

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Stanfield Public Library director

When and why did you move to Stanfield?

I moved to Stanfield in 1993.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

I really love to try new things, so it is really hard to pick. It really depends on what I am in the mood for.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy reading, watching CSI and most off all watching my kids play sports and participate in activities.

What surprises you about Hermiston/Stanfield?

What surprises me most about Stanfield is how friendly everyone is and how they are willing to help whenever something is needed. What surprises me about Hermiston, is how willing businesses are to help with community events and the growth over the past 10 years.

What was the last book you read?

I am currently reading and listening to "Midnight Sun" by Stephanie Meyer.

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

During Covid... Should I admit I have been going crazy on Amazon? I should think about deleting that app off my phone.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Egypt! I would love to see the pyramids.

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

When I was 15 or 16, my brother and his friend were in his room playing (what I thought was a Star Wars video game) and was impressed with how close that game was to the movie. I ask if they could pull Yoda's ears and they told me no, that you have to follow just like the movie. Of course I thought that was boring and left. Years later, we are sitting in my grandma's kitchen and he is telling her how gullible I was. That is when I learned it wasn't a game and they had picked up the controller when I walked in just to mess with me.

Now I am thankful he has a wife to torment.

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

For the next 12 months I would like to focus on my family and the great things life has to offer.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

My kids!!

HERMISTON HISTORY



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Adjutant General Olson, left, is shown addressing the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce in 1945.

Hinkle Rail Yard considered from locomotive shop

25 YEARS AGO

Sept. 19, 1995

Two men and six juveniles were arrested on riot and weapons charges in connection with an altercation in Hodge Park on Monday afternoon.

Adam Cole, 18, of Hermiston and Julio Mosqueda, 18, of Boardman were among those involved in a fight police believe to be gang related. Police believe several of the participants are documented gang members or gang affiliates.

Police confiscated tire irons, claw hammers, a pellet pistol and a knife with a seven-inch blade following the fracas.

2) Union Pacific's Hinkle rail yard is one of several Northwest sites vying for a large diesel locomotive servicing facility, said spokesman John Bromley.

The railroad could choose a site as early as next month, Bromley said.

"Hinkle is being considered a major candidate," he said.

50 YEARS AGO

Sept. 17, 1970

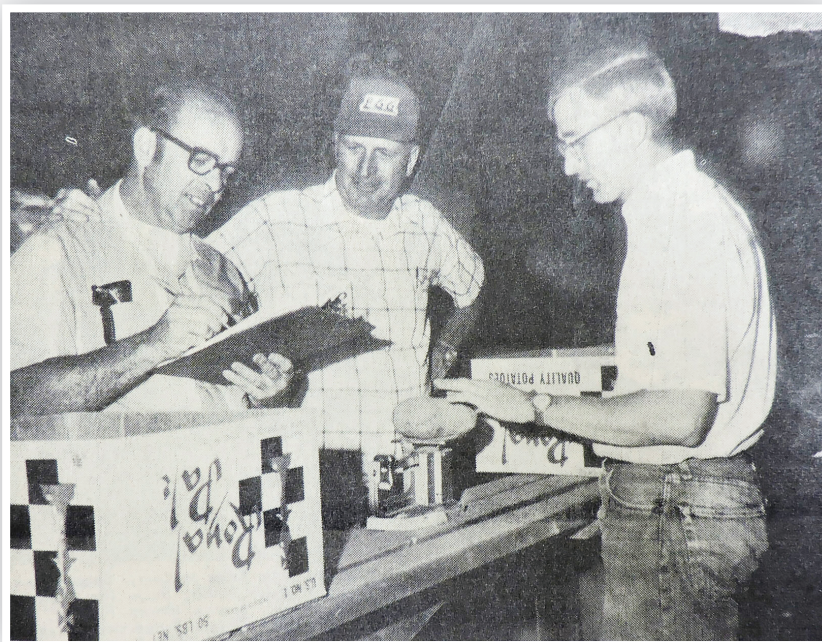
A meeting on the prospects of nuclear power plants in Eastern Oregon, held here Sept. 10, revealed general agreement that such plants would not be dangerous and that the warm water emitted by them would be ideal for irrigation.

The meeting, attended by more than 50 persons from all levels of government, was of the Nuclear Siting Subcommittee of the Columbia Blue Mountain Resources Development and Conservation District.

