

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## ROGELIO MONTANO

### Architectural Casting

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

*I moved to Hermiston in 1999 due to complicated family matters.*

**Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?**

*Way back in the day, it was Mr A's burger joint, but now it has to be La Palma.*

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

*Hang with old friends or work on personal projects.*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

*How fast it has grown.*

**What was the last book you read?**

*"Tales of the Uncanny and Supernatural," by Algernon Blackwood*

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

*Probably Instagram.*

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

*Either Japan or Australia.*

**What's the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?**

*Too many hilarious moments to bring down to one. If I had to just pick one, it would be me getting off the bus trying to run home in a storm with no jacket, only to trip, fall, sprain my ankle as soon as I stepped off the bus.*

**What is one of your goals in the next 12 years?**

*To be able to live by myself in my own home.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

*Honestly, getting out of Hermiston is my biggest accomplishment.*

## State offers testing locator

The Oregon Health Authority has a new COVID-19 test site locator to help Oregonians find nearby places where they can be tested. The interactive map, available in multiple languages, can be found at [healthoregon.org/covid19testing](https://healthoregon.org/covid19testing).

For someone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, OHA recommends their first step be contacting their health care provider to discuss whether testing is appropriate, based on their symptoms, exposure and local testing capacity. However, people can also enter their Zip code or county into the map to determine where sites are located.

OHA recommends calling to verify the testing site's hours and criteria before visiting.

"Removing barriers to testing is important to help Oregonians stay healthy and to slow the spread of COVID-19," said Dean Sidelinger, MD, state epidemiologist and state health officer said in a news release. "This new resource can help people find ongoing testing locations in their community, which is especially important for people who don't have a primary care provider."

The data on the testing locator was submitted to Castlight, the site's creator, by both the OHA and local public health authorities.

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## Construction worker drowns during bridge project

25 YEARS AGO

July 25, 1995

The Hermiston City Council delivered the knock-out punch Monday to a proposed manufactured home development near the Hermiston Cemetery.

United Homes, Inc. had petitioned the city to annex about 23 acres west of Highway 395 and east of the cemetery. Their plans were for a 165-lot development.

A lone no vote on the annexation a month ago by Councilor Kraig Cutsforth forced a reconsideration of the proposal. The annexation measure was subsequently tabled.

Though the city and United Homes developer Clint Hergert have met in cordial discussions since, the two parties could not agree over traffic and access considerations.

2) Four families are homeless after high winds swept a field fire into the Hat Rock Campground Thursday.

"This is Armageddon — the end of the world at Hat Rock State Park — after wind, hail, fire, and in my case, robbery," said campground resident K.C. Turnbull.

Turnbull's double-wide manufactured home still sported two broken windows resulting from the hail storm two weeks ago.

50 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1970

A former Hermiston resident was killed in a freak accident late Friday, July 17, at a logging operation near Troy, Montana. David Cripe, 29, was crushed when a piece of logging equipment, called a skidder, tipped over onto him.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cripe of Hermiston, and a sister, Mrs. Rick Rebman.

2) A 2.7-acre piece of property fronting on Orchard Avenue and adjoining the Umatilla County Fairgrounds will be added to the fairgrounds if county voters approve a one-year special levy of \$40,000 to buy the land.

The fair board on Monday gave the final OK to the plan, which would add the much needed park-like property to the fair facilities.

The measure will be on the November general election ballot.

75 YEARS AGO

July 26, 1945

Farm Security families in Umatilla County were urged to set aside a special week for farm clean-up as part of a national farm safety campaign to prevent fires, accidents and waste. An average of 10 lives a day are lost in farm fire, 18,000 farm people are killed annually in farm accidents, and \$90 million in farm property is destroyed each year by fire, according to figures received by Eugene Hampton, County FSA supervisor.

A thorough job of housecleaning on FSA farmsteads will not only make large quantities of paper, rags, clothing, tin cans, sacks and metal available for important war salvage, but it will also go far to prevent fires and personal accidents and minimize waste, Hampton said. All usable machine parts can be cleaned and kept for repairs and often result in considerable savings in case of machinery and equipment breakdowns.

Cleaning all debris, trash and paper from farm homes and buildings in insurance against spontaneous combustion and accidental hazards.



