

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## ROSA HOLT

Registered Nurse

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

*I was born in Hermiston, raised in Stanfield, and moved back to the area about four years ago.*

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

*I enjoy eating at Hales because of their huge portions.*

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

*I enjoy outdoors, running, cycling and/or hiking, and of course camping with my family.*

### What surprises you about Hermiston?

*How open the community is to those who want to be involved, whether it's coaching, volunteering or serving.*

### What was the last book you read?

*Currently reading "Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul."*

### What app or website do you use most often?

*Amazon Prime*

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

*I would go to Oaxaca, Mexico because of the amazing food and culture. Did I mention I love food?*

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

*Hmmm... prefer not to share in public.*

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

*To get back into running shape after giving birth.*

### What is your proudest accomplishment?

*My faith and family.*

## HERMISTON HISTORY



Hermiston resident Rick Ross, an aviation electronics technician stationed in North Bend with the U.S. Coast Guard, got to meet up with his family during a rare refueling stop at the Hermiston Airport in 1993, after attending an air show in Mountain Home, Idaho.

## 25 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 5, 1993

Seven fights reported Friday at Hermiston High School and a drive-by shooting off school grounds Monday are unrelated incidents, according to Jer Pratton, Hermiston School District superintendent.

Last Friday, seven fights were reported at the high school, with "half the fights" between girls, he said.

"We can't find a common thread among any of them," he added.

He said fights during school don't occur that often, but fights do happen during the first two weeks of school when "The kids are determining their pecking order."

Pratton said, to his understanding, Monday's drive-by shooting near school grounds was not school-related, and did not involve enrolled Hermiston students. Hermiston High School may not be able to put a closed campus ruling in effect during its 25-minute lunch period because of the number of students compared to available cafeteria space.

"It would take at least four lunch periods to serve 1,000 kids," Pratton said.

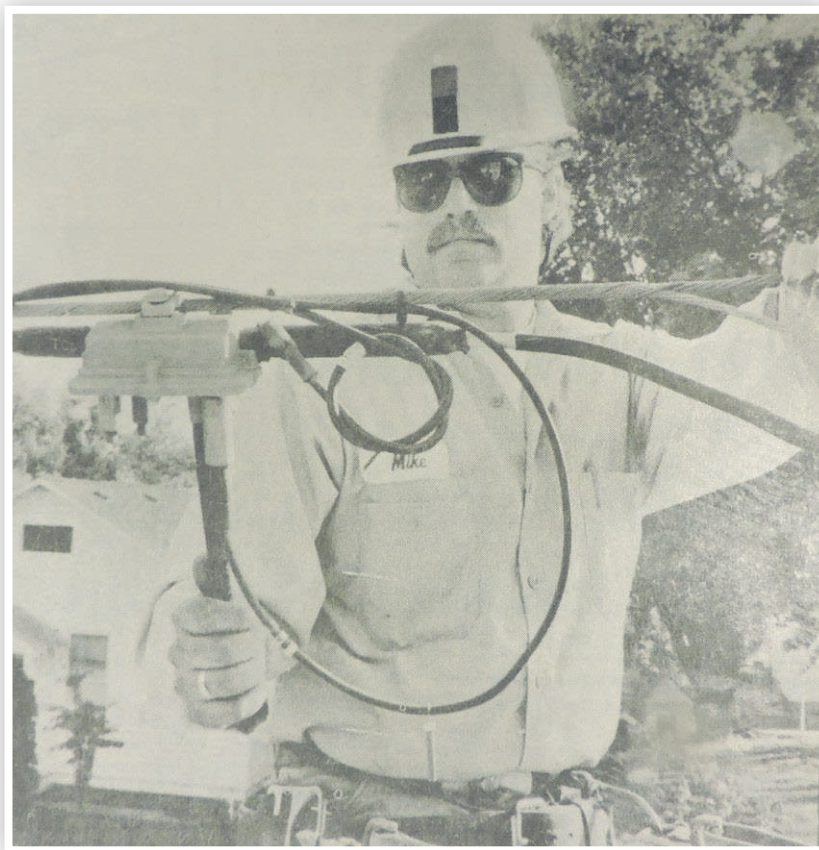
The school district "is not considering" a closed campus during lunch at this time in response to recent violence, he added.

