

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston when I got married and to raise a family.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Either Nookie's or Delish

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I have two kids, and we like to go to movies, events and things going on in town. We like to go out in explore the area, whether it's Main Street or the fair.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

The diversity. When I first moved here, I thought it was such a small town. We have everything you could need — you're 30 minutes from being in a big city, but if you go 30 minutes in the opposite direction, you're in the middle of nowhere. There are all kinds of things going on in terms of the people.

What book are you currently reading?

"Managing Emotional Mayhem for Kids," by Dr. Becky A. Bailey

What app or website do you use most often?

Amazon Prime — it's probably my biggest downfall.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Scotland

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

I'm a total klutz — anybody who knows me knows that — but I don't know if that's funny.

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

I have a lot of home improvement projects. I recently bought a house, and have a big to-do/wish list. The Ace Hardware guys know me well, I go in with all my lawn care and painting projects.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I think I'm proudest of my kids. How far they've come, and what they've achieved in life. Life hasn't always been the easiest, and they've maintained a positive vibe about themselves.

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HERMISTON HISTORY

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 11, 1994

There won't be a low-income housing project on the corner of Southwest 17th and Sunland Avenue anytime soon.

The Hermiston city council put two city-owned lots up for sale, but made clear during a public hearing at Monday's city council meeting that it would sell only to those who would use it for single-family dwellings.

This thwarted an effort by the Umatilla County Housing Authority to place 60 low-income units on those lots.

The Housing Authority had offered \$23,000 for the lots. A subsequent appraisal put their value at more than \$83,000.

Many on the council said the fact that the Housing Authority is exempt from property taxes troubled them. The goal of selling surplus lots is usually to get them back on the tax rolls.

2) Voters will be asked to approve a \$9.9 million bond sale to finance new or improved schools in a special election set for March 22.

The Hermiston School Board passed a resolution calling the election Tuesday.

The 20-year bond will cost homeowners in the district about 93 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

For their money, Hermiston residents will get a new junior high school for the 1995-96 school year, and a remodeled Armand Larive Junior High School the following year.

50 YEARS AGO

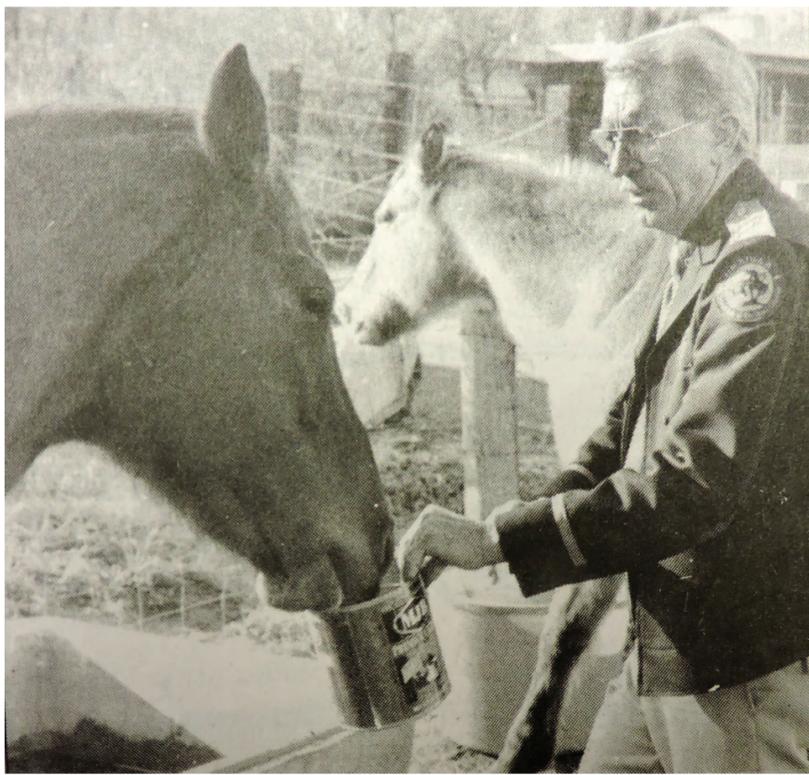
Jan. 9, 1969

The recent cold spell has been more than an inconvenience for some individuals, and the Port of Umatilla and Pendleton Grain Growers have had their share of misfortune along with the rest.

