

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



LUCAS EIVINS

Sandstone Middle School teacher

When and why did you move to Hermiston?

I moved to Hermiston in August from Iowa because I was offered a position to teach social studies at Sandstone Middle School.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?

As a large vegetarian man I love the variety and portion sizes that Veg Out offers, and of course Papa Murphy's is always solid.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I enjoy lounging around and spending time with my partner.

What surprises you about Hermiston?

I was surprised by the amount of horses in the town.

What was the last book you read?

The last book I read was "The Rise of Rome" by Livy.

What website or app do you use other than Facebook?

Probably Reddit or YouTube

If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

Rome, Italy

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

The funniest thing that has ever happened to me was when I was in high school theater I fell off a chair while I was saying the opening line of the play. It was a drama, but after that everyone remembered it as a comedy.

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

One of my goals is to improve as a teacher and save some money.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

I am a first generation college graduate, so my proudest accomplishment is graduating from college. Next up, grad school.

Health advisory lifted at reservoir

HERMISTON HERALD

The Oregon Health Authority lifted a recreational use health advisory issued for Willow Creek Reservoir in Morrow County, according to a press release.

The health advisory was issued on Sept. 3.

Water monitoring shows that the level of cyanotoxins in Willow Creek Reservoir are below recreational guideline values for people. However, officials advise recreational visitors to be alert to signs of cyanobac-

teria blooms. Blooms can develop and disappear on any water body at any time when bloom conditions are favorable. Only a fraction of waterbodies in Oregon are monitored for blooms and toxins.

People, and especially small children and pets, should avoid recreating in areas where the water is foamy, scummy, thick like paint, pea-green, blue-green or brownish red in color, if a thick mat of blue-green algae is visible in the water, or bright green cells are suspended in the water.

HERMISTON HISTORY

City closes Hodge Park to quell crimes



Hermiston Herald, File

Police officers from Umatilla Police Department and Oregon State Police confer at the scene of a fatal Thanksgiving Day shooting between cousins in Umatilla in 1995. Police said the two men were arguing over a woman they were both romantically involved with before one allegedly shot the other and fled the scene.

25 YEARS AGO

Nov. 28, 1995

It was once called the Hodge family's gift to Hermiston and "Stoner Park" in the same Hermiston City Council meeting.

It was closed two Octobers ago and reopened three months later.

This morning, barricades are up at Hodge Park again between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m. during weekdays.

The closure, approved by the council, came at the recommendation of Hermiston Police Chief Andy Anderson. Anderson told the council by memo the park has seen a rise in illegal activity. Last Tuesday, officers arrested people for possession of methamphetamine and marijuana. Minors were taken into custody for illegal possession of tobacco and alcohol, he said.

None were students at nearby Hermiston High School. Those arrested were — and much of the larger problems are caused by — students at the Umatilla ESD alternative high school or by non-students, Anderson said.

By closing the park, officers will be able to cite those inside for second-degree criminal trespassing. Police plan to start writing tickets right away.

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1970

Hermiston area residents, while they were in Montana, Saturday evening lost two-thirds of their house and most of its contents to fire.

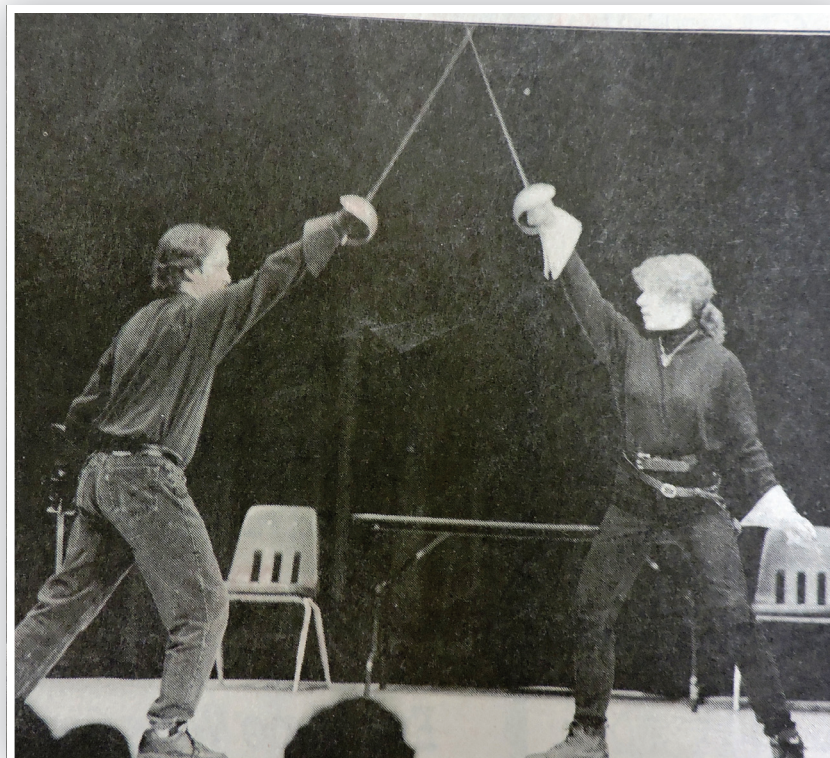
Lateness in discovering the blaze, according to Assistant Fire Chief Ed Lynch, permitted Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Cripe on East Pumpkin Center Road to lose as much as they did. A grandson of the Cripes, who has been residing with them, was also in Montana at the time.