## 50 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 3, 1968

According to state police, a suspect, John Q. Kirby, 28, wanted on charges of bank robbery in southern California, was arrested by State Police last Saturday, Sept. 28, on Highway 30, between Boardman and Arlington. The officers were alerted by a nationwide teletype description of the fugitive's car. Kirby, presently held in Umatilla County jail at Pendleton, is awaiting extradition proceedings with bail set at \$50,000 on the bank robbery charge and \$2,000 on a charge of being an ex-convict in possession of a firearm.

A panel discussion centered around the Port of Umatilla's activities is slated for the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce at their regular evening meeting next Monday, Oct. 7, says Chuck Bailey, Chamber of Commerce president. Port Commissioners will enter into the panel discussion with Harmon Springer acting as mod-



Curt McDougall checks on a cable in Hermiston in 1993.

erator for the group. All residents of the area are invited to attend to learn more about the commission's present operations and plans for the future.

He also states that to date his worst enemy has been filth and malaria.

## 100 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 5, 1918

Four well-known Umatilla County farmers are dodging their duty in failing to take an equitable share of the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds. In other words they refuse to buy their apportionment, and for this reason have been yellow carded by the Umatilla County Patriotic Service League, and according to agreement among all the editors of papers in the county to publish the names of such slackers when called upon to do so by the above council, their names are herewith given: John Peters and Hans Pahl, both well known farmers of Pendleton, Higbee Harris, wealthy Milton capitalist, and Frank Hilbert, prominent Ukiah stockman. Should there be any slackers develop in the Hermiston district after the committees close up their work early next week their names will also be published in all the papers of the county.

## 75 YEARS AGO

OCTOBER 7, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Madison recently received a letter from Harold Rainwater, formerly of Hermiston. He is stationed on some island somewhere near Sicily or thereabouts. He tells that farming methods there are very crude, but that the crops are excellent. Vineyards are scattered about the countryside and wine almost more plentiful than good drinking water. He said cigarettes and rations were highly prized by both Americans and the Italians they encountered.

"The large majority of them will not take money, either American or Italian. In fact, our money is almost useless to us, so much so that this month I sent \$70 of my \$79 home and of the balance, \$6.66 was taken out for insurance."

## BY THE WAY

## BTW

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An alumni reception for **Leadership Hermiston** features appetizers, no-host wine and beer, a raffle and special guest speaker **Sen. Bill Hansell**. The event is Tuesday, Oct. 9 from 5-6:30 at the **Gathering Place at Bellinger's**, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston.

All Leadership Hermiston alumni are invited to attend to meet the current class and catch up with former classmates. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP via [kelly@hermistonchamber.com](mailto:kelly@hermistonchamber.com), or call 541-567-6151.

An employee from **McNary Lock and Dam** recently assisted with FEMA efforts in Guam and the Commonwealth

of Northern Mariana Islands due to **Typhoon Mangkhut**.

**Shawn Cunningham**, an electronics systems control craftsworker, was among the 16 people of an 18-member team from the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Walla Walla District's Temporary Emergency Power Planning and Response Team** that were deployed Sept. 8.

The team saw damage to homes, businesses, roads and power systems as the typhoon passed within 50 miles of Guam on the evening of Sept. 10. They conducted damage assessments, assisted with the coordination of temporary emergency power, made repairs to generators and prioritized power restoration projects.

For more information, visit [www.nww.usace](http://www.nww.usace).

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Another local resident was called upon last month to provide assistance as part of the **National Disaster Medical System. Cynthia Parks**, a pharmacist from Echo and member of the **Disaster Medical Assistance Team**, was deployed to North Carolina in response to **Hurricane Florence**.

The medical system provides support to communities during disasters or public health emergencies. It's comprised of approximately 5,000 physicians, nurses, veterinary staff, paramedics, and other experienced professionals, which are organized into more than 70 response teams.

As Florence approached the East Coast, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deployed

more than 500 medical responders from across the nation to assist where needed after the hurricane made landfall. For more information, visit [www.phe.gov](http://www.phe.gov).

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**Domestic Violence Services** is in need of some extra supplies for its shelter for domestic violence victims. Pillows, queen and twin-sized sheet sets and blankets are needed for beds. The shelter also needs towels and rags for cleaning, and tissues and toilet paper. A longer list of items always needed can be found at [domesticviolenceservices-or.org/donatenow](http://domesticviolenceservices-or.org/donatenow). To donate call 541-276-3322.

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