

HERMISTON HISTORY

New depot commander welcomed

25 YEARS AGO

JULY 14, 1992

• Hermiston Chamber of Commerce recently completed a membership drive and gained 76 new members. Membership now stands at 315 members. The great thing about this drive was the fact the new and existing members got a education on what the chamber is and what they do.

• Community Pride was shown downtown on Saturday. From the kind words of visiting dignitaries to the proud comments of local residents. Downtown Hermiston received rave reviews at the re-dedication ceremonies last Saturday. Hundreds upon hundreds of people turned out for the day-long festivities that started with the ribbon cutting ceremony at Second and Main Streets. Through the cooperation of Main Street Merchants, the city of Hermiston and the state highway division, what was once a dream has become a reality.

Cracks, hole and flaking asphalt have been replaced by a new street. The street is lined with new sidewalks that are wider, safer and more attractive and includes ramps for handicapped customers and employees. Trees, shrubs and spruced up buildings make downtown an attractive focal point once again. One re-dedication speaker pointed out that as the downtown areas of other communities are allowed to decay, downtown Hermiston has new life. As home for the center of city government, key retail and service businesses, a junior high school, the city's library



HERALD ARCHIVE

Joe Burns of Hermiston Development Corporation (right) shakes hands with the Col. William Whelan, the new commanding officer for the Umatilla Army Depot 50 years ago in 1967.

and a place for hundreds of local residents to work downtown Hermiston is once again a pleasant place to be.

50 YEARS AGO

JULY 13, 1967

• Col. William J. Whelan, 45, new commanding officer of the Umatilla Army Depot, arrived to town last Wednesday and immediately took command of the installation. His wife, Gertrude, and son and daughter accompanied him. An Ohioan, Col. Whelan becomes the 13th commander of the UAD since its founding in 1941. His 25-year career as an Army Ordnance Corps officer has taken him to many parts of the world. Colonel and Mrs. Whelan expressed themselves as enthusiastic with the new assignment, noting that they had been in the Pacific Northwest previously at Fort Lewis, Washington, in 1964-65.

• Freddie's Beauty Salon opened for business Tuesday, July 11, at the

new location on East Second Street, in the Coast to Coast annex building south of the US National Bank. The Salon's previous location was in the Eastside Grocery building at 512 E. Main St. The new home of the salon has an interior decoration done in pink tone with birch paneling. The salon is equipped with new modern compressed hair dryers and features glass showcases for costume jewelry and wig display.

75 YEARS AGO

JULY 9, 1942

• Wesley Batterson, representative of the Oregon State Game commission, released four sage hens and two males near Cold Springs reservoir this week. Mr. Batterson stated that 15 sage hens were released at the same place last September. The birds have been hand raised near Baker, and banded. According to Mr. Batterson, sage birds feed mostly on grasshoppers and other small insects.

Just how well they will prosper in this territory has not been determined.

• To help prevent accidents on the farm, A.M. Thrasher, Pacific Power & Light company manager, has offered the services of company crews to farmers who must cross under the company lines with hay derricks. Thrasher said a request in advance by telephone or mail will bring a PP & L service man who will either raise electric wires to provide safe clearance or will deaden the line until the derrick is clear of overhead wires. The company makes no charge for this service.

100 Years Ago

Editor's note: For some unexplained reason, the editions of the Hermiston Herald for 100 years ago this week are not included in the bound copies in our archives.

The 100 years ago portion of this feature will return in next week's edition.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (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)

MID-WEEK MARKET, 4-7 p.m., parking lot across from Umatilla Library, Sixth Street, Umatilla. (541-922-3226)

GAR SWANSON DRIVE DEDICATION, 4 p.m., Port of Morrow, Gar Swanson Drive, Boardman. No RSVP necessary. Everyone welcome. (Carmen Mendoza 541-481-7678)

THURSDAY, JULY 13

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., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston 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 parish hall 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)

YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

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)

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, JULY 14

STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

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, JULY 15

HERMISTON FARMERS MARKET, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Festival Plaza, Northeast Second Street and Main, Hermiston. Local produce, baked goods, crafts, jewelry, art, live music, food vendors and more.

YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

ECHO OPEN AIR MARKET, 4-7 p.m., George Park, downtown, Echo. Seasonal fruits and vegetables, crafts and more. Vendor fees \$12 per space.

MONDAY, JULY 17

ART STUDIO, 4-5:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for ages 7-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

MUSIC IN THE PARKS SERIES, 7 p.m., Irrigon Marina Park, end of Northeast 10th Street., Irrigon. Outdoor summer concerts include Brady Goss (June 19); 98% Angels (July 3); Melissa Cunningham (July 17); Buttercreek Boys (July 31); and Cruise Control (Aug. 14). Bring a picnic and blanket or lawn chair. Free. (Tami 541-571-0844)

TUESDAY, JULY 18

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

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HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels

Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston 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 parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

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)

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ADULT UPCYCLE ART PROJECT, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public

Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. For adults only. Free, but registration required. (Jodi Hansen 541-567-2882)

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FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Features a reading by a published author; participants can sign up for open mic. Featured June author is Joe Wilkins, who was recently presented the Stafford/Hall Award for Poetry at the Oregon Book Awards. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

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