

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



NANCY PETERSON

Hermiston city councilor-elect

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I've lived Hermiston specifically for 12 years, but moved to the Umatilla/Morrow county region 20 years ago. Even though I'd grown up in Alaska, I knew Oregon was where home was. After graduating from Montana State University, I loaded everything I owned into the back of a U-Haul, put my cat in a crate in the front, and hit the road. Boardman Elementary School had called the day before my planned departure, so I stopped for a night, got the job the next day, and have been here ever since.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

There's a taco place on the corner of 395 near the high school called Tacos Y Mas that makes awesome street tacos.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

My family and I enjoy doing puzzles and playing board games together. I'm very passionate about diversity rights activism, so I spend a great deal of time writing and studying issues.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

Just when you think you've really gotten to know it, you turn a corner and there's a business you've never visited, either because it's new or you never got the right kind of lost to find it before. I tell folks that we have at least one of everything you need, and two of everything you want.

What was the last book you read?

I'm a huge sci-fi/fantasy fan. I just read book 4 of The Warrior Chronicles, "Invasion," and have started book 5, "Siege."

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

My daily relaxation is the website Imgur. It's user-provided content, some personal and some simply interesting. It's also a culture that is found within the comments, and even has a worldwide Secret Santa.

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I want to go to Disneyland! Really, that would be the best.

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

I'm very pragmatic, so the day that I went to work and a team member asked me how a recent first date had gone, and I admitted that I was pretty sure I was engaged. ... Well anyway, the ceremony at Hat Rock 10 months later was beautiful!

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

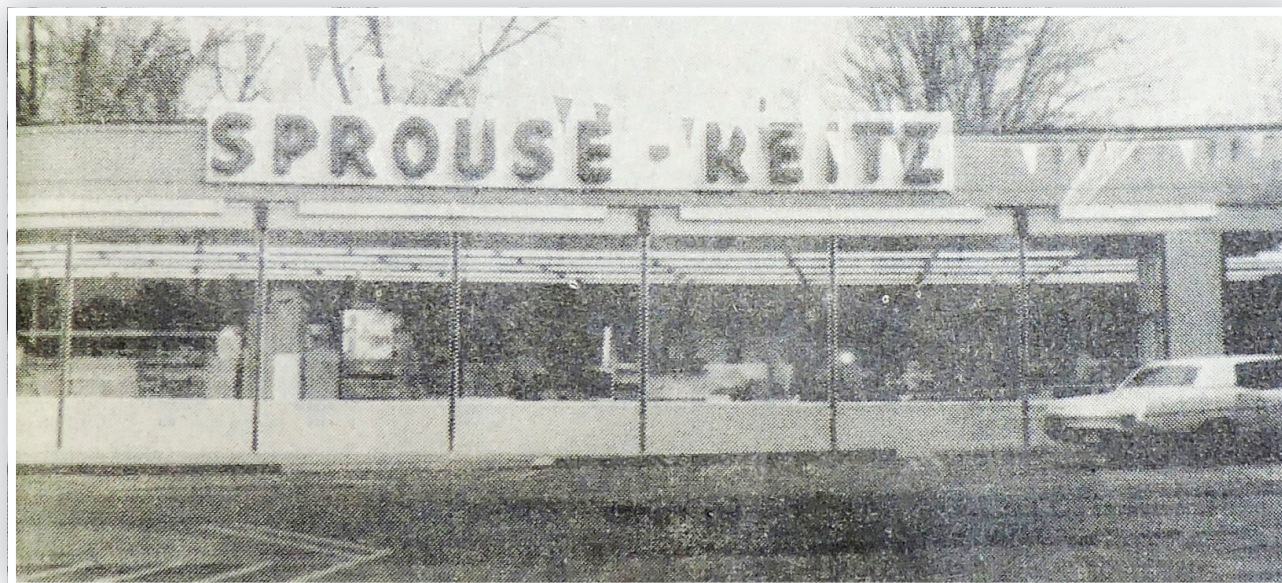
I want to honor the reasons I was elected.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Every time I hear from someone I've motivated to take action on their own or a group's behalf, every time someone I've mentored outgrows me, and every time one of my sons gives me a hug because they think I'm a good mom, that moment is my proudest accomplishment.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Turnout boosted after women allowed to vote



Hermiston Herald, File

The new Sprouse-Reitz variety store opened in Hermiston on Southeast Second Street in 1970.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 7, 1995

Hermiston police may have two suspects involved in an early Friday morning shooting near a Hermiston night club.

Investigation of the shooting, which, though fatal to a pager worn on the belt of one of the victims, caused only minor injuries, led to two Kennewick men.

Shortly before 1:15 a.m. Friday, Brent Dickenson, of Hermiston, and Gabriel Rafael Garcia, of Lexington, became involved in a verbal conflict with two men at Frasmus, Roberts said.

The argument continued outside the night club, he said. According to a statement Roberts issued hours after the shooting, Dickenson and Garcia went to their car and left. While they were traveling west on Jennie Street, another vehicle came up behind them, flashing its headlights.

When Dickenson and Garcia pulled over, the following vehicle, described as a blue Ford Ranger, stopped and one of its occupants fired at least 10 rounds from what was believe to be a 9mm semiautomatic pistol. The pickup then fled.

It may have happened that way, Roberts said Monday, or it may not have. He said officers have now heard at least three versions of the story, each conflicting substantially with each other.

50 YEARS AGO

Nov. 12, 1970

Umatilla's city council will have full membership of six its next session.

This was not a certainty when the Nov. 3 ballots were counted, because the three councilmen whose terms had expired won reelection even though none of them had run this time.

Councilmen Roy Gunsolley, Hugh Little and Lester Davis declined to seek reelection but were the top three write-in vote-getters.

