

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



IRENE MILLER

President, Harkenrider Senior Center

When and why did you move to Hermiston?
In 1950 — my husband worked at McNary Dam as an electrician. We moved to McNary and then Hermiston.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
The senior center

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I have three hobbies: I knit and crochet, I love to play games on my computer, and I'm into those wonderful coloring books.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
The growth

What was the last book you read?
I just got done reading "The Last Boyfriend" by Nora Roberts.

What app or website do you use most besides Google or Facebook?
None, but I use both of those.

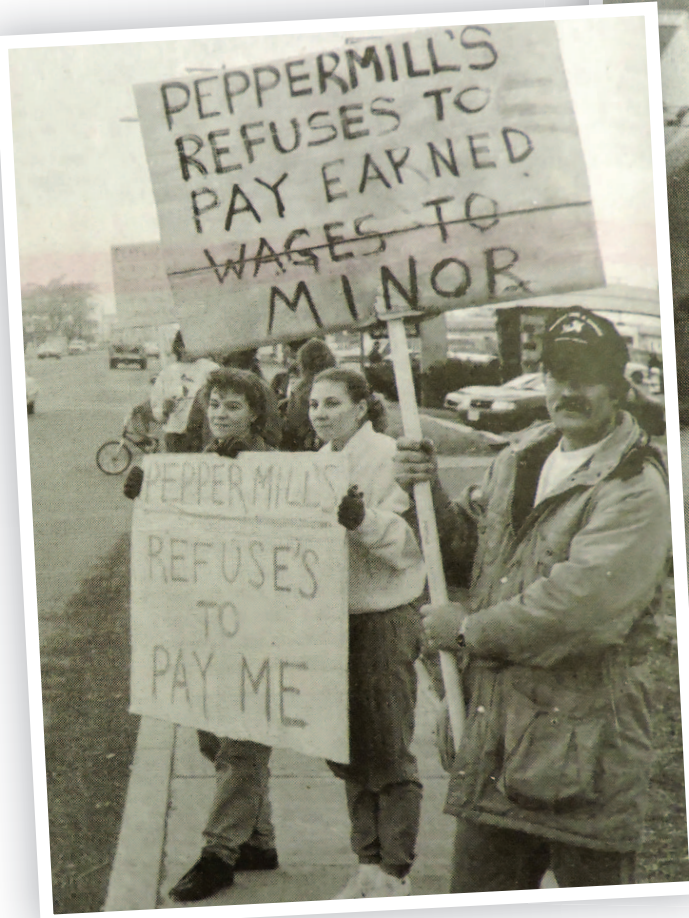
If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?
Aspen, Colorado

What is the funniest or most exciting thing that's happened to you?
My travels to Peru, and my accomplishment of climbing to the top of Huayna Picchu, in 1983 or so. My son-in-law loved watermelon, and he had a watermelon in his backpack that we didn't know he had. So when we got to the top, we ate a watermelon.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
One of my goals is to make the citizens of Hermiston be completely aware of the wonderful building they have in the senior center. That's the main thing I want to do this year.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
I think probably just getting up out of bed and walking — being able to be out and about.

HERMISTON HISTORY



LEFT: Workers protest the K.B. Peppermills restaurant in Umatilla in 1994, claiming the business owed them unpaid wages. RIGHT: Jonathan Wilson, 9, gets a helping hand from Highland Hills Elementary teacher Charlie Clupny in preparation for a model rocket launch in 1994.

HH file photos

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1994

There may be a way to solve the traffic and pedestrian problem near Armand Larive Junior High School. But making sections of West Ridgeway and Northeast Second streets one way won't be one of them.

Earl Torres, Hermiston School District superintendent, came before the council to ask them to make the streets near the junior high one way.

About 300 students cross the streets to get to the classrooms at the Carnegie Building next door to the library.

Torres was met with resistance. "I really don't like one-way streets," councilor Gary Quick said.

Quick and other council members said the change would force traffic over either an unimproved section of Northeast Third or all the way to Northeast Fourth — neither of which was acceptable to the council.

2) The Greater Hermiston Area Chamber of Commerce recognized five long-time area residents at the 1994 Distinguished Citizen Awards banquet Saturday.

Deviating from tradition, the chamber's Man of the Year award went to three brothers: Giles, Leon and Donald Shockman.

Their company, Shockman Brothers Construction, built many of the buildings on Main Street and has pioneered work in circle irrigation in the area.

Other award winners were Betty Higginbotham as Woman of the Year and Dennis Barnett as Business Person of the Year.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 23, 1969

Farm Chemicals, Inc. of Athena confirmed reports today that it is exer-

cising its option to purchase approximately 12,000 acres of land between Boardman and Hermiston near Route 30 in Morrow County. No purchase price was disclosed.

E.C. Miley, president of the firm, said that purchases are being made to study the feasibility of reclaiming normally arid land using new farming techniques, including modern irrigation systems.

2) Information being circulated throughout the country that Congress recently passed a bill granting World War II veterans a special dividend on their GI insurance is completely erroneous, according to H.G. Helmstetter, acting manager of the Portland Veterans Administration Regional Office.

As a result of this misleading information, VA insurance offices are being flooded with inquiries. Because of this, the VA asked newspapers, veterans service organizations and other interested groups to take an active interest in dispelling this false information.

