

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



GEORGE AVILA

Manager, La Palma

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I've lived here all my life, born and raised. We opened the restaurant in 2007.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

La Palma!

What do you like to do in your free time?

Just hang out with the family — most of us are related here.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

That it's getting bigger.

What was the last book you read and why?

I can't think of a book, but I follow the news a lot.

What app or website do you use most often besides Facebook?

Nothing really, just Facebook.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Europe.

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

Nothing I can think of.

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

That everything goes well with the expansion — we've seen an increase in customers since then.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Probably the restaurant.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Great yields and prices for potatoes in 1992

25 years ago
OCT. 6, 1992

• It took nearly 14 years to go to trial, but it took less than a week to render a guilty verdict and a life sentence for the 1978 murder of 15 year-old Sharon Weber. Stanley Bernson, 56, was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison in Umatilla County Circuit Court. Weber's mother, Libby Bovent said "there is justice after all" after the sentencing.

• Area growers and brokers are reporting great prices and high yields on the potato crop. One field of Russet-Burbanks near Boardman was reportedly producing a yield of 35 tons per acre.

• An Oregon State Police detective reports that recent graffiti appearing in various locations in the area may be gang related. Det. Dick Stein of OSP said graffiti with the number 13 and "Norte 14" were indicative of two rival gangs that originated in California and squabble over turn in new areas they expand into. Hermiston Police Chief Grant Asher said he doesn't believe the area has a problem with gangs.

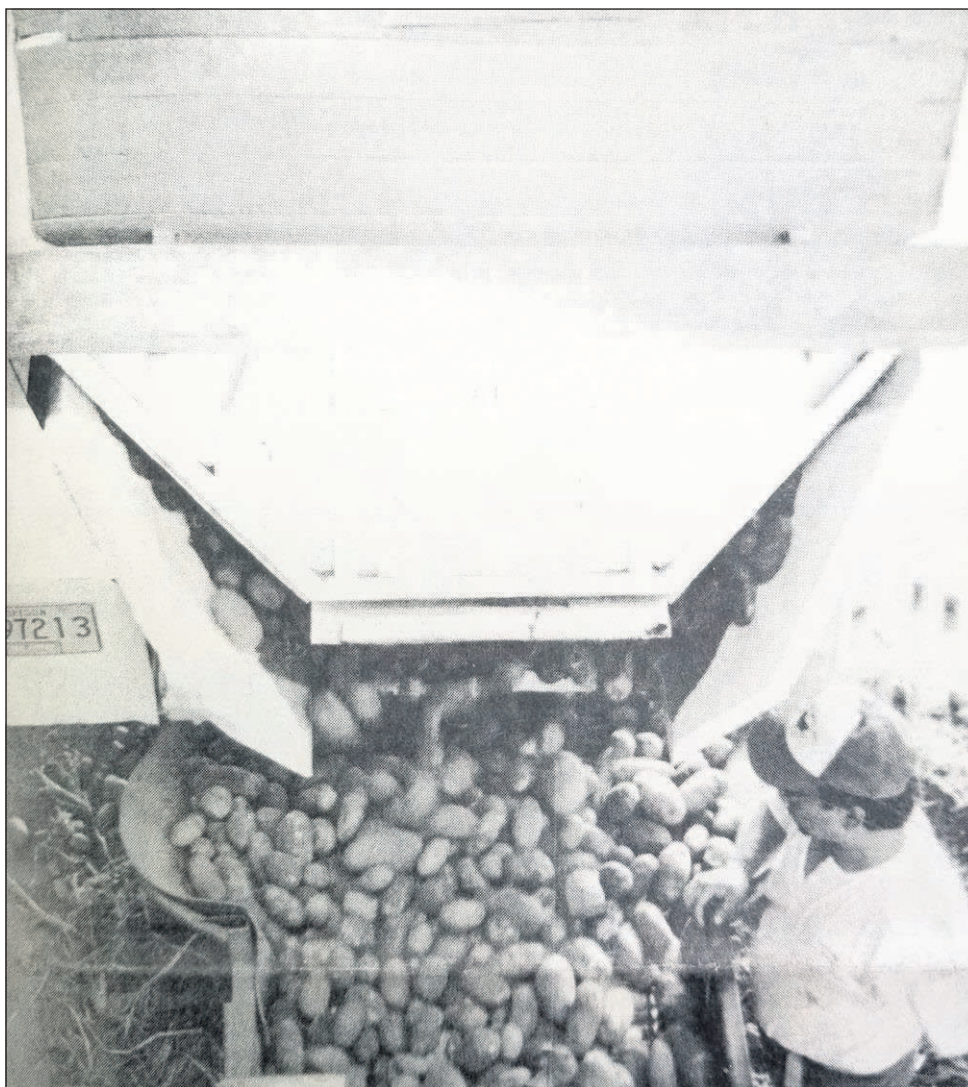
• Hermiston Mayor Frank Harkenrider is conducting a personal crusade to rid the city of unsightly property and clean up areas that present fire and safety hazards. His weapon of choice in the battle is Hank McDonald, city building inspector, to issue warnings of city code violations.

