

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



ROD HARDIN

Hermiston city councilor; Principal of Hermiston Christian Academy

When did you move here and why?

I moved here in 1980 to take over as principal of the Hermiston Christian school. I was raised in Eastern Oregon so it was like coming home.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Hales.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Work in my yard, enjoy my grandkids when they're around.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I guess at this point, nothing really surprises me. Whatever they're doing, Hermiston rises up to the challenge. I appreciate people coming together.

What was the last book you read?

I get hand-me-downs from my wife's iPad.

What app or website do you use most often?

The Bible app.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I'm still wanting to see more parts of the U.S.

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

Recently, I ran into someone who had a car like one I had — a 1959 Chevy. It could be the same one I owned in the '60s. Same color, same keys. What I paid for it — he paid a lot more for it as an antique.

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

I'm retiring in June after 50 years in education. I plan to have a modified schedule, and two more years left on the council.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I think trying to make a difference in education for the last 50 years. Especially seeing young people go on and be able to succeed, and knowing I've had some small part in that.

HERMISTON HISTORY

25 Years Ago
April 27, 1993

New baseball fields were dedicated and the season started for nearly 700 area young people during Hermiston Little League opening ceremonies.

President Christy Herman opened the event describing the efforts that led to the four-field complex off Diagonal Road now called Hermiston Little League Field of Dreams and dedicated to the volunteers who made it possible.

The death of a former Little League participant and coach, Michael Tremblay, and the memorial fund in his name, started the drive for the new fields. And the fund-raising made possible by Scott Lemmon, owner of Hermiston Canned Foods, created the lion's share of funding.

Lemmon raised \$16,000 through raffles of the \$26,000 collected for the fields. Two of the four fields were dedicated, one Michael Tremblay Field and the other Scott Lemmon Field.

To honor the involvement of the school district and the city, Superintendent Jer Pratton and Mayor Frank Harkenrider joined Lemmon and the field committee members Jerry and Charlotte Tremblay, Kent and Renee Gutierrez and Mike Reohm for the ribbon cutting.

50 Years Ago
April 25, 1968

Thousands of people stopped at various viewpoints along the Columbia River, particularly last weekend to see for themselves the formation of Lake Umatilla, the pool behind John Day Dam.

Those strolling the banks, many with camera in hand, included local residents and people from other parts of Oregon as well as the many Washingtonians who watched the river rise on their side of the Columbia. Several drove up one side of the river and returned on the other. Tourists from California, Idaho, British Columbia and other states and provinces now beginning to arrive in Oregon, also were among the viewers.

Most popular viewing points in Oregon included Arlington, Boardman and Umatilla.

Some people reported seeing deer swim from inundated islands to the Oregon shore.

The Corps of Engineers presently is holding the level of Lake Umatilla to 257 feet above sea level. It is planned later to bring the pool up to 219 feet above sea level.

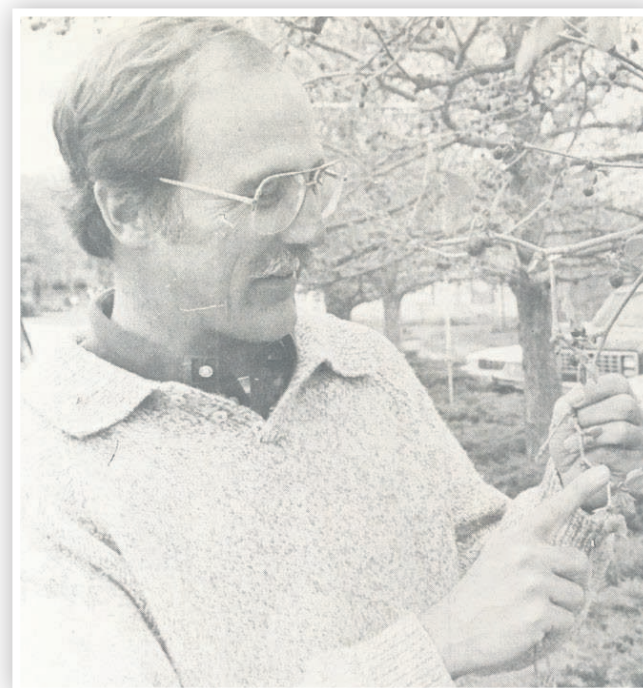
First transit of a ship upstream into the newly created lake was the Coast Guard Cutter Bluebell. Lockage and passage through the dam was April 21.

