

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## ROY LINDSKOG

Retired truck driver

**When and why did you move to the area?**  
I moved to Stanfield in June. Before that, I'd been on the road from Minnesota.

**What is your favorite place to eat in the area?**  
I like the Senior Center, Panda — we make the rounds to different places so we don't get sick of one place.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**  
Whatever I want to do. I like to play guitar.

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**  
It's good country — the people are nice.

**What was the last book you read?**  
I don't read much. I use my phone a lot.

**What app or website do you use most?**  
Facebook

**If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?**  
If I could, my zip code would be my license plate. I used to drive truck, I have over a million miles.

**What is the funniest thing that's happened to you?**  
I can't think of any one thing. I have had a lot of fun with the things I've been doing — I don't get too serious.

**What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?**  
I want to go back to my hometown — Grand Marais, Minnesota. Then I want to go visit my sister in northern Wisconsin.

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**  
Driving truck and only having one unavoidable accident and one speeding ticket.

## HERMISTON HISTORY



As time ran out, the Hermiston bench (left to right) Brandi Lowrance, Lynette Hickey, Erin Hansell, Jamie Shirley and coach Mike Royer celebrated Hermiston's 55-52 win over Pendleton in 1994.

## 25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1994

A pick-up truck rested on the bottom of Willow Creek Reservoir outside Heppner.

Oregon State Police and Morrow County Sheriff's Department personnel were called to the scene. They in turn called Toby Hall.

Hall, 17, of Boardman, is one of Morrow County's three certified divers and first responders.

The job called for grace under pressure. Inside the truck was the body of a lone man, who had failed to get out in time.

Hall attached the hook at the end of a wrecker's winch cable to the bumper of the submerged truck. He then had to close the driver's side door to prevent the body from falling out. Hall's ability to keep his cool during a traumatic task was impressive.

"I think he did a fantastic job," Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago said.

2) Up to five thousand buyers, sellers and spectators from throughout the United States and Canada are expected at this week's Hermiston Extravaganza Horse Sale at the Northwestern Livestock Commission.

Motel rooms and trailer spaces are already in short supply as buyers and sellers prepare to attend the sale.

"We've been full-up for the weekend for a long time," said Angela Lambert, co-owner of the Rest a Bit Motel in Umatilla.

## 50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 13, 1969

Lee Urbauer, Good Shepherd Hospital Administrator, says the architect firm of Wilmsen, Endicott and Greene of Portland has been chosen to draw up plans for the proposed expansion and modernization of the hospital that may run as high as a quarter of a million dollars.

Urbauer says prelimi-



HH file photo

Toby Hall, 17, gets a hand suiting up from his brother Ty before helping retrieve a truck that crashed into the Willow Creek Reservoir in 1994.

nary plans call for an addition to present facilities to accommodate approximately 14 more beds, as well as modernization and enlargement of the rest of the hospital.

The hospital, originally built in 1954, was increased from 30 to 42 bed capacity in an expansion in 1964 and the current addition of 14 beds will bring the total to 56.

2) Members of the school board of Hermiston School District and the teachers' negotiating committee were deadlocked after nearly four hours of discussion at a special meeting convened at the high school last Monday evening.

The meeting was called because three prior meetings between the teachers and the school district's salary consulting committee had resulted in an impasse over wages and assigned duties outside the classroom.

The teachers group, represented by Matt Doughty, pressed for a salary schedule starting at \$6,400 for beginning teachers with an automatic annual 4 per-

cent increment. The school board countered with \$6,300 and a variable increment index that is now spread between 2.5 and 5 percent.

## 75 YEARS AGO

Feb. 17, 1944

The past several days have seen considerable basketball in these parts with the high school Bulldogs winning two and losing two in a quartet of contests. Unfortunately, the two losses were in the sub-district playoff with Pendleton and Mac-Hi and consequently eliminated Coach Frank Davidson's proteges from the running. Unless a late-season contest is scheduled, the Mac Hi game Tuesday ended play for the Bulldogs.

