

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



CARTER CHILDS

Electrician

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston in 1998, because my parents moved here from Salt Lake City.

What is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

Kobe Hibachi Sushi

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy finding projects, planning them out and working on them — like small home improvement projects.

What surprises you about Hermiston.

It's always growing.

What was the last book you read?

I haven't read a book in forever.

What app or website do you use most often other than Facebook or Google?

Spotify

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Australia

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

I'm a pretty goofy guy. One time, my friends and I rented a house in California. I found a stuffed elephant in the room I was staying in. I was riding the stuffed elephant around the house, and there was a step down I didn't see. I stepped down and rolled my ankle. Everyone got a good laugh out of that.

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

Get a promotion

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Paying off my truck

HERMISTON HISTORY



HH file photo

Billie Westlund of the PayLess fabric department helps customer Georgie DeBoie with a purchase in 1994.

25 YEARS AGO

FEB. 8, 1994

U.S. Generating's \$2 million settlement with two environmental groups was necessary to keep the Hermiston Generating Project on schedule, officials from the company said.

Under the terms of the agreement, neither the Columbia Basin Institute nor Lloyd Marbet can interfere further with the project or with any enterprise it relies on, such as the Regional Water Project.

Not all are happy with the settlement, however.

Hermiston Development Corporation director Tom Gilleese said he fears the \$500,000 settlement with CBI will be used to fight the expansion of irrigation district boundaries in the Umatilla River Basin.

2) With the state's new bail schedule, traffic infractions have become much more a matter of high finance.

The schedule, a list of the minimum fines for infractions, went into effect Feb. 1.

Driving at 70 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone — not an uncommon occurrence — can result in a \$134 ticket. Last month, that driver could have sent in a check for \$57 and called it good.

The logic implicit in the increase, approved in the last legislative session, is to encourage compliance with the rules of the road. However, local police officials have their doubts.

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 6, 1969

A large youth activity park, featuring several baseball diamonds and an extensive recreation complex, may become a reality if current negotiations between several city and county organizations are successful.

Meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 28 for the second time in recent weeks, members of the Hermis-

ton Baseball Commission appointed Earl Torris, Hermiston school teacher, as chairman of the committee to pursue such a site at the county fairgrounds in Hermiston.

Positive support has already come from the county fair board, says Torris, inasmuch as they have tentatively given permission for the facilities to be placed in the east end of the fairgrounds, encompassing approximately 250,000 square feet in an area roughly outlined as being 525 feet by 550 feet.

McKenzie Park, which will border the tract on the north, may at some later date also be included in the portion allotted to playground equipment and organized court activities.

Such court facilities as volleyball, handball and basketball are being considered, as well as outdoor play equipment, horseshoe pits and whatever else the local citizens would like to see installed.

