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Threemile Canyon Farms covers approximately 145 square miles west of Boardman, and grows 39,500 acres of irrigated crops including potatoes, onions, corn and sweet peas.

The farm also runs four dairies, with 33,000 milking cows and nearly 70,000 total cattle. The milk is sold to the Tillamook County Creamery Association, which operates a large cheese-making plant 20 miles away at the Port of Morrow.

Earlier this year, Threemile Canyon Farms was recognized for Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability at the 2020 U.S. Dairy Sustainability Awards for its closed-loop system, pioneered by Myers, to minimize and recycle dairy waste.

The system begins with the cows themselves. Manure is stored and later reused as a source of nitrogen-rich fertilizer to grow crops on the surrounding farmland — including pasture, alfalfa and animal feed that goes right back to the cows.

In 2012, Threemile Canyon Farms built an anaerobic digester to process additional dairy manure, capturing enough methane gas to generate up to 4.8 megawatts of electricity. Solid waste left over from the digestion process is sterilized and recycled as animal bedding for the cows in the free-stall barns.

The digester underwent a \$30 million expansion in 2019, adding capacity and installing new equipment to convert methane into renewable natural gas, or RNG, a cleaner-burning fuel that reduces harmful emissions from vehicles by 80% or more compared to diesel.

“Marty will be incredibly difficult to replace, but Threemile Canyon Farms is fortunate to have a highly skilled, long-time leadership team who are dedicated to ensuring the continuity of business at the farm,” Curoe said. “This team will continue to lead daily farm operations until a formal interim plan is announced.”

An Oregon native, Myers was born and raised in McMinnville. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business from Oregon State University, before beginning his career as a certified public accountant in Portland.

Along with his position at Threemile Canyon Farms, Myers had served on the Oregon Board of Agriculture since 2015. His second term was to expire in 2023. Members are appointed by the governor and advise the state Department of Agriculture on policy issues.

Myers was also serving a term as board chairman of Potatoes USA, the marketing organization for 2,500 commercial U.S. potato growers. He had previously served on the Oregon Potato Commission, Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council, Oregon Business Association, The Freshwater Trust and Potato Growers of Washington.

“There just aren’t enough kind words to use when describing Marty,” Curoe said. “He was thoughtful, quick to laugh, and someone who always focused on what was possible. But most of all, I will remember him as a friend and a true partner. He will be dearly missed but his vision will most certainly live on.”

In lieu of flowers, Myers’ family is encouraging donations to one of two charities in his honor: Blanchet House or the Oregon Food Bank.

Agape:

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residents may recognize his name from his position on the Hermiston School Board, or from the times he has run for Hermiston City Council and the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners.

He said his political aspirations are no longer as strong as they used to be, however, and he plans to not run for another term on the school board once his term expires in 2021.

“It’s been a good experience but I think my heart is more here, with this type of work,” he said.

He also volunteers with other organizations in town, including the Knights of Columbus and Rotary Club.

Gomolski isn’t the only new face for Eastern Oregon Mission. In October the board hired Julia Galan as an on-site house manager at Martha’s House, the drug-free transitional housing program that offers shelter to families in need at 305 S.E. Fourth St. in Hermiston.

According to a news release, the program has assisted 18 families so far in 2020 with housing, education, workforce training, mentorship, and “encouragement to assist their transition to a sustainable lifestyle.”

Galan’s full-time job is as a recruiter at the global organizational consulting firm Korn Ferry, according to the release. She grew up in Hermiston and has a degree in business administration from Linfield University.

“The more I got to know the residents at Martha’s House, the more I saw how much of an impact this program can have,” she said. “For a lot of people, a supportive place to stay is the crucial first step to getting their lives on track.”



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Martha’s House, the family homeless shelter in Hermiston, is shown here during the week it opened in 2013. Julia Galan was selected in October to take over operations at the house.

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Julia Galan, on-site house manager at Martha’s House

Like most nonprofits, Agape House and Martha’s House have faced challenging times in 2020 as the pandemic increases need while making it more difficult to fundraise.

“We’re seeing a growing need for the services Agape House and Martha’s House provide as the effects of COVID-19 spread in our communities. That’s why it’s so exciting to see a leadership team come together to make sure those services continue to grow,” Aloras Winters, president of the Eastern Oregon Mission Board, said in a statement. “We’re so grateful to our volunteers and the community that have always been there to support our mission, and we know we can count on that to continue in 2021.”

One challenge Agape House is facing is the loss of the large box truck it uses to haul donations. Gomolski said it would take an estimated \$10,000 to fix the cracked engine block and make other repairs needed to get the truck, which has more than 200,000 miles on it, running again.

Now, volunteers must use smaller pickup trucks instead, which Gomolski said can mean making several trips back and forth with pallets of donations from donors, such as the Walmart Distribution Center or local farms.

“We’re really hard pressed to try and make all of our runs,” he said.

The previous box truck was donated by the *East Oregonian*. Gomolski said some people have already stepped up with donations toward a new box truck, which with a lift mechanism to help older volunteers be able to load and unload donations will run at about \$50,000. He said Two Rivers Correctional Institution had recently donated about \$1,500 worth of cans and bottles to be returned, and donating bags of cans is one way people can help.

Cans and bottles or other donations can be dropped off at Agape House at 500 W. Harper Ave. in Hermiston from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Other opportunities to donate to Eastern Oregon Mission can be found at agapehousehermiston.org or by signing up for Amazon Smile and designating Eastern Oregon Mission as the recipient.

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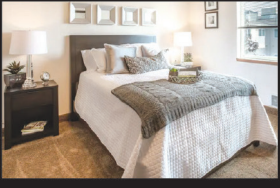
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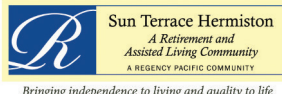
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