

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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When and why did you move to Hermiston?
August 2019 for my teaching job at Sunset.

Where is your favorite place to eat in Hermiston?
Veg Out!

What do you like to do in your spare time?
Ride my horse and spend time with family and friends.

What surprises you about Hermiston?
How much it has to offer.

What was the last book you read?
"A Snicker of Magic" with my third grade class.

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

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

What is the funniest thing that's ever happened to you?
I am a 3rd Grade teacher there are just too many to list.

What is one of your goals for the next 12 months?
Finish my masters in special education.

What is your proudest accomplishment?
Getting my dream job as a K-12 Special Education teacher in Echo only two years into my career.

Aspen Springs reopens as a secure residential treatment facility

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NEWS EDITOR

The former Aspen Springs Psychiatric Hospital in Hermiston has reopened as a secure residential treatment facility.

The 16-bed hospital closed in early April, about seven months after it opened. The board of Lifeways, the community mental health provider that built the facility, stated they could not find the psychiatrists and nurses needed to staff the building around the clock.

Lifeways announced Tuesday, May 4, that Aspen Springs is accepting patients as a Class II Secured Residential Treatment Facility.

A psychiatric hospital provides the highest level of psychiatric care in the state,

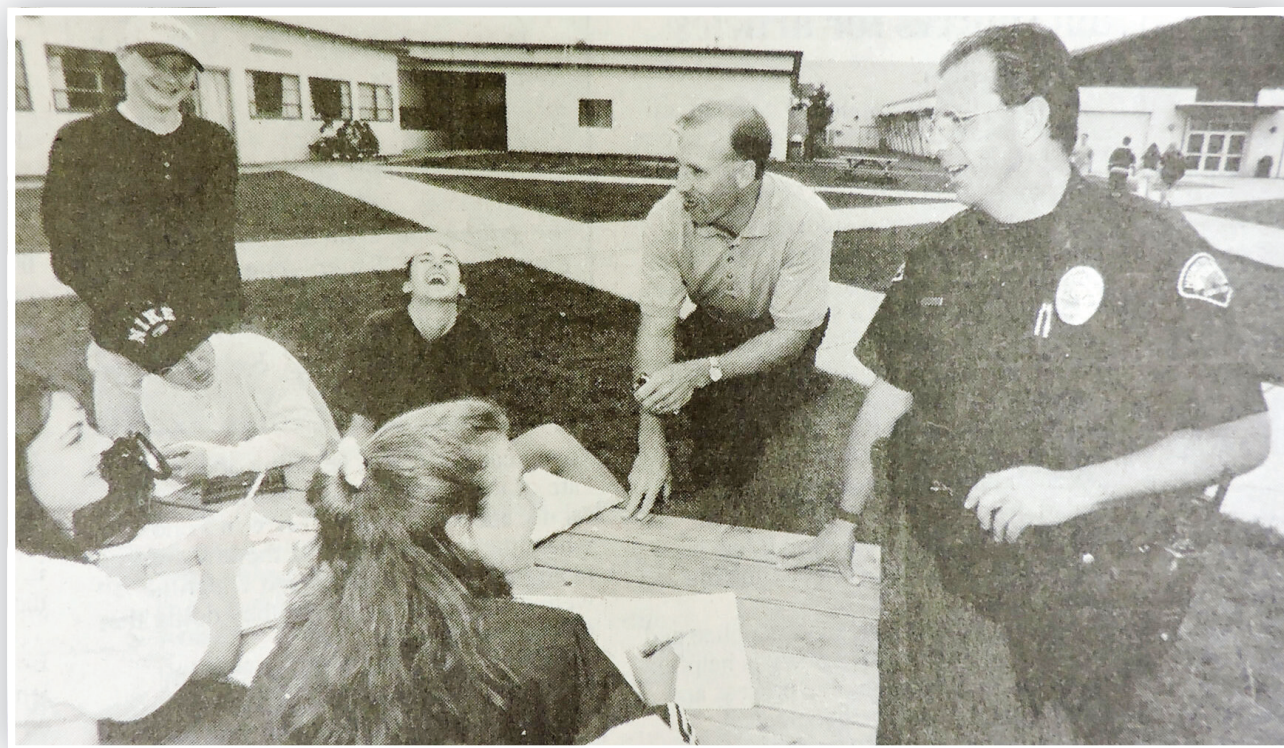
caring for individuals in the midst of an acute mental health crisis. A secure residential treatment facility also treats patients on an inpatient basis, but is a step down on the level of severity. Lifeways describes it as a place for community members ages 18 and up "seeking safe, supervised, short-term psychiatric recovery and stabilization."

Services provided will include medication management, individual and group therapy, skills training and "wraparound" support for patients reintegrating back into the community. There are 16 beds available.

Former Aspen Springs Psychiatric Hospital patients can get their patient records by contacting Julie Hyslop at jhyslop@lifeways.org.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Rumors cause suspicions water was poisoned



Hermiston Herald, File
Hermiston Police Department Officer Jay Lunch visits Hermiston High School students during lunch in 1996.

