

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## SUSAN McHENRY

### President, Pendleton Sanitary Service

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

*I moved to Hermiston in 1974 with my family when my husband started his mechanical contracting business.*

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

*Nookies and LaPalma*

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

*Golf*

**What surprises you about Hermiston?**

*Continual growth from a city of Hermiston perspective, but also how nice people are from a personal perspective.*

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

*"Without Precedent" by J.D. Trafford*

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

*Smile.Amazon.com*

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

*Italy again*

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

*A friend, now a general, was headed to Kabul with the National Guard ... I thought he said "Cabo" and I told him to have a great time and enjoy the ocean!*

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

*Heal a torn hip cartilage well enough to get back to golf, break in those brand new golf clubs and shoot for the 80s! I guess that's three goals.*

**What is your proudest accomplishment?**

*Always, number one is my son Michael; number two, our family business in Pendleton; number three, my beautiful home, which my husband and I built together in 1992 and where I still live.*

## Parks and rec sponsors backyard camp outs

Hermiston's Parks and Recreation Department is encouraging people to stay home and stay safe on Labor Day weekend with a backyard camp out.

For \$10, families can get a backyard camp out kit from the department that contains S'mores supplies for four people, a family game, a lantern and other supplies.

Kits can be ordered at [bit.ly/hermistonrecreation](http://bit.ly/hermistonrecreation)

before Aug. 30, and picked up from the Hermiston Community Center on Sept. 3 from 3-7 p.m. or Sept. 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Backyard camp outs are encouraged on Sept. 4-6 throughout the community.

Families can take photos of their backyard camp out and post them in the comments on the Hermiston Parks and Recreation Facebook page to be entered to win a drawing for prizes.

## HERMISTON HISTORY

# Teen locked in boxcar for seven days

**25 YEARS AGO**

Aug. 29, 1995

A 17-year-old Crofton, Ky., boy discovered in an insulated boxcar at the Hinkle rail yard is now back home with his family, said Oregon Children's Services supervisor Bill Kent.

An early Monday morning airplane flight to Kentucky brought to a close a two-week ordeal for Mike Wright, half of which was spent locked in the dark boxcar as the train traveled from Crofton to Hinkle.

Wright told Jackie Dunplan, one of the switching crew of three that found the boy, he simply intended to go into Crofton to have a soda with his friends.

However, the train he caught by his house did not even slow down in Crofton, a mile and a half away. Nor did it slow down anywhere else in Kentucky.

The train crossed the Ohio River and stopped in an Evansville, Ind., rail yard. Wright hopped another train he thought would take him home. On the way, he fell asleep.

Wright awoke in total darkness. The door to the boxcar had been shut and could not be opened from the inside. There he remained for what he later found out was seven days, when the car became one of about two dozen cut from the train and stored on a siding.

Dunlap, Les Suplich and Mike Reece heard something strange in the line of boxcars they had switched off.

Following the noise — Wright's calls for help — they opened the car to find the dehydrated, hungry yet grateful traveler.

**50 YEARS AGO**

Aug. 27, 1970

Mrs. Marjorie L. Bartlett, owner and publisher of the *Hermiston Herald* since July 1945, announced this week that the *Herald* has taken in a new partner and publisher, G.M. Reed of Dallas, Ore.

G.M. (Jerry) Reed, age 35, has been associated with the weekly newspaper business for 11 years, starting his career as an ad man with the *Camas Post Record* in Camas, Wash. In March 1967 he became publisher of the *Polk County Itemizer-Observer* in Dallas, Ore.

Under Reed's tenure as publisher, the *Itemizer-Observer* was awarded the General Excellence award as the outstanding weekly newspaper of more than 3,000 circulation in the state of Oregon in both 1968 and 1969 in advertising by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, competing against both daily and weekly newspapers throughout the state.

**75 YEARS AGO**

Aug. 30, 1945

Jack House, proprietor of the local roller skating rink, is preparing the building this week for the opening of the skating season Saturday evening. A new brick veneer front has given the front of the building a very modern appearance.