Original plans for rapid raising of the pool on April 16-17 went off exactly as planned. However, subsequent river flows, resulting



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Lou Ann Wolfe samples a barbecued rib in 1993 at a fundraiser for the Desert Arts Council, which featured a bluegrass concert held in her barn.



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Oregon State Extension plant pathologist Phil Hamm points to signs of fungal disease.

from cold weather and light snowpacks in the watershed held the rise to 0.3 feet per hour, causing Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard officials to extend the originally planned lockage for 25 hours.

75 Years Ago
April 22, 1943

Recent word from the federal public housing authority states that the FPHA has taken jurisdiction over the 83 housing units in Turtle Town here and will thoroughly remodel them and place them in good condition for year around occupancy. Fred A. Cuthbert, senior housing representative of the Portland office, made the announcement in

Portland and was also verified from Washington, D.C.

At the time the request was submitted, it was estimated the repairs and improvements, ranging from roof to sewage facilities, would cost in the neighborhood of \$75,000.00.

No word has been received as to when the work of repair and improvement will get underway but it is expected that it will be done soon.

100 Years Ago
April 27, 1918

The structural work on the alfalfa meal manufacturing building being built by C.S. McNaught on the west side of the railroad at the head of Main Street is

well under way, and with the work thereon progressing steadily it will not be long before it is ready for the placing of the machinery that goes to make a fully-equipped establishment for the handling of alfalfa hay in all different phases, together with the manufacture of alfalfa meal.

Whether in jest or earnest, many husbands have been reported as finding fault with their wives' conservation measures as applied to the family food.

Since the work of preparing the foods without some of the standard ingredients has not always been understood, results have not always been promising. All such housewives now have the opportunity to get the benefit of the experimental work done by the state college in which some excellent wheatless war breads were developed.

Here are two recommended:

Steamed Rice Bread

1.4 cup corn meal, 3/4 cup rice flour, 2/3 cup oat flour, 1 teaspoon soda, 1-3 cup molasses, 1 cup sour milk. Mix dry ingredients. Mix molasses and sour milk. Combine, put in a greased mold and steam two hours. Makes one loaf.

Oat Flour Muffin

3 1/2 cups oat flour 1 1/2 cup milk, 4 tablespoons corn syrup, 8 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons crisco, 2 eggs, beat whites light.

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A COMMISSIONER WHO IS DEDICATED, ACCOUNTABLE AND FULLY ENGAGED

What are observers saying about what Commissioner Murdock has brought to Umatilla County in his first full term?

On the subject of energy & commitment:
"He models what he expects from employees - he's among those who open the Courthouse in the morning and among those who close it in the evening - every day."

On the subject of accessibility:
"When I drop by the Commissioner's office, I can count on Commissioner Murdock being there."

On the subject of knowledge & experience:
"It's not easy helping lead 300 employees and balancing an \$80 million budget. Commissioner Murdock came to the position with decades of experience and it shows in the current state of the county."

On the subject of past performance:
"Commissioner Murdock made a positive difference at the Intermountain ESD, the Pasco School District and at the East Oregonian. It shouldn't be a surprise that Umatilla County has benefitted from this experience."

On the subject of making the most of tax dollars:
"Taxpayers don't want public agencies that whine about not having enough money. Rather, they want those in charge to function effectively and efficiently and provide a stable level of programs and services. Commissioner Murdock is the chief budget officer for the county and he is proud of the fact the county balanced next year's budget on February 6."

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