

## THREE MINUTES WITH ...



## MARLEAUX SCAGGS

Stanfield

## What is your job?

Store manager at Bellinger Farms Produce & Gourmet Shoppe.

## How do you like Stanfield?

I love it.

## What's your favorite thing to do in Stanfield?

I belong to the Moose Lodge, so my husband and I do some volunteering. We're new here. We moved here in 2019, because my mom's here. I lived in Virginia for 30 years before that.

## How would you compare Virginia to here?

It is totally opposite. I was in Virginia Beach, a resort area. There wasn't much agriculture at all, and food was entirely different. The wine, compared to Virginia wine, is completely different. They have a gray clay soil. We have a sandy soil here that drains really well, so the wines are more acidic.

## What do you recommend to someone eating at Bellinger?

Our soups. All our soups are made from scratch, made from everything we have in the field. I take the butternut squash and roast it up and make butternut squash soup. We make a pumpkin corn chowder. We make potato soup. We do a corn chowder, also. I also do a chicken gnocchi, and more.

## Do you have any hobbies?

I love pets. If there were more animal shelters here, I'd be at them all the time. But I also like to hang out with my friends, reading, painting and things like that. I also spend a lot of time with my mom, now that I'm back home.

## What's your favorite book?

Oh my gosh, I like a lot of the Nora Roberts books. I can't narrow one down.

## HERMISTON HISTORY

## Russian farmers, agri-business owners tour Hermiston in 1996

25 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 5, 1996

With the help of Rotary Clubs, a group of 10 Russian farmers and agricultural business owners were given the opportunity to tour food processing plants in Oregon, specifically those in Hermiston this week. The goal is for them to understand the efficient technology and processes of American agricultural business, and then implement them back in Russia.

Many of the Russians didn't know each other before this trip, living in areas ranging from St. Petersburg to Ekaterinburg. Not being able to speak English, they also utilized translators and other communication devices like cards.

While in the U.S., they have a busy schedule; on Monday, the group toured Western Alfalfa, Inc., with Manager Dave Murdock. They then went to Cascade Specialties and then the Port of Morrow for lunch. Following lunch, they toured Bud-Rich Potato and Nalleys of Canada. All of this, they did in just one day. On Tuesday, they hit it hard again; Kim Puzey gave them a tour of the Port of Umatilla, they visited Gilroy Foods (an onion processing plant), and the Americold and Hermiston Foods facilities.

They toured Salem last week, and when they finish touring Hermiston (they still have five days left), they'll move on to Pendleton before heading home.



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A group of Russian farmers and agri-business owners tour food processing plants and other Hermiston-area sites in November 1996 to learn more efficient methods.

50 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 4, 1971

Students from West Park Elementary School gave residents at the Good Samaritan Center a night full of entertainment, complete with singing, dancing and gifts.

The students dressed up in Halloween costumes and performed a half-hour show of singing and dancing, directed by Mrs. John Sheley — which the audience thoroughly enjoyed. Following the performance, the students presented wrapped gifts to the residents and even visited those who couldn't leave their rooms.

The West Park student council, led by Principal Matt Doherty and Robert Fugit, is cooperating with Ramona Ramirez, the director of the Good Samaritan Center, to schedule similar programs. They hope to keep the goodwill going and start an "entertainment drive," collecting games, books, puzzles and other similar items to give to the Hermiston facility. The residents of the center were very thankful for the wonderful night and display of care, and look forward to the next event.



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Pam Moyer, a sophomore from Hermiston, was crowned homecoming queen during the November 1971 festivities at Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande.

75 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 7, 1946

The results of Election Day presented quite a change in leadership, with F. C. McKenzie losing the run for Hermiston mayor.

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100 YEARS AGO  
Nov. 3, 1921

Union High School planned a program in observance of "Better Speech Week," with the hopes of minimizing errors and misuse of the English language, raising the standard of daily speech, and mastering English to a greater degree.

The school asked for announcements from the pulpits, planned a display of posters and designed a contest of speech mastery. In this contest, pupils and teachers who were caught making grammatical or other speech errors were tagged, and those who had a clean record by the end of the day were rewarded for their control of speech — for the purpose of stimulating interest in improved speech.

Though speaking properly doesn't seem that important in this day and age, it holds the same place in the world as money does in economics — the medium of exchange — and hence needs to be revised and enhanced.

McKenzie Rose, a sophomore at Echo High School, searched Hermiston Herald archives to compile these article summaries.



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A West Park Elementary School student presents a resident at the Good Samaritan Center with a gift during an October 1971 pre-Halloween celebration at the Hermiston facility.

## BY THE WAY

## Good Shepherd to host virtual community meeting

Good Shepherd Health Care System will share a review of its accomplishments in the past year during its annual community meeting. Sue Daggett, board of trustees chair, and Brian Sims, president and CEO, will provide an update on new doctors, added services and the "Good Shepherd Experience," a commitment to put patients first.

The virtual presentation is Wednesday, Nov. 3, 5-6 p.m., and can be viewed via a link at [www.gshealth.org](http://www.gshealth.org) or on its Facebook page. Questions can be submitted at [www.gshealth.org/contact](http://www.gshealth.org/contact).

The City of Hermiston Veterans Day Breakfast is Thursday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

While the meal is free, tickets are required because of capacity limits. Each veteran may bring one guest with them. People are invited to come early and mingle — the doors will open at 8 a.m.

For more information or to reserve a

ticket, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the community center.

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The Oregon Poet Laureate Program now is accepting nominations for the state's next poet laureate. Over the course of a two-year term, the poet laureate fosters the art of poetry, encourages literacy and learning, addresses central issues relating to the humanities and heritage and reflects on public life in Oregon. Nominations for the position will be accepted through Jan. 10, 2022. The next poet laureate will begin their term in May 2022.

Nominees must be current residents of Oregon and have lived in the state for at least 10 years. They must be publicly recognized as poets and well regarded for excellence in their work; have a significant body of published or performed work; and agree to the conditions and the term of the appointment. To nominate a poet, fill out the online nomination form at [oregonpoet-laureate.org](http://oregonpoet-laureate.org).

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Tickets are now on sale at The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 630 S. Highway 395, Hermiston, for Festival of Trees 2021. The event is Saturday, Dec. 4. This annual fundraiser is put on by the Good Shepherd Community Health Foundation and Hermiston Kiwanis. The GSCH Foundation funds projects in the community that promote health and wellness, and the Kiwanis fund projects benefiting children in the community.

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Lamb Weston is hosting a hiring event, Thursday, Nov. 4, 1-7 p.m. at Lamb Weston Boardman East Plant, 750 Columbia Ave. N.E., Boardman. Anyone interested in joining the food manufacturing company is invited.

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The Hermiston Parks and Recreation Department invites people to "Learn to Dance with April! East Coast Swing and Nightclub 2 Step," Saturdays, Nov. 6 and 20, 10 a.m. to noon. A partner is required for the class, for beginners and those with

some familiarity in either or both dances. Cost is \$10 per person. Register at [bit.ly/hermistonrecreation](http://bit.ly/hermistonrecreation). Ages: 14 and older (must have an adult participating or watching the class). Location: The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston.

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The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, Nov. 4, is pulled pork sandwich, salad, jello and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, Nov. 9, is chili dogs, potato salad, chips and dessert. (In-house meals will be served from noon to 12:30 p.m. People planning to dine in are asked to call by 11 a.m.)

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 before 11 a.m. Meals are \$5 and can be picked up between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

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