First, the port's water storage sounded an alarm several times in the past week, which made it necessary to drain and change huge amounts of water in the 125,000 gallon storage unit to avert possible extensive damage.

Next, a tug that had been working at the marina basin became top heavy with ice and rolled over and sank, requiring extensive salvage operations; then Pendleton Grain Growers discovered that a broken main at the McNary elevator had dumped 48,000 gallons of water into the elevator's basement over the past weekend.

Finally, the PGG elevator manager Dan Hill broke



HH file photo

Umatilla Police Chief Eldon Olson feeds his horse Tequila as he prepares to retire as police chief in 1994.



HH file photo

Troy Dennis Pulley was the first baby of the new year in 1969. He arrived at Good Shepherd Hospital Jan. 2 at 6:13 p.m.

his leg in the front yard of his home in a freak accident that almost resulted in another accident to his wife when she fell down trying to reach Hill after she discovered he wasn't joking about his broken leg.

75 YEARS AGO

Jan. 13, 1944

The possibilities of post-war electrical heating of homes in this area will be discussed at a meeting of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau Friday night at Columbia Hall. In response to a request, data regarding home heating has been obtained from Bonville Power Administration and will be presented

by H.J. Ott, a director of the local REA organization. Interest and inquiries with the regard to electric home heating is increasing daily.

2) Funeral services for Frank J. Harkenrider were held Tuesday in the Catholic church at Estacada, Ore. with burial in the I.O.O.F. cemetery there. Father Crowe was in charge of the services.

Mr. Harkenrider, an early pioneer, was born March 5, 1859, at Sheldon, Ind. and was married to Miss Mary Faust Oct. 3, 1882, at Roseta, Colo. The family moved to Oregon the same year, settling in Clackamas County near Estacada, which has been his home ever since.

Mr. Harkenrider was a farmer most of his life but retired from active work about 25 years ago. He has made numerous visits to Hermiston in recent years, spending some time here last August with his daughter Mrs. Ralph Richards and son George Harkenrider.

100 YEARS AGO

Jan. 11, 1919

Now that the flu is gradually being brought under control, another menace to the health of the community has appeared. This has come in the form of smallpox, which broke out the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Metzker, both of whom are afflicted. The house has been put under rigid quarantine regulations, and it is the hope of the authorities to squelch the disease right there.

2) Hermiston's volunteer fire department was called out Sunday afternoon on an alarm of fire being turned in from the home of W.J. Kened on the west side. On arrival there it was found that clothes thrown over the water pipes in the basement after they had been thawed out had ignited from an unnoticed spark, and the smoke therefrom had filled the house and become so dense that it looked as if the whole place was afire.

But a few buckets of water rightly applied soon cleared the atmosphere. While there was no fire and no damage was done, nevertheless the fire department got needed exercise, for which the members desire to thank R.L. Barnard, captain of the hook and ladder truck. If you want to know why, ask him.

Quilters piece together relief outreach

By TAMMY MALGESINI
COMMUNITY EDITOR

A group of quilters from Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church recently boxed up 108 quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief.

The group meets for fellowship and quilting to assist with the project that provides aid to people experiencing emergencies around the world. Others are invited to help with the project.

In addition to the quilts, the group gathered supplies collected throughout the year from the congregation. The October shipment, which weighed in at 571 pounds, sent to Lutheran World Relief also included 56 kits with school supplies, 25 personal care items kits and 10 packages with baby care products.

Taking a biblical reference from the book of Matthew, the group's motto is "Blessed be the quilters, for they shall be called Piecemakers."

Although it's a simple combination of fabric and thread, the quilts can



Photo contributed by Michelle Hedgepeth

Dorothy Lee, Ruth Konningrud, Regina Marks, David Marks, Kevin Hedgepeth, Jerry McMichael and Phil Schmidt worked on recent shipments with Grace and Mercy Lutheran Church in Hermiston. A fall shipment to Lutheran World Relief included 571

reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a message of hope. In addition to shielding against the cold as warm bedding, the quilts can be useful as simple tents, floor coverings or a wrap to hold a baby on a

mother's back.
Ruth Konningrud and Dorothy Lee, who head up the effort, invites anyone who is interested to join them to work on quilts. The 2019 campaign runs from January through October.

They meet each Thursday at 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

For more information, call 541-571-9477 or visit www.graceandmercy-lutheran.org/programs.

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