75 YEARS AGO

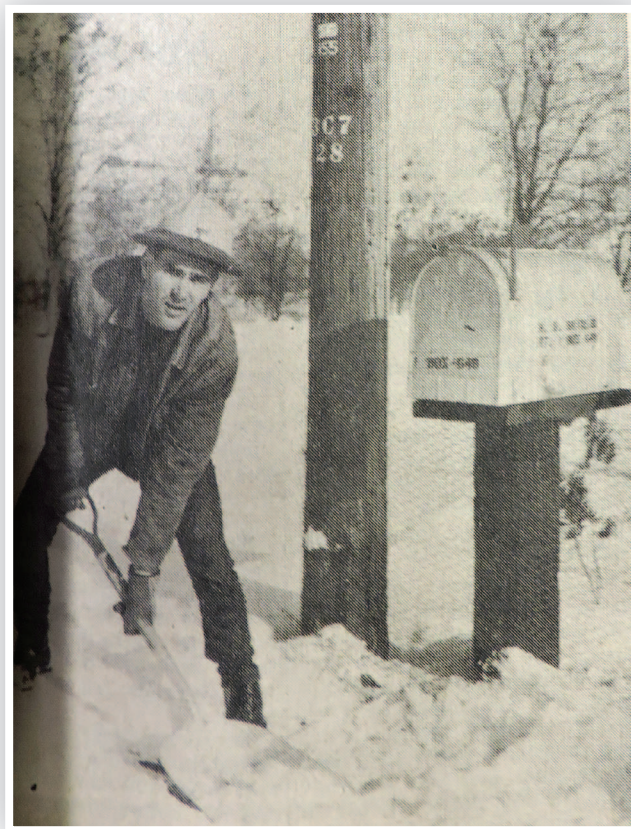
Feb. 10, 1944

Two brothers, Mark Twain Shoemaker, 26, and Sheridan S. Shoemaker, 32, residents of Hermiston for a short time after moving here from near Yakima, are being held by county officers on direct information charging them with burglary not in a dwelling house. They were arrested here this week by Sheriff Bob Goad and Sgt. Louis Johnson of the state police.

The brothers were accused of entering Hale's Confectionary & Sporting Goods Jan. 30 and stealing a reported some of over \$1,000. Some of the money has been recovered.

District Attorney A.C. McIntyre said officers had reported to him that Mark had admitted he stood outside the building while his brother obtained the money.

2) The annual meeting of



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Richard Brinson shovels snow away from his mailbox at Hat Rock in 1969.

the Farm Bureau Cooperative of Hermiston on Feb. 18 will mark the 20th anniversary of the organization.

It has grown in volume of business from about \$4,000 in 1924 to \$350,000 in 1943. Its first business was done from the car door when a group of farmers clubbed together and bought and distributed one car of feed. They later rented a small building where the work of the cooperative was continued.

The present paid up membership is approximately 800, consisting mostly of farmers at Boardman, Irrigon, Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo, Butter Creek, Lexington, Lone, Heppner and the surrounding district.

100 YEARS AGO

Feb. 8, 1919

The half century mark passed on Tuesday since the town of Umatilla lost the county seat to Pendleton. Just think of it, 50 years ago Umatilla was one of the top-notchers in the way of a flourish-

ing western business city, being the outfitting point to which all cattlemen, horsemen, sheepmen and mining men in eastern Oregon and Washington had to come to get their supplies. To look at it now one couldn't conceive that it had once been a city of importance — but it is coming back, and very soon when the railway terminal is again established there.

2) W.J. Dobler, the well known rancher four miles north of town, while in this city Monday said an endeavor is being made by himself and others in his neighborhood to secure the promise of every automobile owner in that district to bring a load of voters to the polls on the day of the road bond election. Mr. Dobler is an enthusiast on good roads, and will leave no stone unturned in his endeavor to have the proposed bond issue carry. His idea of using automobiles to get out the voters seems to have found favor, to the extent that the scheme is now being urged in every district in the county.

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New nonprofit works to 'mobilize and engage underserved populations'

By JADE MCDOWELL
NEWS EDITOR

An Oregon nonprofit expanding into Hermiston hopes to empower its residents.

Euvalcree is opening an office at 210 Main St. in Hermiston Wednesday. The nonprofit's purpose is to "mobilize and engage under-served and under-represented populations."

Executive director Gustavo Morales said the group started in Ontario in 2014, when leaders of

the town's Latino community decided to respond to frustrations of Latino residents who felt like they were being marginalized and blamed for the town's problems. Their early efforts turned into Euvalcree, which offers services to people of all demographics.

Services Euvalcree provides include free family events, educational outreach, application assistance, scholarships, leadership development and training sessions for com-

munity members with titles such as "Community 201" and "Know Your Rights."

"We are a firm believer in teaching people how to fish, instead of giving them a fish," Morales said.

The nonprofit has several contracts with government agencies, such as the Oregon Health Authority, to do outreach and sign-ups for various health programs.

Morales said the community events are designed to help foster better under-

standing between different people and cultures.

Hermiston is Euvalcree's first satellite office, and Morales said they hired local residents to staff it. They are working to get involved with established community events, such as Cinco de Mayo, and also plan to host events of their own. The first will be a grand opening celebration on April 7 with live music and food.

For more information about Euvalcree, visit www.euvalcree.org.