• Hermiston High School's marching band placed first in their division in the Cavalcade of Band competition in Pasco, Washington, and the color guard also placed first and won the best flags award for the second year in a row.

• The city of Boardman hopes to have a new city manager on board by January 1993. City Manager Gene Allen, who has held the position since November 1990, has announced his intention to retire. Salary listed for the job with a range of \$31,000 to \$42,000 a year.

50 years ago
OCT. 5, 1967

• A front page story reported that Hermiston Police were investigating three burglaries reported over one night. The locations hit were Berg Brothers seed store, Kiddi-Korner Cafe and Pendleton Grain Growers. Among the items taken at the various locations were soda pop, candy and knives.



HERALD ARCHIVE

Frederico Hernandez unloads recently harvested potatoes at the Bud-Rich Potato fresh pack plant south of Hermiston. Growers and brokers say the harvest this year is good with quality and quantity supported by a strong market for the local crop.

• An ad for Stewart's Town and Country grocery store listed the following specials: Jonathan apples, 6 pounds for \$1; pink grapefruit, 8 for \$1, a baker's dozen of glazed doughnuts for 60 cents.

• Carpenters are rapidly rebuilding the Northwest Livestock Commission buildings at the junction of Interstate 80N and Westland Road, which were destroyed by fire on Aug. 18, 1967. Construction of the auction yard and bleachers were expected to be finished by Oct. 15, 1967 for Omar Bonney to conduct the first horse auction in the new quarters.

• A full-page ad promoting the Hermiston football team's game against Redmond urged readers to "support your team" like area merchants are, which included: Umatilla Electric Cooperative, C&B Livestock, Campbell Rambler & Toyota, McCabe's Cafe, Shorty's Union '76 Station, Mull Tin Shop, Frank Harkenrider—Union Oil Distributor, Marlette Homes; L.A. Moore Furnisher of Homes, Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co., and U.S. National Bank.

tary by Nov. 1, 1942, as the United States was nearing its first full year of participation in World War II.

• The federal government imposed rent control measures for all of Umatilla County, freezing rent at the level that existed as of March 1, 1942. Exceptions could be made for housing that had undergone major capitol improvement or were fully furnished if they had been previously unfurnished. All landlords were required to register their rentals.

• From the "Pine City News" column compiled by Mrs. Bernice Wattenburger: Mrs. Anna O. Thompson of Heppner has been hired to teach the first four grades at Pine City school, and Mrs. Helen Corrin is teaching the upper grades.

• From the "Farm war news" column: Oregon wheat growers are asked to divert as much wheat acreage as they can to crops more needed in the war effort. Crops listed included sugar beets, flaxseed, dry beans and dry peas.

