light vote Monday the two Hermiston precincts and Columbia favored the \$6 million road bonds by a good majority. Most of the other measures also showed a larger yes vote than no. In all three precincts, many did not vote on account of pressing farm work, which will become more strenuous as the season advances. The election boards had so much time between votes and when the polls closed quickly completed the count.

• This week the C.S. McNaught Co., moved its hay chopping outfit back to Hermiston and has it in the railroad yards. All last winter and spring the outfit has been at Westland running on last season's alfalfa. Mr. McNaught has several big contracts for immediate delivery, which will keep the chopper busy.

• Tuesday was registration day throughout the United States, when every young man between 21 and 31 of whatever nationality, was called upon to present himself for enumeration. Some little trouble was met in places, but nowhere did it reach the extent thought probable. In the Hermiston country, the day was the usual, peaceable one

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ROSY SIDHU

Owner, Eastside Market

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved here last July, because of the weather and more business opportunities.

Where is your favorite place to eat here?

I like Panda Inn. I'm vegetarian, and they have good spring rolls and noodles.

What is your favorite activity in your spare time?

I love to listen to music. And lately, I've been reading a lot on the internet about organization.

What is the last book you read?

50 Shades of Grey.

What app or website do you use most other than Facebook?

These days I'm using the coloring stress-relief app — Color Free. It's a great stress buster.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I really want to go to Yellowstone — we're planning it, so that's first on my mind these days.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

When I first moved here, I thought I wouldn't be able to adjust, because I didn't know if people would be accustomed to Indians. But people are so friendly and supportive.

What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?

I get mistaken for being Hispanic — people talk to me in Spanish every day! I've picked up a few words from it.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?

To be a person that people know — not just part of the crowd.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Right now, with my age, owning a store is kind of a big accomplishment — being a businesswoman.

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