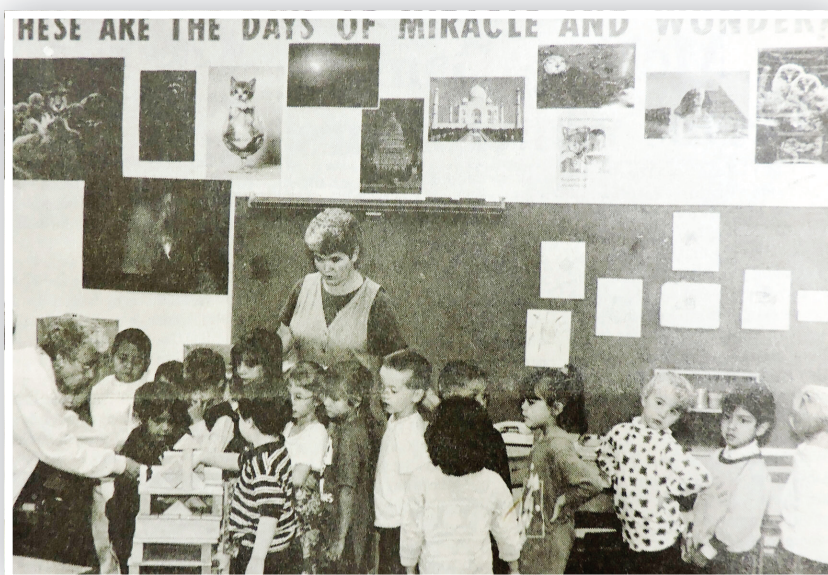
Gunsolley said he plans to take his seat and keep it until a replacement can be appointed. He attributes the apparent lack of interest in filing to Mayor Bud Draper's accomplishments, saying the mayor has performed so well as to provide no cause for controversy.

Little and Davis both told *The Herald* they will take their seats and do not anticipate looking for replacements.

75 YEARS AGO

Nov. 8, 1945

With snow, ice and hazardous



Hermiston Herald, File

McNary Heights Elementary School kindergarten teacher Norah Prutton, center, and classroom aide Nancy Storms, left, help children line up in 1995.



Hermiston Herald, File

Chris Piersol explains the card game Magic: The Gathering in Hermiston in 1995.

traffic conditions just around the corner, it is now vital for motorists who would drive this winter to put their overage cars in the safest possible conditions. This is more important this year than ever before, because traffic engineers and safety experts say that this will be the worst auto accident winter in history. Your life may depend on how well your vehicle's safety equipment works — or how well the other fellow's works.

Motorists accustomed during war to a compulsory 35 mile an hour speed limit, may have become careless and prone to misjudge the distance within which they can stop their cars traveling

at higher speeds, particularly on slippery pavements. Not only that, but motorists have grown increasingly weary of war born restraints, and now that the restraints are lifted, are inclined, perhaps unconsciously, to take greater chances, just by way of celebration.

Even in normal years winter is always the peak season for accidents. Studies of previous years show that in wintertime, the traffic accident death rate increased from 24 to 53 percent in 36 snow-belt states.

100 YEARS AGO

Nov. 5, 1920

Election day was a busy day in Hermiston, with county, state and national tickets sharing the interest with the city election, which was very interesting.

A number of our good ladies had a ticket of their own and they certainly made it hot for the regular ticket printed on the ballot. What made it more interesting was the fact that hardly anyone knew who the ladies were running for their candidates, and most of us were guessing and scratching our heads, wondering what was going to happen.

The only thing that did happen was this: the largest number of voters that ever voted in the history of the city turned out Tuesday, and exactly 278 votes were counted. Last election there were 34.

The big election of the nation, state and county also polled a very heavy vote, and the interest was always keen in town during the day, and in the evening all places showing election returns were crowded until the wee small hours in the morning, until all were satisfied with how it was going.

BY THE WAY

Free drive-thru flu shots available Saturday at Good Shepherd

Good Shepherd Health Care System is providing another free drive-thru flu shot clinic for those who still have yet to be vaccinated for this flu season.

Vaccines will be offered on Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon in the Good Shepherd parking lot at 610 N.W. 11th St. in Hermiston.

The hospital will have 850 regular doses and 300 higher doses for seniors available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants are encouraged to fill out the form at www.gshealth.com/flushots ahead of time and either bring it with them or email it to healthinfo@gshealth.com.

Snow causes road closures on I-84

Snow in the Blue Mountains over the weekend caused closures along Interstate 84 on Nov. 8 that eventually extended from Pendleton all the way to Baker City.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is

reminding people to drive carefully in adverse weather conditions, and to check roads before they go.

Travelers in Oregon can check for road closures and road conditions on highways and interstates, including views from traffic cameras, online at www.tripcheck.com.

They can also dial 511 or 800-977-6368 while inside Oregon to hear the latest updates on road closures, or 503-588-2941 outside Oregon.

Thanksgiving dinner offered Saturday

A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Saturday, Nov. 21, from noon to 2 p.m. at Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St.

The dinner is free to the public, but limited seating is available, and to-go dinners may be picked up.

For more information, call Jerry Gaunt at 541-571-4419.

Senior takeout includes ham, spaghetti

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center's takeout and delivery menu for Thursday, Nov. 12, is ham and yams, broccoli salad, vegetables and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, Nov. 17, is spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread and dessert.

For a Meals on Wheels delivery in Hermiston, 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.

The Boardman Senior Center is now providing meal delivery. Meals are \$4 paid upon delivery.

Call 541-481-3257 to order.

The senior has temporarily suspended meal delivery due to a COVID-19 exposure, however, and will begin again Nov. 17.