

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## High school expansion nearing completion

**25 YEARS AGO**  
JULY 21, 1992

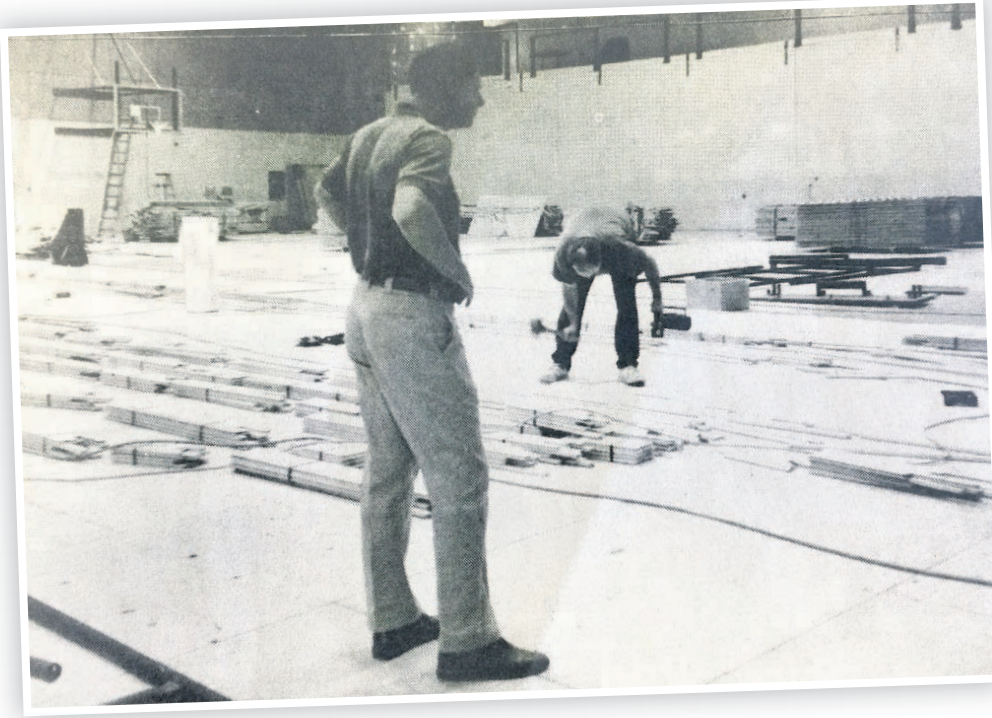
• A fire severely damaged two apartments and four others received water damage Friday in a Umatilla apartment complex. The fire, which apparently started in the kitchen of the third floor units, damaged the two top-floor apartments and burned through the ceiling before the flames could be extinguished. When firefighters arrived at about 6 p.m. Friday, both apartments were engulfed in flames. None of the residents were injured in the blaze at Columbia Crest Apartments, but one man was forced to lower his children off a third floor balcony to a bystander waiting below.

• Construction and remodeling at Hermiston's high school are proceeding on track, according to district superintendent Jer Prutton. Parts of the hard wood floor in the new gym, fixtures for the cafeteria kitchen, classroom ceiling tiles and plug-ins for computers are among the many new and revamped items giving the old complex a new look.

**50 YEARS AGO**  
JULY 20, 1967

• The McNary Golf Club has received a \$125,000 loan from the Farm Home Administration which will be used to finance adding an additional nine holes to the golf course, making it a full-fledged 18-hole course. Jess Foster, secretary-treasurer of the McNary Golf Club and manager of the Umatilla branch of Inland Empire Bank, was notified of loan approval last Friday. The additional nine-holes will be completed without any interruption of the present fairways, green and tees will be completely rebuilt. The course will cover a total of 100 acres.

• Piersol Cleaners will open July 24, at its new quarters next to the West Side Barber Shop in the 160 block on West Hermiston Ave.,



HERALD ARCHIVES

**Superintendent Jer Prutton watches as workers lay the hard wood floor in the new gym at Hermiston High School. The new gym — which is about three times the size of the one it replaces — will provide seating for more than 2,000 people.**

according to Russell Piersol, owner. Piersol came to Hermiston from Meacham in 1935, when he took over the cleaning business from his father, Russell Piersol Sr. After 30 years in the same building on Gladys Avenue, Piersol said the move will be "like leaving home." The shop on Gladys is closed July 10-24 while the move is being made.

**75 YEARS AGO**  
JULY 16, 1942

• Slot machines and other gambling has ceased in Umatilla county beginning at midnight Sunday in conformance with a request made by Governor R. Charles A. Sprague. Notice was served here last week by Sheriff R.E. Goad and as far as is known all gambling has closed here. Gov. Sprague, at the request of Lt. Gen J.L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command, recently asked the officers to make raids on gambling devices on July 1, but definite action was not taken until Sunday night.

• Another change re-

cently made in Hermiston business district is at the Pheasant Café where Mrs. Bert Mitchell has taken over the management from Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brown who have been operating the café for the past six months. Mrs. Mitchell has been employed there for several years and having many years of restaurant experience.

• The Umatilla Electric Cooperative association now has twice as many consumers as when it was started four years ago. Manager Ray L. Woolley reported this week at the beginning of the system's fifth year of operation. Lines of the cooperative were first energized on July 16, 1938. At the end of the first month the system had 381 consumers. Today the 265 miles of distribution lines are furnishing service to 762 consumers in Umatilla and Morrow counties.