The Hermiston Fire Department received the alarm at 8:16 p.m., which Lynch said was long after the fire started. John Walchli, South Edwards Road, discovered it two miles away as he was driving. He drove to it and, seeing that no one had turned in an alarm, went to the nearest available house (located at a point on the hill where the fire could not be easily seen) and turned in an alarm.

75 YEARS AGO

Nov. 29, 1945

An air-minded group met at



Hermiston Herald, File

Peter Kijenaas, left, and Michelle Marain, of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, put on a show for Hermiston High School students in 1995.



Hermiston Herald, File

Susy Dewald works on crafts for the Hermiston Holiday Bazaar in 1995.

the USO building Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, and formed a flying club to be known as the "Sky Roamers." Officers elected are Fred Dunning, president; Bill Penny, vice president; and E.W. Hoosier, secretary-treasurer.

The club met again Tuesday evening and Pat Grubbs and Clay Porter of the Pendleton Airways, Inc., assisted the group in plans for the purchase of a plane by the club.

The chief problem confronting the club now is a designated field and hangar facilities, both of which are of vital importance.

2) S.A. Moore of Umatilla received notice this week from the U.S. engineers' office in Portland that he is a successful bidder on one of the mess halls at Camp Abbott. The building is completely

equipped with restaurant equipment which includes three ranges, sinks, toasters, coffee urn, heating stoves, boilers, etc.

Moore will go to Camp Abbott and salvage the material in the building and ship the lumber and equipment to Umatilla.

After completing the contract he will build Tiny's Service Club which will be erected northwest of Hermiston near the Standard Oil Company bulk plant.

100 YEARS AGO

Dec. 3, 1920

Word was received in the form of a telegram Friday morning to J.S. West, telling of the death of his son, Robert R. West, which occurred in Panama the day previous.

According to the dispatch, he fell from the roof of a building and died soon after reaching the hospital.

Robert R. West, or "Bob" as he was more familiarly known to most residents of Hermiston and the vicinity, was one of the first to enlist from the city, serving throughout the war and continuing in the service up to the time of his death.

During his service he rose up the ranks to chief engineer, and held that position until his untimely death.

The grief-stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community, in this, their great bereavement.

BY THE WAY

Navy to conduct explosive demolition disposal in Boardman

The U.S. Navy plans to conduct an explosive demolition disposal at the Naval Weapons System Training Facility in Boardman on Wednesday, Dec. 9, sometime during "daylight hours."

According to a news release, nearby residents or passerby may notice a dust cloud, smoke, booming noise or ground vibrations during the demolition.

"Safety and fire prevention precautions will be implemented to ensure operations pose no threat to people or property," the release stated.

For more information, call the Navy's public affairs office at NAS Whidbey Island, 360-257-2286.

Umatilla County hires epidemiologist

Umatilla County now has its own epidemiologist to provide expertise in the tracking, analyzing and control of infectious diseases.

Halley Maloy, 34, started the job in October. She is originally from Wichita, Kansas, and will help the county not only with its COVID-19 response but also with addressing other diseases.

An interview with her and thoughts from Umatilla County Public Health Director Joe Fiumara on the future of the role can be found in the Nov. 24 *East Oregonian* or online at www.eastoregonian.com/coronavirus.

Farm Fair goes virtual

The 47th annual Hermiston Farm Fair is being held in a virtual format this week on Dec. 2-4 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day.

Registration is open for all sessions hosted by the Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center at agsci.oregonstate.edu/harec/farm-fair.

Potato-related topics are covered Dec. 2, special agri-

culture and modern technology on Dec. 3, and vegetables and hemp on Dec. 4.

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Senior meals include roast beef, pot pie

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center has reopened after its Thanksgiving break.

The menu for Thursday, Dec. 3, is roast beef, baked potato, veggie and dessert. Tuesday, Dec. 8, is chicken pot pie, salad, fruit 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.