25 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1996

A rash of daylight, residential burglaries has left the Hermiston Police Department looking to the public for information.

In the past three weeks, the Hermiston Police Department has responded to at least 14 day-time burglaries. As a result, they are asking neighbors to look out for each other and pay attention to anything out of the ordinary.

2) A request that the city annex property along Northwest 11th Street was withdrawn last week.

Joe Flink sold the property to the Good Shepherd Community Hospital Thursday.

According to Dennis Burke, chief executive officer for Good Shepherd, the hospital will not pursue annexation proceedings nor does it have any plans for the land. Instead, he said the property will be held either for future use by the hospital or sold to a health care related business.

The land was the subject of controversy earlier this year when annexation proceedings were halted over objections from the hospital. At a planning commission hearing on the annexation, a representative of the hospital complained that a proposed 100-unit mobile home park for the site would create water pressure problems for the hospital.

50 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1971

An end to the disputes between grocery stores in Northeastern Oregon is in sight, in the opinion of the Pendleton representative of the Retail Clerks International Association.

Bob Patterson, who announced the acceptance Saturday of the contract offer from Stewart's Town N' Country Stores, said, "We feel confident that other companies involved will come into line with Stewart's thinking."

Patterson said the strike against Mead's Thriftway in Hermiston and Umatilla, merely locked out until 8 a.m. Tuesday, did not change his view that the dispute soon will be settled.

A management spokesman expressed the opposite view Wednesday morning, saying that Mead's strike probably will delay settlement "just as escalation of the Indochina War has delayed peace."

75 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1946

Plans for a cooperative hospital in Hermiston are proceeding at present with a fact finding committee pro-



Hermiston Herald, File
Staff at the Umatilla Army Chemical Depot run practice drills in 1996.



Hermiston Herald, File
State legislator Chuck Norris, left, and his wife Betty reminisce about their days on the campaign trail after Norris announced he would not run again in 1996.

moting interest throughout the community. R.M. Mitchell, director of education of the Pacific Supply Co., explained the details of the plan at the Civic Recreation Center Tuesday evening to a large group of citizens interested in securing a hospital for this section of the county.

Tentative plans are to secure 1,000 members for the plan at \$100 per membership for the erection of a 25-room hospital. In this building 15 rooms would accommodate two beds and 10 would be private rooms, for a 40-bed capacity plan.

2) Disposition of the Tertletown housing project was the important order of business before the city council in session Wednesday evening. Majors Smith and Jones of Seattle, representing the Federal Public Housing authority, were present with about 15 residents of the project with plans for continuation of the 82-unit residential district on a permanent basis.

Smith reported that the agency

he was representing was in a position to sell the units to the occupants and with veterans to be given first priority.

100 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1921

A report is going around that the city water in the reservoir has been "doped" with some kind of solution to purify the water. Some say that the stuff was put in to kill the snakes and frogs that some imaginary minds think abide in the big tank.

We wish to correct all such thought and talk. There is nothing to it. The sickness that has been going around the city is just as bad in the Yakima Valley as it is here, and the same symptoms, and they are not drinking the Hermiston water.

Our water is as good as any in the state, and samples of it are sent three or four times a year for analysis, and up to the present time it has always been given a "clean bill of health."

BY THE WAY

Umatilla Language Dictionary now online

The Umatilla language is now accessible to anyone in the world with an internet connection.

In a press release, the **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation** announced that the Umatilla Language Dictionary is now online.

A collaboration between the CTUIR Language Program and **Amazon Web Services**, the Tribes' intent was to educate tribal members on their language and raise awareness about the tongue.

The prevalence of the Umatilla language has diminished over the years as many of its fluent speakers have died. The CTUIR established a language program in 1996 to preserve the language by recording elders and teaching the language to tribal youths and adults.

The dictionary can be accessed at <https://dictionary.ctuir.org>.

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The **Internal Revenue Service** is reminding tax exempt organizations that Form 990 and other paperwork they are required to file yearly are due on May 17.

The date is also the deadline for individuals and businesses to file their federal taxes, and for people in Oregon to file their state taxes.

Under IRS rules, nonprofits and other tax-exempt organizations that fail to file a Form 990 for three years in a row automatically lose their exempt status.

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All **Walmart** pharmacies in Oregon are now taking walk-ins for COVID-19 vaccinations.

Customers can still make appointments for a specific time online at www.walmart.com/COVIDvaccine, but they can also simply show up at a Walmart pharmacy and request a vaccine. The pharmacies are open seven days a week.

Shots are also available on a walk-in basis at several other locations.

For a full list of vaccination sites in Umatilla County, visit ucohealth.net/covid-events-new.

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The **Harkenrider Senior Activity Center** menu for Thursday, May 13, is meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, spinach and dessert.

The menu for Tuesday, May 18, is spaghetti, garlic bread, salad 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 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The **Boardman Senior Center** is now providing meal delivery. Meals are \$4 paid upon delivery. Call 541-481-3257 to order.