2) Members of 4-H clubs of the west end of Umatilla County will hold the annual fair at the Hermiston fairgrounds on Friday and Saturday of next week, Sept. 7-8. Victor W. Johnson, county agent, is the leader of the 4-H clubs, and he is assisted by Miss Jennie Marie Warren and Frank Hackler.

The program this year will start at 10 a.m. on Friday when livestock judging by teams will begin and continue throughout the day with various kinds of judging. At 8 p.m. Fri-



HH file photo

Crystal Bevin dangles from a ropes course near the Hermiston Butte in 1995 as part of a team-building activity for the Echo volleyball team.



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Maria Guadalupe Mendoza, 17, of Hermiston, dances at the Cinco de Mayo festival in McKenzie Park in 1995.



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Alisha Martinez, 13, of Hermiston, displays a poster of the Our Lady of Peace shrine in Boardman that caused a controversy in 1995 between area Catholics and Boardman residents who were opposed to its placement on a public right of way.

day evening there will be a show and program including other 4-H club activities. A style show will complete the evening's schedule.

**100 YEARS AGO**

Aug. 27, 1920

Grease boiling over on the range at the Hermiston hotel Saturday afternoon threatened to cause dam-

age of serious proportions and an alarm was turned in. The fire department and business men responded quickly but the fire had been put out.

During the excitement a pair of horses attached to a light wagon started from near Kingsley Mercantile Co.'s store and made the run almost to the fire before they were stopped. Several cans of cream in the back of the wagon were not even upset.

2) Marshall and Wilfield Ellinger, brothers of the two little boys who were stopped here some weeks ago on their way to see their mother at the Eastern Oregon hospital, stopped overnight Tuesday with Mayor F.C. McKenzie.

They had a letter of introduction to him from the head of St. Mary's Home in Beaverton, asking Mr. McKenzie to make arrangements with the authorities at the hospital so they might visit their mother for a day, and also see that they were put on the right trains both going and coming.

The letter said that Clyde and Owen never tired of talking of the wonderful time they had in Hermiston.

## BY THE WAY

# Forestry department concerned about human-caused fires

Firefighters throughout the state have had a busy month fighting fires, and while some have been caused by lightning, a news release from the **Oregon Department of Forestry** states that human-caused fires are causing concern.

"It's startling how many human-caused fires we're seeing right now," Steve Meyer, protection supervisor for the forest department, said. "Firefighting resources are spread pretty thin at this point in the summer. Now is the time we are really asking for cooperation in following the Public Use Restrictions, also known as Regulated Use Closure."

Meyer reminded people that they can be held liable for the cost of suppression if they are caught causing fires through careless handling of campfires or other methods.

"The nights may feel cooler, but the fuel conditions indicate that we are still deep in fire season," the news release stated. "Many of the measurements that fire man-

agers use to assess conditions, are pointing at drought-like conditions."

Travelers through forestlands are asked to be prepared for emergencies by bringing a shovel and a gallon of water or large fire extinguisher.

Restrictions may vary depending on the land manager or management agency. Current Public Use Restrictions can be found online at [bmidc.org/restrictions](http://bmidc.org/restrictions).

The **Eastern Oregon Counties Association** is set to add four new members.

Gilliam, Lake, Wasco and Wheeler counties are preparing to join the EOCA, which lobbies and advocates on behalf of Oregon counties east of the Cascade Mountains.

The 13 that have been part of the EOCA for several years are Union, Wallowa, Baker, Umatilla, Morrow, Crook, Deschutes, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Malheur and Sherman counties.

The **Hermiston Herald** is now accessible in other languages through the newspapers' audio option on [www.hermistonherald.com](http://www.hermistonherald.com).

Readers can click on the globe next to the words "Listen to this article now" at the top of each story, and change the audio from English to six other languages, including Spanish.

The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** continues to provide takeout and delivery meals to senior citizens in the community.

The menu for Thursday, Aug. 27, is baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables 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 11:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.