

THREE MINUTES WITH ...

HERMISTON HISTORY



MARGARET ANDERSON

Irrigon mayor

When did you first move to town?

I moved to the area in 2010 for a job for the Inter-Mountain ESD. I work as an autism consultant. And

I moved into Irrigon because it had a lot of trees.

I'm from Idaho, the northern part, so I'm used to trees. Irrigon, then, is the place that felt most at home for me.

You're an outdoors person. Do you like camping?

Yes, camping, fishing, all of that.

How was this past fishing season?

This past fishing season, I did not catch a thing. But that's pretty normal for me. I caught a hat one time.

I was really a better fisher in Idaho. Maybe I'm still using Idaho bait. I might need some suggestions.

What else do you like to do?

I like being around my grandkids, joking around with everybody.

Why did you first get involved in government service?

When I first moved here, I saw some things that, as a person who was paying taxes, I didn't appreciate. So I started going to city council meetings, and I got on the planning commission. Then, when they had a position on city council, I got on the city council.

What future do you see for Irrigon?

When we first got here, this town was so far in debt, it couldn't even see straight. Now, we're building things. We have people coming in. We have new businesses, and we're going to have a lot more coming in because of a change of culture.



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Dan Hane, sitting front center, climbed Mount Imja Tse in Nepal in 1972.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 31, 1996

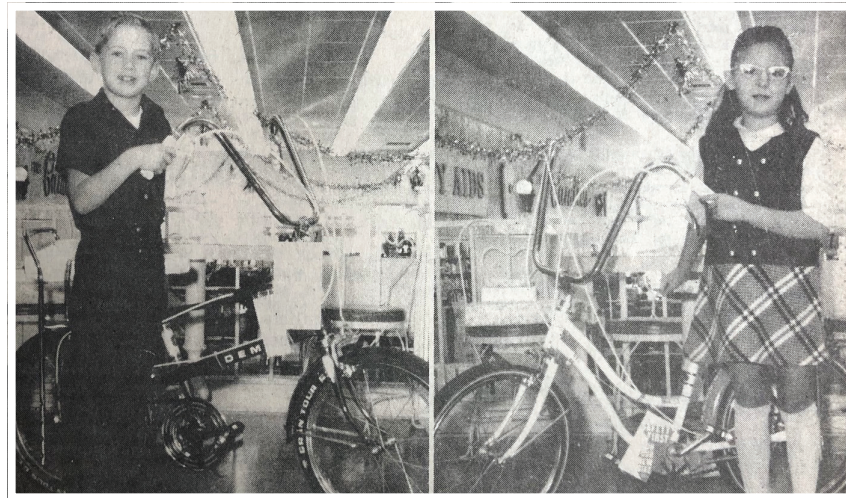
Hermiston research agronomist Dan Hane had the incredible chance to climb one of Nepal's famous mountains, and he got all the way to the top!

His group of 12 fellow climbers spent four weeks in the steep mountain range in Nepal. They carried all their own personal gear during the climb, and though they were conditioned for the excursion, the lack of oxygen made the pace slow and tedious. "I'd take a step or two then stop," explained Hane. They persevered, getting up at 3 a.m. to complete the final leg, and reached the 20,302-foot summit. It was only 10 degrees, but "we were lucky," said Hane, "It was a clear, sunny and windless day." Seven out of the 12 attempted the hike, with two turning back — meaning five reached the top.

This climbing trip was Hane's first one outside the U.S., and now he can add Mount Imja Tse to his list of accomplished climbs, which includes Mount Hood, Rainier, Shasta and Adams. The cost, including airfare, reached approximately \$5,000. However, "that's what I do for entertainment," Hane said.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 30, 1971

Girls throughout Umatilla County



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Winners of the 1971 annual Moore & Ripley Drug Store Boys and Girls Contest, Robbie Walling with 48,244 votes (left) and Starla Coy with 40,160 (right). Customers were permitted to nominate a child of their choice, and then the nominees were voted on with each cent of purchase.

are encouraged to consider participating in the Miss Umatilla County Beauty Pageant, which will be experiencing some improvements.

Ron Stevenson, Hermiston Jaycee chairman for the pageant, said the Jaycees intend to be more inclusive by welcoming areas not previously represented, increase the \$2,500 budget and award a \$250 scholarship and \$150 wardrobe to the winner. Miss Umatilla County of 1971-72, Janet Hopkins, is a 20-year old sophomore and speech pathology major at the University of Oregon. She said her reign consisted of speaking to booster clubs and cutting ribbons, claiming that "speaking, especially to boost the Miss Umatilla County Program, was the best part."

