

THREE MINUTES WITH ...



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Boardman

What can you tell me about your husband?

His name is Andy. He's 39. He's my best friend. He's my everything. He was run over by a semi at work, working in road construction. It crushed the whole left side of his body. So basically, the whole left side of his body is metal, but he's alive and he gets around and he's great. He'll make you laugh.

How have you supported him during this time?

I'm his little sidekick. That's what he calls me. I make him laugh, too. Our daughter, too, is quite the kick.

Can you tell me about your daughter?

Her name is McKayla. She's 11. She does home schooling, and she's my best friend, too.

You've been ill, too. Can you tell me about that?

Yeah. I had a heart attack in 2014 when I was walking through Walmart. I found out I had Hodgkin's lymphoma. I went through chemo and finally, this year, went into remission.

How has your family supported you?

They've been there for me no matter what. When I was sick, and I needed chicken broth or something, maybe a blanket, they'd get it for me. There were points when I couldn't even walk. I've had three heart attacks and have had seven liters of fluid around my heart. I've spent 72 days in the hospital.

Your family sounds terrific and very supportive. How does one obtain such a terrific and supportive family?

God did it. I didn't do it. God put them there.

A lot of people don't have that, though. What are they doing wrong?

I can't answer that. I have a lot of mixed feelings and emotions about that.

HERMISTON HISTORY

Kiwanis Club charters Key Club in 1971 at HHS

25 YEARS AGO
Dec. 10, 1996

The Campbell Motors car dealership had a lighting unit collapse, caused by a sonic boom from a California aircraft.

Sonic booms happen when an object moves faster than sound, creating a noise similar to thunder. Well, the SR-71s travel at speeds over 2,000 mph — more than three times the speed of sound. According to 1st Lt. Wilson Camelo, chief of media relations at Beale Air Force Base in California, pilots are working on requalifying to fly SR-71s after a six-month break due to a lack of federal funding.

The route used, the "Emily Tract," begins in Southern California, passes over Nevada, turns around near Seattle, and then flies over Eastern Washington and Oregon on its way back. In addition to varying flight tracts, they aim to limit sonic booms by maintaining an altitude of at least 30,000 feet, avoid flying over Indian burial grounds, highly populated areas, and national monuments.

However, there are still cases like Campbell Motors. Still, Larry Campbell said, they're "pretty darn good to work with." The dealership will be reimbursed the \$1,000 in damage caused by the sonic boom.

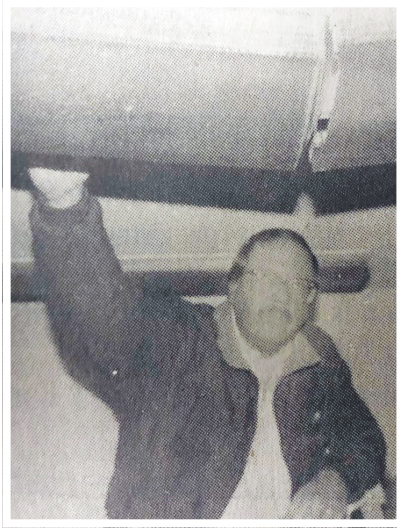
50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 9, 1971

After three years of planning, the Hermiston Kiwanis Club created a charter for the Key Club of Hermiston High School. The only Key Club chartered in the Pacific Northwest this year, it will provide high school boys with community leadership activities organized in a fashion similar to the Kiwanis structure.

The Key Club officers and their duties are as follows: Martin Davis, president; Bob Shannon, vice president; Jerry Walter, secretary; George Maffio, lieutenant governor; and Jack Naff, chairman. The Key Club directors consist of Hermiston High School senior, Jeff Jenkins; junior, Terry Watson; and sophomore, Mark Shannon.

• It seems there's a bit of conflict over the security of the McNary Dam, stemming from disagreements between the city of Umatilla and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Umatilla Mayor A. L. Draper claims the McNary Dam and adjoining property have been insufficiently guarded by failure to replace retir-



Joyce Hensley/Hermiston Herald, File
Larry Campbell of Campbell Motors examines the damage to his office light fixture caused by a December 1996 sonic boom.



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The Hermiston High School marching band is en route to Armand Larive Middle School to perform during a December 1996 Teacher of the Year award ceremony to recognize Sandra Hoffert.



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Members of the Hermiston Kiwanis Club and Key Club of Hermiston High School inspect the charter for the newly-formed Key Club in December 1971. Pictured from left are Jack Naff, Martin Davis, Robert Shannon, Bob Shannon and Terry Trevillyan.

ing security personnel, which also is leaving city and state police to do corps security work. Col. Richard M. Connell, Walla Walla District engineer, sent a letter to Oregon Republican Sen. Bob Packwood addressing the issue and they're hoping to figure out a compromise in the near future.

