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Sixth grade students from Echo toured the Hermiston Herald offices and pressroom in November of 1992 to prepare for printing a newspaper of their own.

25 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 25, 1992

•Assistant District Attorney Robert Hill said hearings for Don Ball, of Hermiston, Steven Derushe, of Stanfield and Nathaneual Miller, of Umatilla, have been set for December 17. The three were arrested last week for the shooting of Brian David Smith of Hermiston. Although the shooting at Cold Springs reservoir is still under investigation, Hill said police had admissions from the three that they were involved, but each of them is saying the other one actually did the shooting. District Attorney David Gallaher said one of the suspects is a close friend of the family of a young girl whom Smith was found guilty of molesting in May. Earlier this year, Smith pleaded guilty to charges of molestation of a minor, and it is believed that the gruesome murder was in retribution for this molestation. Smith was sentenced to three years probation, but broke that by failing to complete sex offender classes. A warrant was issued for his arrest. The three will likely be charged with conspiracy to commit intentional murder and intentional murder. They could face the death penalty under Oregon state law.

•Had this been an actual emergency, the newspaper headlines would have read “Five injured in explosion at Umatilla Army Depot.” But this wasn’t an actual emergency, it was only a test to see if emergency personnel at the depot and Good Shepherd Community Hospital (GSCH) could handle a variety of mock injuries related to chemical weapons. At 9 a.m. the level two drill began at the hospital, with the entire hospital staff mobilizing to receive patients. Anyone who could be spared moved to the Emergency Room to help deal with patients. Cheryl Humphrey, GSCH public relations director, said all the hospital was told was that there had been an explosion at the depot and up to six casualties may arrive soon. “An explosion in one of the igloos involved nerve agent. Those inside were not only injured by the explosion, but contaminated by the nerve gas,” he said. After the exercise was over, members of the hospital staff and the depot gathered for an hour to critique the event.



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A triage team member waits while emergency room manager Ken Franz prepares to hose down a “casualty” in a training drill at Good Shepherd Hospital in November 1992.

50 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 23, 1967

•A seven channel television is coming soon to Hermiston. See Inland Cablevision at 111 Main Street.

•The Husky Truck Stop Service Station located across the hilltop at the west end of Umatilla was robbed of approximately \$140 around 3 a.m. Burney Rogers, 22, attendant, said the lone gunman entered through the back door wearing a stocking mask and pointed the gun at him, saying “Give me everything you have.” Rogers was the only one at the station, which is open all night. He described the gunman as about 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet tall, approximately 180 pounds and wearing a black shirt and cap. Umatilla Police, county sheriff’s and the state police are continuing the investigation.

75 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 26, 1942

•The 10 houses now under construction in Hermiston by the Tri-State Construction Co. are progressing nicely and are expected to be completed by Christmas unless “complications set in.” To date

only one house has been affected by the recent freezing order. The houses are being built by the Hermiston Housing Corporation. The units are all for sale with several still available to any person employed at the U.O.D. or other defense work.

•There are still a few honest people left in this world --well, at least one. A short time ago a very dejected man came to L.A. Moore, proprietor of the local theatre, and stated that he lost his billfold containing considerable money, a U.O.D. check and valuable papers in the theatre. After a thorough search of the premises no trace was found of the lost item. However, a week later a lady came to the box office and returned the billfold and all its contents and refused to take an award. She had learned of the loss by an announcement flashed on the screen. The total result was one honest person and one extremely happy Mr. Minch.

•Because the sophomores and seniors of the Hermiston High School were more enthusiastic and ambitious during the recent scrap metal drive, they were the guests of the juniors and freshmen at a school gymnasium. Enter-

tainment of all sorts and refreshments were enjoyed.

100 YEARS AGO
NOVEMBER 24, 1917

•R.C. Challis, the butcher-grocer, has evolved a guessing contest that is something out of the ordinary. Somehow he became possessor of a 45 pound squash, which now decorates a window in his store. Shortly after capturing the vegetable he decided to open a guessing contest on the number of seeds it contained. During Christmas week upon close of the contest the one coming closest to the number of seeds the squash contains will be rewarded with a first prize of a box of crystal soap, the second nearest will receive \$2 in cash or store credit and the third person shall become possessor of the squash.

•At the present time one could not hire, literally speaking, a carpenter or contractor in this project for “love nor money,” for it is hustle and bustle with them, and has been for some time past, to finish one job so that they might quickly go to the next. Wood and mason contractors have, as a matter of fact, from two to three contracts on their hands right now, and it would seem that there is going to be non-stop building operations on projects for some time to come. Currently we have contractors on the new library with a huge basement, a new modern house, two large dairy barns and a couple of shearing sheds.

•Congressman N.J. Sinnot has written The Herald that he has been informed by the Bureau of Plant Industry at Washington that the allotment of vegetable and flower seeds made to each member of the House of Representatives for distribution in his district will be 5,000 packages fewer this year. The congressman believes that the method used last year of masking the distribution through co-operation with the newspapers in his district is the most successful in getting the seeds in the hands of those who can best use them.

THREE MINUTES WITH ...

MARISA MENDOZA AVILA

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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
I'm proud to say I was born and raised in Hermiston!

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Oh that's tough, we have many, but we always aim to eat out local.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Family. My 8 year old is growing so fast and we are having a blast enjoying every bit of it. We thrive on family adventures.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
The growth. Having have grown up in this town I am amazed at the expansion. Through the growth, it's been amazing to get to know many of our great people, we truly have a great community.

What is the last book you read and why?
"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone." I'm a huge Harry Potter fan, and having an 8 year old be a fan as well has been the best!

What app or website do you use most other than Facebook or Google?
I have to be honest and say Snapchat! It has been a great way to interact and stay in touch with family!

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Dubai. It's definitely a far-fetched goal, but one day we will make it happen ;-)

What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?
Attempting to drive for the first time ever in the one way streets of Pendleton (safe to say no details needed).

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
My recent enrolling in the Leadership Hermiston class has really inspired me to get more involved with my community.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
I'm proud of us, my spouse and I. We were teenage parents, I was a mom at 16 years of age. Faith and family kept us strong, we've worked hard, and through it I completed my education. At age 23 we purchased our second and dream home. We hope to set an example that with will, hard work, and faith anything is possible.

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