100 years ago
OCT. 6, 1917

• A Field Day was planned for the Umatilla experiment farm to update the public on agricultural experiment and findings from the year. Many of the topics to be discussed related to irrigation, in-

cluding sprinkler irrigation, orchards, tree fruits and grapes and ornamental plants and wind breaks. The location of the experiment station was one mile north and one-half mile west of Hermiston.

• An advertisement in this weeks issue promoted a chicken dinner at the Hermiston Hotel on Sunday at noon or Wednesday evenings for 50 cents. Another nearby ad promoted a one-year subscription to the Hermiston Herald plus a one year subscription to The Oregon Farmer for a price of only \$1.50. Ordinarily the Herald subscription alone was \$1.50 and The Oregon Farmer sold for \$1.00 a year.

• In the "Local Briefs" column: B.M. Rogers who is operating the Harry Straw ranch east of town, is around again after quite a severe illness from a skin disease called "shingles."

• Also in "Local Briefs" was this notice: "Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Reid moved their household furniture from their former home in Stanfield Tuesday, and are now fairly comfortably situated in the Ross Newport residence, which the doctor has rented." And in the adjacent Want Ads: "Lost — a head rest for surgeon's chair between Stanfield and Hermiston last Tuesday. Finder please notify Dr. A. Reid of Hermiston."

75 years ago
OCT. 8, 1942

• A front-page item was published urging people mail Christmas gifts for people serving in the mili-

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COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 9-9:45 a.m., Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Improve balance, increase flexibility and strengthen core muscles. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes with flexible soles. Can be performed standing or sitting. Class size capped at 15; registration required. (Lynda Carragher 541-922-4203)

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)

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)

TOUR OF KNOWLEDGE, 7-8 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Discussion of public hearings, meetings and events relevant to the area, and reports on sites and facilities that impact natural resources and places of historical interest. Free and everyone welcome. (Eileen Laramore 541-303-3872)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
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)

UMATILLA COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILY GRIEF RECOVERY CENTER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, 6

p.m., New Hope Community Church, 1350 S. Highway 395, Hermiston. Meet-and-greet at 5:45 p.m. followed by meeting at 6 p.m. All those interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend. (Matt Terjeson 503-720-1620)

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, OCTOBER 6
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)

WOMEN VETERANS OPEN HOUSE, 3-6 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 245 N. First St., Hermiston. Elizabeth Estabrooks, ODVA Womens Veterans Coordinator,

will answer questions. Network with women veterans and visit the I Am Not Invisible photo exhibit. Refreshments provided. Free. (Linda Skendzel 541-922-6420)

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, OCTOBER 7
PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 7-10 a.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Costs \$5 for full breakfast/\$3 for light meal. (541-449-1332)

FLEA MARKET, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt Ave., Stanfield. Tables \$10 each. (541-449-1332 or 541-449-3255)

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.

MORROW COUNTY HARVEST FESTIVAL, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Dr., Boardman. Local vendors, mule-drawn wagon rides, kids' corner, photo booth, beer and wine tasting and more. Free and suitable for all ages. (Stefanie Swindler 541-481-7243)

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

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
TAI CHI: MOVING FOR BETTER BALANCE, 9-9:45 a.m., Good Shepherd Wellness Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Improve balance, increase flexibility and strengthen core muscles. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes with flexible soles. Can be performed standing or sitting. Class size capped at 15; registration required. (Lynda Carragher 541-922-4203)

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. All teens welcome. Snacks will be provided. (541-567-2882)

DAD'S CAKE BAKE FUNDRAISER, 6-8 p.m., West Park Elementary School, 555 S.W. Seventh St., Hermiston. Traditional fundraiser features a theme of "Let the Adventure Begin." Event features a bake sale and a performance by kindergarten students. Free admission. (Mary Gorham 541-667-6800)

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

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THE ARC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, 5:30-7 p.m., The Arc Umatilla County, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Free hot dog dinner at 5:30 p.m., cake cutting at 6:15 p.m. Visit with new and old friends and help make a birthday card for The Arc. Free. (Kristi Smalley 541-571-0997)

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)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
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