75 YEARS AGO
Dec. 12, 1946

Military recruiting programs are present at just about every school, and in 1946, in the midst of World War II, they were quite prominent.

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps and a similar naval air college program are being advertised at Hermiston High School. These programs make it possible to take a full college course, by having tuition, fees and textbooks paid by the government. Necessary uniforms will also be provided, and students will receive retainer pay for other expenses during college at the rate of \$600 per year — approximately worth \$8,500 in today's money.

To receive all these benefits, though, students must take a course for a bachelor's degree or higher and 24 hours of naval science per semester. Those wanting to enroll in the program just need to be between 17 and 21 years of age and have graduated high school. For individuals seeking a higher form of education

and willing to contribute to protecting their country, these programs are quite the opportunity.

100 YEARS AGO
Dec. 8, 1921

One of the favorite parts of Christmas time are the recitals, concerts, and plays performed after months of preparation. Well, the Hermiston High School senior class will be doing just that — and the expectation for the audience matches the title of their play, "The Time of His Life."

Directed by Mrs. Roberta Gunn, the play will be performed at the high school auditorium. The cast includes, Harold Waterman as Tom Carter, Doris Swayze as Mrs. Bob Grey, Paul Stockard as Mr. Bob Grey, May Rogers as Dorothy Landon, Dewey Payno as Mr. James Landon, Aloha Hammer as Mrs. Peter Wycombe, Frederic Hesser as Mr. Peter Wycombe, Hollis Gordon as Uncle Tom and James Hall as Officer Hogan.

The play will begin at 8 p.m. on Dec. 16 and is estimated to run about two hours long. The high school orchestra also will help out, playing selections between the three acts.

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

BY THE WAY

Christmas Express chugging along, accepts toy donations

All aboard for Christmas Express — the Hermiston Police Department and Umatilla County Fire Department No. 1 are accepting toy donations for the 53rd annual holiday project.

Community members are encouraged to donate a new toy for children up to age 11. The deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 14. Take unwrapped toys to the Bob Shannon Safety Center, 320 S. First St., Hermiston.

Also, the clock is ticking for Erick Olson's Toys for Treys. With the Hermiston High School basketball teams sinking nine three-point shots on Dec. 3, the KOHU/KQFM sports director has pledged to donate nine new toys to the Christmas Express program.

KOHU & The Q will match his donation and Olson challenges you to donate as well. To accept the challenge, drop off new, unwrapped toys (for kids ages 0-11) no later than Friday, Dec. 10, 5 p.m. at the radio station, 80404 Cooney Lane, Hermiston.

The Grinch is on the loose in Umatilla and is trying to wreak havoc on the holiday season. Find a mugshot of the dastardly character in each of the 12 city-mugshot for a chance to win prizes. To enter, take a selfie with the mugshot and post it to the city of Umatilla's Facebook event page (Grinch Parks Scavenger Hunt!) with the hashtag #UmatillaGrinch, or stop by Umatilla City Hall, 700 Sixth St.

A list of Umatilla's parks can be found at www.umatilla-city.org.

Follow the city's Facebook page for some helpful hints while you hunt down the mean one, Mr. Grinch.

For questions, contact Esmeralda Perches, development and recreation manager, at 541-922-3226.

And speaking of the Grinch, mark your calendar for Movie Night at the SAGE Center. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will be screened Friday, Dec. 17, 6 p.m. at 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

The cost is \$5 per person, which includes entry, popcorn and bottled water. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call 541-481-7243 or visit www.visitsage.com.

And speaking of the SAGE Center, they are partnering with Morrow County FFA Chapters for a holiday canned food drive. All donations will be distributed to food pantries throughout Morrow County.

People are invited to donate nonperishable food items by dropping them off by Wednesday, Dec. 15. Each item can count as a vote for your favorite school's Christmas tree. Also, everyone who donates will be entered into the Boardman Chamber of Commerce's holiday drawing.

The SAGE Center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 101 Olson Road, Boardman.

Santa Drive is returning as SECO Pallets is hosting the sixth annual event. The SECO family will deliver

Santa Claus in a custom pallet sled Thursday, Dec. 23, 5 p.m., in Boardman.

The popular holiday event features gifts from Santa (while supplies last), photos with Saint Nick and more. Area businesses interested in decorating a vehicle for the event is encouraged to contact SECO via their Facebook page or by calling 541-561-3361.

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church is putting on its Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, Dec. 11, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be in the church's Parish Hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave.

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, Dec. 9 is pork chop, scalloped potatoes, vegetables and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, Dec. 14, is scrambled eggs, hash brown patties, sausage gravy/biscuit and fruit. (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.

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

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