Tuesday night Hermiston was eliminated from further play in the tourney by losing at Mac Hi 41 to 26. The Bulldogs did not show the form displayed against Pendleton the night before and were behind 8 to 27 at half time. The second half found them outscoring the Mac Hi squad 18 to 14

but the lead was too large to overcome. Frank Harkenrider played his best game of the year, leading his teammates with 10 markers and generally playing a fine floor game.

2) A lesson to those who are "stumped" when war time restrictions and priority ratings prove troublesome should visit the Vigirbilt Hatchery where the owners, N.J. Van Skik and Curtin Walls, took matters into their own hands. When they were unable to obtain a new hatchery they decided to build one of their own, with "Van" doing the carpenter work and Mr. Walls the wiring.

Does it work? The apparatus is turning out two hatches of 4,800 birds twice a week with everything is hunky-dory.

## 100 YEARS AGO

Feb. 15, 1919

There are eight little Poland-China pigs out on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. John McElroy that are fast acquiring knowledge of the food value of milk. These little piggies have everything cheated when it comes to nosing out a good thing.

One day recently the family cow failed to give the usual quota of milk, and from that time the milk flow kept dwindling. It was hard to find a reason for this, but it came a few days ago when Mrs. McElroy had occasion to visit the barnyard lot, for there before her astonished eyes were the eight piggies taking turns getting their dinner from the four teats of old bossie as she placidly lay chewing her quid and playing mother to the bunch of swine.

The mystery of where the cow's milk was going to was solved, but the joke was so good that the McElroys have decided to let the pigs continue to double shoot the turn and get meals from their own and their adopted mother.

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## EOTEC manager seeking more weekday bookings

Weekends are mostly full, but mid-week events needed to meet goals

By JADE MCDOWELL  
NEWS EDITOR

Individuals, businesses and government bodies booked the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center for a total of 210 events in 2018.

Al Davis, general manager of EOTEC for the past year, told the Hermiston City Council during its Monday meeting that if they take into account the 40 or so days EOTEC is out of circulation for the Umatilla County Fair and Farm-City Pro Rodeo, "we're pretty busy."

Last year's events included 53 public events, 74 corporate bookings and 84 private events. The event

center already has more than 100 events booked for 2019.

"If you're looking for a weekend, you will be hard-pressed to find one," he said.

Weekdays are more of a challenge to fill, Davis said, and he's working on recruiting more business conferences, corporate trainings and other events to fill those days.

EOTEC is a good location for companies that want to do a training on the east side of the state, he said, but they have to know it exists. The venue offers some unique options — for example, Davis said RDO Equipment likes having trainings in the main room of the event center because the large garage door on the side allows them to bring farm equipment right inside the building.

The city is working on

plans for an RV park that will give EOTEC a more stable source of revenue year-round. Davis said the original goal when Venu Works was brought on board in January 2018 to manage EOTEC was that the venue would become self-sustaining between years three and four, and that's still the goal.

The RV park was stalled from breaking ground in February after the city planning commission banned all new construction at EOTEC until an overflow parking plan was submitted and approved. Councilor John Kirwan said city staff presented the draft parking plan to the EOTEC advisory committee Thursday and plans to present it to the planning commission Feb. 27.

Kirwan said Travis Lundquist, who runs two RV

parks in the area, came and answered questions about RV parks and "brought a lot of enlightenment" to the committee. Mayor David Drotzmann said the discussion with Lundquist and with advisory committee members was helpful.

"There were some great ideas coming out of there and I think we're going to have a better project as a result," he said.

During Monday's city council meeting the council also approved a franchise agreement with the city of Umatilla.

The agreement allows Hermiston to install infrastructure for the Regional Water System in Umatilla's rights of way in order to serve a project by Vadata — a subsidiary of Amazon — off of Lind Road that has been annexed into Umatilla.