75 YEARS AGO

Jan. 27, 1944

Subject to approval of the Federal Public Housing Authority, the 83 new housing units located at the west city limits of Hermiston will hereafter be called "Victory Square."

To Mrs. F.C. McKenzie goes the honor of naming the new addition to Hermiston, formerly known as Tertletown. An alternate name was chosen by the group of judges in case FPHA rejects the first place winner. Mrs. Charles Taylor entered the name of "Victory Court" and will be substituted for the former should it be rejected.

The four judges, Col. A.S. Buyers of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot, D. W. Bliss of Ordnance, and F.B. Swayze and E.P. Dodd spent consid-

erable time Wednesday evening discussing the many titles entered in the contest sponsored by the *Hermiston Herald*. The names were numerous and considerably varied. The Herald publishers wish to thank all those who entered the contest.

2) Mrs. Stella Greenlee, assistant manager of the Umatilla Ordnance Depot dormitories, better known as the ladies matron in the barracks, is really out after the reward offered to the lady who sells the most bonds for cash this week. She is offering to kiss any individual who will buy a \$1,000 bond from her for cash. Her husband became jealous and bought the first \$1,000 bond from her on Tuesday.

100 YEARS AGO

Jan. 25, 1919

Residents in numerous sections of the city are complaining of having milk left on their doorsteps in the evening by dairymen disappearing during the night. The miscreants not only purloin the milk, but take the bottles also. This has been going on for some time, and has become very annoying to both the customers and the dairymen operating milk routes in Hermiston. A close watch is now being kept in the hope of apprehending the petty thieves, and indications are that it will be only a matter of a short time before they are caught.

2) Dr. D.J. McFall, county health officer, has placed the whole county again under rigid quarantine regulations, and has designated that the ban is directed against all social gatherings, literary entertainments and public or private dances. In Hermiston this order is being carried out by Mayor McKenzie, the churches, public school, library and business houses being the only ones allowed to operate.

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CORRECTIONS

The Jan. 16 article "RV park construction halted at EOTEC" misstated the location of the planned RV park. It is planned for the northeast corner of the property, not southeast. The Hermiston Herald sincerely regrets the error.

It is the policy of the Hermiston Herald to correct errors as soon as they are discovered. Incorrect information will be corrected on Page 2A. Errors committed on the Opinion page will be corrected on that page. Corrections also are noted in the online versions of our stories.

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No personal attacks; challenge the opinion, not the person. The Hermiston Herald reserves the right to edit letters for length and for content.

Letters must be original and signed by the writer or writers. Anonymous letters will not be printed. Writers should include a telephone number so they can be reached for questions. Only the letter writer's name and city of residence will be published.

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Oregon Trade & Event Center. Tickets are \$40 each and are available at the **Hermiston School District** office, **Hermiston Chamber of Commerce** and online at www.eventbrite.com.

We ran an online poll on our website starting Dec. 31 asking people for their favorite movie of 2018: *Black Panther*, *A Quiet Place*, *A Star is Born*, *Mission Impossible: Fallout*, *Avengers: Infinity War*, *Blindspotting*, *Hereditary*, *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, *Venom* and *Bohemian Rhapsody*. As of Tuesday, *Avengers* was the winner with 11 votes. *Solo*, it turns out, wasn't any of our readers' favorite flick of the year.

As 2018 came to a close, **Good Shepherd Health Care System** presented their year-end awards to a handful of people.

Those recognized include **Dr. Leila Keeler** (provider of the year, obstetrics/gynecology, informatics), **Jaimie Renteria** (employee of the year, charge master coord-



File photo

Gift baskets and other items are displayed for auction during the 2016 Hermiston Education Foundation Beach & Beef Fundraiser.

inator), **Wendy Parsons** (manager of the year, surgical services assistant nurse manager) and **June Rosenberg** (volunteer of the year, **Good Shepherd Medical Center Auxiliary**).

"Each of these individuals is deserving of receiving this award. These recipients were ultimately chosen by their outstanding recommendations," said **Nick Bejarano**, marketing and communications director.

For a second year in a row, the **SAGE Center** has been included in **Ore-**

gon Business magazine's top 100 fan-favorite destinations across the state.

An interactive visitor center in Boardman, it was listed at No. 86. Standing for Sustainable Agriculture & Energy, the **Port of Morrow** project was 53rd on last year's list. The SAGE Center is located at 101 Olson Road. It's currently open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, visit www.visitsage.com.

Other regional tourist activities making the list include **Tamastlikt Cul-**

tural Institute (41) and **Pendleton Round-Up** (82). Researchers studied 66,000 reviews — a 74 percent increase over last year's information — on Google, TripAdvisor and Yelp.

Maps available at visitor centers and at the state's borders will feature the top destinations for people to use as a guide when traveling across the state. The complete fan-favorite list can be viewed at www.oregonbusiness.com.

In recognition of January's School Board Recognition Month, the **Morrow County School District** recently expressed appreciation for its school board members.

Those who serve include **Becky Kindle**, chair; **Richard Cole**, vice chair; **Andy Fletcher**, **May Killion**, **Brian Kollman**, **Barney Lindsay** and **Marcie Rodelo**.

Superintendent **Dirk Dirksen** invites the public to the upcoming meeting, which will include a special thanks to the board. The meeting is Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at **Windy River Elementary School**, 500 Tatone St., Boardman.