The 1972 Miss Umatilla County Beauty Pageant is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 19 in the Hermiston Junior High School Auditorium. Any single girl between ages 18 and 28 living in Umatilla County is eligible and encouraged to join in the contest.

75 YEARS AGO Jan. 2, 1947

The federal civil services announced job offerings as radio mechanics for Puget Sound, with salaries ranging from \$10.56 to \$11.52 per diem (quite a lot in 1947).

People desiring this position must pass an examination, which will lead to probational appointment. If they're

hoping for a permanent position, they'll have the opportunity to file for a civil service examination leading to probationary appointments with permanent classified civil status. Applicants must be between ages 18 and 62, and have to turn in their application by Jan. 8, 1947.

According to Postmaster Wm. E. Logan, the amount of Christmas mail nearly doubled from last year. Approximately 60,000 letters, cards and other first-class mail was processed at the Hermiston Post Office. Imagine how stressful that was for the postal workers! The amount of Christmas parcels was about the same as last year, and overseas packages were quite a bit fewer — which makes sense in wartime.

100 YEARS AGO Dec. 29, 1921

Arlington and Boardman have proposed creating a new county by separating the northern sections of Morrow and Gilliam counties.

They claim that the counties are too big to be efficiently governed, and the northern ends are so remote and far from the seats of government that they aren't represented properly. For instance, the Boardman hay section was upset because the remainder of Morrow County, being invested in livestock, was interested in cheap hay.

Arlington is approximately 38 miles from Condon, the seat of Gilliam County, and Boardman is about 43 miles from Heppner, Morrow County's seat of government. Arlington believes it should be the seat of government for the new county, claiming it has superior location and is the largest town in the proposed new county limits. However, if a new county is to be established, it is believed that Boardman would have strong claims to the county's seat of government.

It looks like most of these issues have been resolved, though, because both Morrow and Gilliam counties still reach north to the Columbia River.

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

BY THE WAY

Resolution Run races into the new year

Starting off the year by running and walking outdoors surrounded by neighbors is one of Timothy Beal's favorite traditions. And he invites people to race into the new year during the annual Resolution Run in Hermiston.

The 2022 event is Saturday, Jan. 1, 9-11 a.m., starting at the parking lot at Riverfront Park. There is no fee. There are no aid stations on the course but water, high fives and a photo booth will be available at the finish line.

Participants are invited to walk, jog or run the entire Oxbow Trail (about 3.1 miles), or whatever distance they choose. Strollers, well-behaved dogs on leashes and kids on scooters are welcome. Be sure to watch for special rocks that a group of local artists painted and will hide along the path.

It's too late to order a T-shirt, but some may be available. For more information, email timothybeal@gmail.com or search www.facebook.com/hermistonresolutionrun.

With 2022 featuring midterm elections, parties are blazing a trail into the new year to get information out about its candidates. The Umatilla County Republican Party is hosting a Republican Gubernatorial Forum on Monday, Jan. 3, 6 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information about the local Republican party, contact Suni Danforth, Central Committee chair, at 541-215-9389, ucrpchair@gmail.com or search www.facebook.com/groups/85685613647.

Also related to the 2022 election, Rep. Bobby Levy, R-Echo, invites people to a meet-and-greet with Rep. Christine Drazan, R-Canby, who is running for governor of Oregon.

"In an election where a dozen Republican candidates have already filed, you will find nobody more knowledgeable

about state government or better equipped to lead Oregon from day one," Levy said. "I am honored to support Christine and introduce her to our community."

The free event is Thursday, Jan. 6, 6-8 p.m. at Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by emailing info@bobbylevyfororegon.com or calling 541-805-2630.

Mark your calendars for the Crockpot Creation fundraiser. Crockpot cooks are encouraged to enter their culinary creations — and others are invited to put their taste buds to the test as judges. There will be a bake sale, too.

Money raised will help support participants in the Elevate Student Party attend Winter Retreat 2022. The tasty fundraiser is Sunday, Jan. 16, 3-5 p.m. at Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, 1520 W. Orchard Ave. There is no fee to enter your favorite concoction — register at www.hermnaz.church/events. For

more information, contact michael@hermnaz.church or 580-919-0575.

The Harkenrider Senior Activity Center menu for Thursday, Dec. 30, is meatloaf, baked potato, vegetables and dessert. The menu for Tuesday, Jan. 4, is to be announced. (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 is open for dine-in lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon at 100 Tatone St. Meals are \$4 for seniors and \$5 for others. Take-out lunches are available by calling 541-481-3257.