**100 YEARS AGO**  
JULY 21, 1917

• E.M. Rowe, a rancher residing three and one-half miles north of Hermiston, patronizing local merchants

and attending to business matters. During his day he found time to call at The Herald office and advance his subscription to the paper for a year.

• Plans and specifications for the new building at Boardman, which are being prepared by E. Francis Williams, of Portland, will be ready by July 21 and bids asked for construction will be opened July 31. The plans provide for a mission style building of one story and basement, to be of either concrete or tile. The first unit, which will be built at this time, will be 44 by 208 in ground dimension and will accommodate four class rooms, a principals office, teacher's rest room, library and auditorium and will be heated by steam. The estimate of cost is \$15,000.

• The second cutting of alfalfa has kept most of the farmers busy all this week, and present indications are that tonnage will go far ahead of expectations owing, it is said, to the excellent growing weather of the past month. Hay is commanding good prices for this time of year.

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 21**  
**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)

**JOHN NILSEN IN CONCERT**, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Award-winning pianist will perform. Suggested donation of \$10 per person at the door. Potluck dinner to welcome John back to town begins at 6 p.m.; bring a dish to share. (Rev. Dr. James Pierce 541-567-3002)

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**  
**PARKING LOT SALE**, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Agape House, 500 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. Clothing 5 items for \$1, furniture priced as

marked and knick-knacks you-name-the-price. (Dave Hughes 541-567-8774)

**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)

**CELEBRATE OREGON AGRICULTURE**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Learn about the kinds of foods and other crops grown in Oregon with free activities for all ages. (Stefanie Swindler 541-481-7243)

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER**, 6-8 p.m., Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. Proceeds benefit Domestic Violence Services. (Jeanne Bedolla 541-276-3322)

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**MONDAY, JULY 24**

**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., Boardman Marina Park, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman. Outdoor summer concerts include 'Bahuru Marimba Band (June 12); Zack Grooms (June 26); Jamie Nasario and Luke Basile (July 10); Dallin Puzey (July 24); and Blue Mt. Spanish Sound (Aug. 7). Bring a picnic and blanket or lawn chair. Free. (Tami 541-571-0844)

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



**GAVIN DROTZMANN**

Barista at Obie's/Student — Biology

**When and why did you move to Hermiston?**

*My family moved to Hermiston when I was one and a half, so I didn't really get a choice.*

**What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**

*Kobe Hibachi Sushi.*

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

*Play basketball at Eastside and hang out with my friends.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

*How rapidly we're growing. There's so much more traffic every day.*

**What was the last book you read, and would you recommend it?**

*The Bedford Reader for school, and I probably wouldn't recommend it. It teaches you how to write better.*

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

*Twitter, YouTube or Amazon.*

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**

*Probably Switzerland — I'm a big snowboarder.*

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

*When I was in high school, I had to dance with the dance team as a football player, for a sports assembly — in front of the whole high school crowd.*

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

*Continue with school, and move on to start working on my bachelor's degree. I want to be an optometrist like my dad.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

*Probably being able to be coached by my dad when I was younger. He taught me there's more to athletics than being in shape or strong — there's a mental aspect to it, too.*

## COMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

**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**, 4-8 p.m., Village Square Park, across from Umatilla Library, Sixth Street and H Avenue, Umatilla. Special guest musician James Dean Kindle will play July 19 from 6-8 p.m. (541-922-3226)

**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)

**KIDS CLUB**, 6:30-8 p.m., Hermiston Christian Center, 1825 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. For ages 5-12. Includes open gym, games, prizes, snacks music, puppets and more. Transportation available. (Joanna Hayden 541-561-5573)

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**  
**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)

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**Thursday, May 18th at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Brain Fitness for Seniors**

*Brain exercises are important to keep the mind sharp.*

It is important to encourage memory exercises when you are a senior caregiver. Asking your loved one to share a favorite memory or stories about their lives can bring them joy, strengthen their memory and increase their brain function. Learn about a variety of techniques you can use to encourage brain fitness.

**Thursday, July 20th at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Senior Finances, How to Help**

*Employ strategies to protect the finances of your loved ones.*

As our parents and loved ones age they may lose the ability to fully track their finances. When seniors are unable to manage their daily finances they may become susceptible to financial abuse, lose their home or risk having their utilities turned off. Learn how you can make arrangements for financial assistance to protect your loved one.

**Thursday, June 15th at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Managing Chronic Conditions**

*Self-management support provides tools to improve health.*

In the U.S., statistics reveal that one in four seniors over the age of 65 are challenged with managing one or more chronic medical conditions. Self-management support tools can help you and your loved one better understand how to manage their illness day-to-day and encourage them to take an active role in their health care.

**Thursday, August 17th at 2:00 p.m.**  
**Effectively Manage Chronic Pain**

*Pain management is a crucial component to caring for seniors.*

As a caregiver, it can be difficult to know how to help a senior minimize and manage chronic pain. Older adults often encounter chronic pain as their muscles and joints become stiff and they become less agile. We'll provide tips to understand the various medications used to treat pain and potential side effects.

Location: Classes are held at St. Anthony Hospital, conference room #1: 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton, OR 97801

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