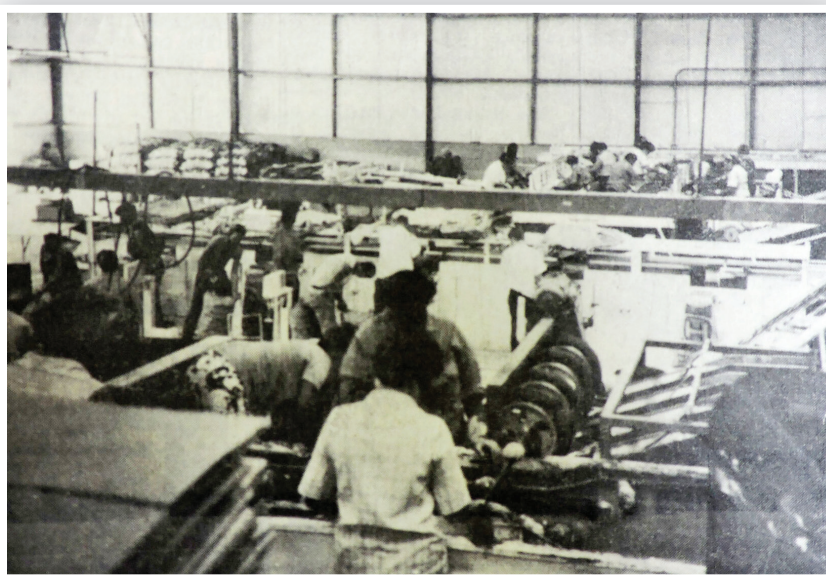
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Firefighters work to put out a fire that destroyed four homes at Hat Rock State Park in 1995.



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Dottie the Clown, aka Becky Hawes, entertains children at a Hermiston Parks and Recreation summer camp in 1995.



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Workers process potatoes at Sunbest Corporation outside of Hermiston in 1970.

100 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1920

As per schedule the House Appropriations Committee arrived in Hermiston at 5:33 a.m. last Friday and were guests of the Commercial Club at breakfast at the Hermiston Hotel at 8:30 a.m. and were taken on a four-hour tour over the Umatilla and Furnish projects, arriving at Stanfield at 1 p.m., where the ladies of that city served a delicious luncheon.

The visitors were tired from their many days of traveling and did not leave their cars, parked on the sid-

ing, until breakfast time. Because of their fatigue, the auto run through the Western Land & Irrigation Company's holdings was omitted.

2) J.A. Hovis of Portland lost his life in Willow Creek near Hepner Junction July 13. Mr. Hovis was foreman on the highway bridge under construction, and in some way lost his footing on the bridge and fell into the water below. Other workmen were on the bridge but Mr. Hovis had drowned before help could reach him. It is thought that he was taken sick, as he was an excellent swimmer, having been across the Columbia River several times.

## BY THE WAY

## Presbyterian church offers Vacation Bible School to go

Faith Presbyterian Church's Christian education team is rethinking Vacation Bible School in the age of COVID-19.

The church team is offering a "distance learning" version of the summer tradition, and has assembled five days of grade school-targeted activities that include elements online and a packet of materials to retell the Bible story, play games, do science experiments and sing VBS songs from previous years.

Online portions, which include the Bible story, directions for activities and songs, can be found on the church's website at [faith-presbyterian.org](https://faith-presbyterian.org) under the "In the Life Together" tab.

The packets are available for pickup in bins outside Faith Presbyterian Church, 1005 S.E. Ninth St., Hermiston, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until they are gone. They are free, but donations to help defray costs can be made on the website.

### Summer outdoor market set Aug. 1

Wild Bleu Yonder and other Echo-area businesses are hosting a "Freedom and Junk" summer market on Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The outdoor market, which they hope will become an annual tradition, will be located in downtown Echo.

Wares will include soap, candles, boutique clothing, wine, jewelry, antiques and more.

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### Triathlon for children coming up

Hermiston Parks and Recreation is hosting a triathlon for children ages 4-12 on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m. at the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center.

Participants will swim, then bicycle, and then finish with running. Parents are encouraged to assist and participate alongside their child.

Participates ages 7-12 will swim 50 meters, bike 1 mile and run 0.75 miles. Ages 4-6 will swim 50 feet (lifejack-

ets available), bike 0.6 miles (training wheels allowed) and run 0.4 miles.

The deadline to register is July 24. Cost is \$24. **60 Minute Photo** will be taking action photos during the event.

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### Senior center lunches include goulash, hot dogs

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center provides meals for senior citizens each week for takeout and delivery.

The menu for Thursday, July 23, is goulash, Jell-O salad, garlic bread and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, July 28, is hot dogs, sauerkraut, potato salad and dessert.

For a **Meals on Wheels** delivery, call 541-567-3582 before 10 a.m. to place an order. To pick up a meal from the center at 255 N.E. Second St., call the same number before 11 a.m. Meals are \$4 and can be picked up between noon and 12:50 p.m.