Larry Wilkinson, Oregon state nuclear coordinator, was the principal speaker. He said prospects are good, not only for at least one nuclear plant in Eastern Oregon in this decade, but for several in this century. He observed, "a projected need for 20 more thermal plants in this century, possibly 30, divided between Washington's and Oregon's eastern and western sections."

Wilkinson's only complaint was that Oregon has lagged in the irrigation development which he said is needed for the "natural mating" with reactors.

"This is an anxious period as we decide where to place the plants and it won't be settled overnight," he said.



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Clint Jacks (left), Gayle Marks (center) and Darrell Maxwell (right) weigh an 18-ounce potato at Royal Pak in Hermiston in 1970.

75 YEARS AGO

Sept. 20, 1945

The mobile chest X-ray unit sponsored by the Umatilla County Public Health association will be in Hermiston next Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Tuesday, the 25th, the unit will X-ray people at Echo from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Stanfield from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Some questions regarding the unit are answered as follows:

Q: What is the object of this survey?

A: To find unknown cases of chest ailments, particularly tuberculosis in the well population.

Q: Who pays for this service?

A: The Umatilla County Public Health associate with Christmas Seal money.

Q: How long does it take?

A: Less than one minute.

Q: Who should have the examination?

A: All adults

Q: Will children be served?

A: Yes, children over six accompanied by an adult who will also have an X-ray.

100 YEARS AGO

Sept. 17, 1920

The first death in the McElroy family for 43 years occurred last Saturday when William E. McElroy, an old Civil War veteran, answered

his last roll call and received his final discharge from earthly service at 11:20 p.m. at the home of his son, C.H. McElroy. He had been ill there since attending Decoration Day services last June.

Comrade McElroy was born in Tennessee, May 8, 1843. After several changes of residence he came to Hermiston four years ago. He had an excellent military record, serving in the Civil War from June 1861 to July 1865, first in the Home Guard and then in Co. K, 12th Kansas Infantry, finally in the 7th Missouri Cavalry.

From all of these branches of service he held honorable discharges. Besides many skirmishes he was in the noted battles: Lone Jack, Cameron, Wilson Creek and Jenkins Ferry, all in Missouri. In the last of these battles Mr. McElroy fought 17 days on half rations and four of the days he was without food.

2) No price boosting or profiteering at the expense of visitors to the Pendleton Round-Up is to be countenanced by the Pendleton Commercial Associations. This body, comprising virtually all business men in the city, at its last meeting drafted resolutions censuring any persons who take advantage of the forthcoming event, Sept. 23-25, to boost prices. In the past the few complaints heard from visitors have been against out-of-town, fly-by-night vendors who make all state fairs and carnivals.

BY THE WAY

Cold Springs Highway closed until Oct. 26

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Highway 37, also known as the Cold Springs Highway, closed outside of Hermiston on Monday, Sept. 21, and isn't expected to reopen until Oct. 26.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is repairing a bridge over the railroad tracks on the highway about a mile east of where it connects to Highway 730.

According to the news release by ODOT, travelers will need to detour around the closed bridge using Highway 730, Highway 207, Highway 395 or Interstate 84 and plan extra time for their trip accordingly.

Problems with the 68-year-old bridge that will be addressed by the project include a deteriorating deck, cracks in the concrete and gaps between bridge beams and other support mechanisms, worn bridge bearings and side rails that don't meet current safety standards.

American Legion honors police

A recent ceremony held by American Legion Post 37 honored members of the Umatilla Police Department for the work they do.

Post Chaplain Aaron Wetterling said the post felt it was important to show their appreciation "due to recent events in our society." Each officer was presented with a handshake, a certificate of appreciation and a "small monetary gift to share with their family."

Afterward, Wetterling offered a prayer for the officers' protection.

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Livestock auction raises money for youths

The Morrow County Fair Youth Livestock Auction raised \$239,476 for Morrow County youths, according to Morrow County 4-H.

The total included \$175,000 in direct auction pur-

chases, \$61,976 in add-ons that came after the fair was done and a \$2,200 commission returned by Livestock Growers.

Most of the fair was canceled, but youths were able to drop their livestock and other submissions off at the fairgrounds for judging.

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Senior Center menu includes lasagna

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

The menu for Thursday, Sept. 24, is lasagna, salad, green beans and dessert. Tuesday, Sept. 29, will be ham, Jell-O salad, veggies and dessert.

For a Meals on Wheels order, 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.

Look in this space after Oct. 6 for Boardman Senior Center's menu to also appear.